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 /
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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 Laat, 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


• 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

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**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)*