

High-Level Workshop on the Financial Inclusion of Forcibly Displaced Persons (FDPs)

The Hague, Netherlands

September 10-11, 2018

Background

68.5 million people were uprooted from their homes by conflict and persecution at the end of 2017, one of the highest number of forcibly displaced persons (FDPs) globally in more than a century. Providing access to adequate financial services for FDPs is a policy challenge acknowledged by governments, academia, and international organizations alike. Options to safely store money, to build-up savings or receive money transfers, and to carry out day-to-day financial transactions are vital for FDPs. Access to financial services can enable FDPs to master difficult situations, to deploy their competencies and exploit their future potential, and thus to contribute to the economic development of the host community or country. However, access to adequate formal financial services is often not or only insufficiently available to FDPs in their host communities, which is a challenge G20 members and many emerging and developing economies share. In 2017, FDPs financial inclusion was set as a key priority of the Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPI) under the German G20 Presidency. A variety of activities followed and helped to raise awareness and firmly place this rapidly evolving global development issue – and, thus, the financial needs of this specific target group – at the centre of the international debate. As a key result, the G20 expressed their appreciation of GPI's work on this topic and its Leaders tasked the GPI with developing a roadmap in 2018, based on the identified prioritized areas for action summarized in the [GPI Policy Paper](#).

Objective

The main objective of the Workshop is to convene a wide set of relevant stakeholders in a global dialogue on FDPs financial inclusion. Discussions will support the development of the G20 “Roadmap for Sustainable and Responsible Financial Inclusion of FDPs” and will ensure that the perspectives of all relevant stakeholders will be reflected. To this aim, a zero draft of the G20 Roadmap will be prepared in the run-up to the workshop. It will be shared with all participants ahead of the workshop and will serve as basis for discussions. The workshop will encourage thought leadership and problem-solving, and consolidate views from different relevant sectoral actors towards collaboratively identifying and prioritizing concrete activities to address the issue of financial inclusion of FDPs – to be reflected in the G20 Roadmap.



Participants

The workshop will convene up to 80 participants representing financial regulators, supervisors and policymakers from G20 and non-G20 countries, humanitarian and development agencies, private sector including both established industry players and new fintech innovators, and academia.

Communication

Discussions will follow Chatham House Rule.

Registration

Participation to the workshop is by invitation only.

Language

The Workshop will take place in English. Simultaneous translation is not available.

Venue

The workshop will take place at:
Het Spaansche Hof (The Spanish Court)
Westeinde 12, 2512 HD The Hague
The Netherlands
[Google maps link](#)
[Website](#) (in Dutch only)

The venue is located in the city centre, at a 20-minutes walk from The Hague's central train station.

Draft Agenda

Day One – Monday September 10th

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:15 – 10:30 **Welcoming Remarks & Opening Session**

10:30 – 12:00 **Session 1: Framing the Topic For a Hopeful Future**

12:00 – 12:50 **Forced Displacement: A Journey**

12:50 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:15 **Session 2: The G20 Roadmap Unveiled**

15:15 – 15:30 Coffee Break

15:30 – 16:45 **Session 3: From Cash Transfers to Financial Inclusion, How Do We Make It Work?**

16:45 – 17:00 Tea Break

17:00 – 18:00 **Wrap Up**

19:30 Dinner

Day Two – Tuesday September 11th

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 9:30 **Keynote Address**

9:30 – 11:00 **Session 4: Digital Solutions: Identification, Data Protection, and Financial Integrity**

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:30 **Session 5: Role of Financial Services in Livelihoods**

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:00 **Session 6: Roundtable with Policy Makers**

15:00 – 15:45 **Session 7: Looking Ahead**

15:45 – 16:00 **Closing Remarks**