

# Migration and HIV in the context of COVID-19

The role of Faith Leaders and Communities

Thursday 8 April 2021

5:00-7:00 am San Francisco / 8:00-10:00 am New York / 12:00-2:00 pm Dakar /  
2:00-4:00 pm Geneva / 3:00-5:00 pm Nairobi / 5:30-7:30 pm Mumbai /  
7:00-9:00 pm Bangkok

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## Draft Agenda

**Facilitator:** Sandy Thurman, Chief Strategy Officer, Office of the US Global AIDS Coordinator and Health Diplomacy, US Department of State

### Opening Session

- Dr. Carlos Van Der Laet, Migrants Health Assistance Programme Coordinator, Migration Health Division: *Overview of migration - situation and challenges - in accessing health services in the context of COVID-19; as well as in accessing COVID-19 mitigation information/tools and care.*
- Fr Richard W. Bauer, MM, BCC, LCSW, Director of Spiritual and Psychosocial Care, EDARP Kenya: *Welcoming the Stranger: A Response of Faith and Theology*

### Session 1 – Celebrating and accompanying migrants

- Paul Jeffrey: *A Journey through images – the contribution of faith to address migration challenges and in accompanying migrants (Video – Part 1)*
- Gary Jones, Senior Adviser, Security, Humanitarian and Fragile States: *The Road-Map on Migration and HIV and the role of faith*

### Session 2 - Best practices and lessons learned by faith groups in collaboration with other sectors: 1. Prevention; 2. Testing and Treatment; 3. Addressing Stigma and Discrimination; 4. Addressing sexual and gender-based violence

- Ms. Alyna C. Smith, Senior Advocacy Officer, Health, Justice and Legal Strategies, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants: *Undocumented migrants and the realities of their access to health care in Europe, including in the context of COVID-19.*
- Prof Mohamed Karama, Islamic Relief: Best practices and lessons learned on addressing GBV and stigma and discrimination in the context of COVID-19

- IOM/Faith Leader Speaker: *Partnerships to increase access to health care services for migrants - a successful collaboration among IOM and faith leaders in South Africa*
- Paul Jeffrey: *A Journey through images – the contribution of faith to address migration challenges and in accompanying migrants (Video – Part 2)*

### Session 3 – The way forward

Respondents:

- Monsignor Robert J Vitillo, Secretary General, International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC)
- Speaker from Office of the High Commissioner from Human Rights

### Closing

- Dr. Carlos VAN DER LAAT, Migrants Health Assistance Programme Coordinator, Migration Health Division
- Gary Jones, Senior Adviser, Security, Humanitarian and Fragile States

### Upcoming 2021 Interfaith Health Platform Webinars

1. Workshop on the role of faith communities in strengthening adolescent peer groups. Bring together participants with first-hand experience and promising practice interventions, particularly including young people involved the interventions; Experience of adolescents' groups to work on disclosure (with FBOs); and challenges faced by FBOs to address human sexuality (pivot from children to adolescents' care and support) **(June)**
2. Framework for Dialogue and Stigma reduction interventions **(September)**
3. Webinar to commemorate World AIDS Day + Interfaith Service **(December)**