SECOND PLENARY OF THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR FINANCIAL INCLUSION

24-25 June 2021

AGENDA
Virtual Meeting

Registration and dial-in details will be sent out separately
Open Session – Workshop “Remittances in times of crisis and beyond”

12:00 – 12:15
Opening Remarks
• Welcome address (Magda Bianco and Anna Zelentsova, GPFI Co-Chairs)

12:15 – 13:15
Roundtable
The objective of the roundtable is to provide insights on the current state of the market for international remittances with specific attention to the impact of the pandemic crisis.
• Chair (Anna Zelentsova)
Lead speakers (5-7 minutes each)
• Remittance receiving families: what can a receiver country do (Ms. Hakima El Alami, Bank Al-Maghrib; Mr. Mynard Bryan R. Mojica, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas)
• Remittances in times of crisis: how to keep them flowing (Yemi Oluwakuyide, Remittances Lead, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, UK; Peta Mills, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia)
• The costs of remittances: global trends and perspectives (Harish Natarajan, World Bank)
• Maximizing the impact of remittances for digital and financial inclusion (Mauro Martini, IFAD)
• The impact of crisis on financial inclusion and the remittance market (Will Cook, CGAP)

Q&A

13:15 – 14:15
Future developments and possible solutions to existing problems
The objective of this session is to offer a glimpse on recent technological and regulatory developments to address current shortcomings and insights from country experiences.
• Chair (Harish Natarajan)
Lead speakers (5-7 minutes each)
• Updates about the Roadmap on cross-border payments (Mr. Alexandre Stervinou, FSB)
• How to reduce the “unintended consequences” of the FATF standards (Elisa de Anda Madrazo, Vice-President, FATF)
• Country experiences with new technological solutions (Ms. Jo Yeo, Monetary Authority of Singapore; Mr. Settor Kwabla Amediku, Bank of Ghana)
• Digital remittances: the role of mobile money (Brian Muthiora, Regulatory Director, Mobile Money, GSMA)
• Remittance markets opportunities and challenges: the perspective of the industry (Veronica Studsgaard, Founder and CEO, International Association of Money Transfers Networks)

Q&A

14:15 – 14:30 Break

Members’ session – Second Plenary

14:30 – 14:40 Digital Financial Inclusion – Action Area 2
Chair: Anna Zelentsova

Lead speakers (IFAD and World Bank)

• Presentation of the draft report “The impact of COVID-19 in the remittances market” (Oya Pinar Ardic Alper, WB, and Frederic Ponsot, IFAD)

14:40 – 15:30 Roundtable on the draft report, the proposal for NRPs’ template distribution and questions for discussion

15:30 – 15:45 Day 1 closing remarks

Friday, 25 June 2021

12:00 – 12:15 Opening Remarks

• The agenda of the second day (Magda Bianco, Anna Zelentsova)

12:15 – 12:45 Session I: Digital Financial Inclusion – Action Area 1
Chair: Magda Bianco

Lead speakers: WB and OECD (10 minutes for each presentation)

• Presentation of the draft WB’s report “COVID-19 and Digitalization: Impact on Financial Inclusion, New Emerging Opportunities and Risks” (Margaret Miller)
• Presentation of the draft OECD’s report “Supporting Financial Resilience and Transformation Through Digital Financial Literacy” (Flore-Anne Messy, Chiara Monticone)
• Presentation of the draft OECD’s report “Financial Consumer Protection and Regulation for the Post COVID-19 Era: Effective Approaches and Lessons Learnt to Protect Consumers and Support Financial Inclusion” (Flore-Anne Messy, Miles Larbey)

12:45 – 14:00 Roundtable on the draft reports and questions for discussion

14:00 – 14:10 Break
14:10 – 14:30 Session II: SME Finance – Action Area 1
Chair: Magda Bianco
Lead speakers: IFC/SMEFF – EIB and OECD (10 minutes)
- Presentation of the draft Report “MSME Digital Finance: Resilience and Innovation during COVID-19” (Ghada Theima, IFC)
- Update of the OECD’s survey "Navigating the storm: MSMEs' financial and digital competencies in COVID-19 times" (Flore-Anne Messy, Chiara Monticone)

14:30 – 15:10 Roundtable on the draft reports and questions for discussion

15:10 – 15:30 Session III: Outreach
Chair: Anna Zelentsova
Lead speaker Leora Klapper (WB)
- Presentation of the WB’s World Development Report 2022 – Finance for an Equitable Recovery

15:30 – 15:45 Day 2 closing remarks and the way forward