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Technical Meeting on

DIASPORA CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPMENT: FAMILY REMITTANCES

Speakers

Pedro DE VASCONCELOS, Manager of / & Financing Facility for Remittances
Pedro De Vasconcelos joined IFAD in 2007 is currently the manager of the Financing Facility for Remittance (FFR) Multi Donor Fund and is a senior technical specialist on Remittances, migration and inclusive finance. In 2000, and prior to IFAD, Mr De Vasconcelos created, launched and coordinated the remittance programme at the Inter American Development Bank (IDB) in Washington DC. He also launched and coordinated the same period DME De Vasconcelos also worked for the World Bank from 1998 to 2000. Mr De Vasconcelos served at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Geneva under the project Micro Banks in cooperation with the Banque Internationale du Luxembourg. Mr. Vasconcelos areas of expertise range from financial inclusion for development (remittances, payments systems and investments), migration, SME development and finance.

Bela HOVY, Chief of the Migration Section at the UN DESA Population Division
Belathe capacity of Chief of the Migration Section, he oversees the estimation and analysis of global migration trends, the preparation of technical studies and the drafting of reports on international migration and development for the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council. He also oversees the organization of intergovernmental, expert and interagency meetings as well as workshops on migration. From 1993 to 2005, he was in charge of statistics at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Geneva, Switzerland. Before that, he worked at the Population Division in New York (1989) and at the Institut de Formation de Recherches Demographiques (IFORD), a United Nations training institute based in Yaoundé, Cameroun (1988-1989). Mr. Hovy holds an advanced degree in human geography of developing countries from Utrecht University and obtained a certificate in development economics from Wageningen University, both located in the Netherlands.

Veronica STUDSGAARD, Chief Executive Officer of the International Association of Money Transfer Networks (IAMTN)
Veronica Studsgaard is the Founder and Chief Executive Office at International Association of Money Transfer Networks IAMTN. She has been involved in IAMTN operation since it was founded in 2005. She also set up Unistream UK Ltd, where she was CEO and for 5 years. She also worked for Uniastrum Capital Ltd, an Investment Management Firm authorised and regulated by The FCA (previously FSA) from 2002 until 2010. to her joining the remittance industry she was working in the Logistics in international Trade Industry. She is based in the UK.

Saad FAROOQ, Advocacy and Regulations Specialist for Mobile Money at GSMA Mobile for Development
Saad Farooq is the Advocacy and Regulatory Specialist for the Mobile Money programme at the GSMA and is based in London. With a global focus, Saad works towards advocating the enabling of regulatory policies to promote the role of mobile money as a tool for improving the social and economic lives of the poor. Saad is currently leading discussions with regulatory commercial stakeholders signifying the role and achievements of mobile money as a strategic

Sustainable Development Goals. Prior to joining the GSMA, Saad worked for a mobile money issuer and was responsible for the development of new and innovative payments services and ensuring regulatory compliance in EU and MENA regions. Saad holds an MBA with a focus on strategy and international business.

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