



You are cordially invited by the UN Network on Migration Working Group on Regular Pathways for Migrants in Vulnerable Situations to a

**MULTI-STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP ON
REGULAR PATHWAYS FOR ADMISSION AND STAY FOR MIGRANTS IN SITUATIONS OF
VULNERABILITY**

The workshop will be held virtually on Wednesday 6th May 2021, 14:00 – 16:30 CEST

Background

[Thematic Working Group 3](#) (TWG) of the United Nations Network on Migration ('Network') has been established with the aim of Strengthening states' capacities to expand regular migration pathways, including admission and stay, and to address and reduce vulnerabilities faced by migrants.

The TWG will issue a Guidance Note to support analysis and strengthen capacity for the further development by States, in cooperation with other stakeholders, of safe, regular and accessible pathways for admission and stay, in particular to address the needs of migrants in situations of vulnerability, including in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The group's work has been informed by a mapping study, desk research, and a rich array of stakeholder inputs, garnered through key informant interviews, a stakeholder listening session, and responses to a multi-stakeholder questionnaire.

Aims

The aim of the workshop is to reflect stakeholder experiences regarding availability, accessibility and adequacy of regular pathways for migrants in situations of vulnerability.

This workshop, as a final step before finalization of the Guidance Note, aims to help focus recommendations and ensure that no pertinent issues are overlooked, and that stakeholders will be able to maximize their use of the final Guidance when pursuing GCM implementation of relevant Objectives (including Objectives 2, 3, 5, 7, and 12, but also 6, 11, 15, 21 and 23).

Key issues to be discussed

The workshop will cover a number of pertinent topics include:

- How can we enhance availability and flexibility of pathways for admission and stay of migrants in situations of vulnerability
- The impacts of COVID-19 on access to pathways for regular migration - what opportunities might it offer to streamline access to admission and stay related procedures
- How can we ensure that pathways provide meaningful status
- A discussion on future opportunities for multi-stakeholder collaboration



AGENDA

- 1400 – 1420: **Welcome/Opening Remarks** - Regular Pathways for Admission and Stay for Migrants in Situations of Vulnerability
- 1420 - 1530: **Facilitated working sessions**
- 1) Enhancing the availability and flexibility of pathways
 - 2) Ensuring effective and rights based procedure and meaningful status
- 1530 – 1630: **Feedback from working sessions and open discussion**
- 1630 – 1650: Plenary: **Promoting multi-stakeholder collaboration and cooperation**
- 1650 – 1700: **Way forward/Close**

Please confirm your interest in participating by 30 April, by emailing the name / title of the participant(s) from your government or organization to unmignet@iom.int

Virtual connection details will be distributed to all registered participants