**Webinar**

**Remittances in Crisis: How to Keep them Flowing**

Convened by Switzerland and the United Kingdom on the occasion of the International Day of Family Remittances

Tuesday, 16 June 2020
8:00 to 9:00 AM (ET time) / 14:00-15:00 (CET time)

On the occasion of the International Day of Family Remittances, Switzerland and the United Kingdom in partnership with World Bank/KNOMD, UNCDF, IOM, UNDP, the International Association of Money Transfer Networks, and the International Chamber of Commerce would like to invite you to a webinar to build on the recently launched

**Call To-Action “Remittances in Crisis: How to Keep them Flowing”**

The unprecedented disruption of remittance flows as a consequence of the current global crisis is severely affecting migrants, diaspora communities, as well as the families, communities and economies that rely on receiving remittances. It is projected that remittance flows to low- and middle-income countries will sharply decline by 20% in 2020 or around US$110bn. Considering that remittances provide a vital lifeline for hundreds of millions of people round the world, this significant drop will impact the ability to cover basic necessities. Ensuring that remittances can be sent and received without obstacles will enable migrants and their families, particularly those in vulnerable situations due to the current crisis, to cover basic necessities such as food, housing, healthcare and education. This will prevent millions of people from falling into a poverty trap, thus causing a backlash to the achievement of the SDGs. Facilitating the continued and even improving the flow of remittances is also vital for the resilience and recovery of the local economies and communities in many low- and middle-income countries heavily affected by the health and economic crisis caused by the spread of COVID-19.

The Call to Action aims at keeping remittances flowing throughout the crisis and mitigating the impact on the people and economies most affected, by calling on policymakers, regulators and remittance service providers to take measures that facilitate the flow of remittances from migrants and diaspora members to their families and communities in low- and middle-income countries.

The webinar will serve as a platform to discuss how countries that have joined the Call to Action are affected by the disruption of remittances and how the recommendations from the Call to Action can be implemented to keep remittances flowing during the crisis and beyond.
Format

Speakers will address the following **guiding questions**: 

- How are remittance flows to different countries affected? What are the greatest challenges?
- What concrete support can be given to facilitate the flow of remittances?
- What is necessary to ensure the flow of remittances in your country?
- What role can be played by the governments, the private sector and the civil society?

The webinar will open for comments in the chat box on ideas, actions and solutions to facilitate the flow of remittances.

Participants

The event is open to the public. Speakers will be invited.

Outreach

**Web:** [https://www.knomad.org/covid-19-remittances-call-to-action/](https://www.knomad.org/covid-19-remittances-call-to-action/)

**Access to livestreaming:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-ad6WM6CSI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-ad6WM6CSI)

Agenda

The detailed agenda will be available soon.

Call to Action

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