

Global Forum on Remittances, Investment and Development Summit 2021

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*Recovery and Resilience
through Digital and Financial
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The **International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)** is pleased to announce the upcoming **Global Forum on Remittances, Investment and Development (GFRID) – Summit 2021**, that will take place virtually on 16 and 17 June 2021 on the occasion of the **International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR)**.

Recognized by the United Nations General Assembly, **the GFRID is one of the key platforms aimed at building and strengthening partnerships towards innovative solutions for cheaper, faster and safer transfer of remittances, as well as diaspora impact investment mechanisms, with all relevant stakeholders.**

The 2021 virtual Summit will focus on the role of remittances to strengthen market recovery amidst the current global pandemic, and to improve the resilience of migrant workers and the communities where they live. In particular, the Summit will seek to share and analyze practical strategies and mechanisms related to **digital and financial inclusion of migrants and their families.**

The Summit will see the observance of the UN-adopted **International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR)**, in recognition of the tireless abnegation of almost 200 million migrant workers who send money home for the wellbeing of their families in communities of origin, and who have demonstrated unprecedented resilience in these times of crisis.

Subsequently, the event will cover the key issues that have led the remittance and diaspora investment agenda over the last year, including:

- The disruptions within the remittance industry and the role of the **private sector in promoting greater digital and financial inclusion** for remittance senders and receivers. **A deep dive session** will see the participation of leading experts who will address the impact of mobile remittances within the new digitalization trend.
- How the current **enabling environment** could further support the remittance industry and leverage the impact of remittances towards recovery, resilience and achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Mechanisms and strategic opportunities for **diaspora engagement and impact investment**, including the role of diasporas as agents of change for their countries of origin, addressing critical issues such as climate change.

Provisional agenda

English, French and Spanish interpretation will be provided

Day 1 | Wednesday, 16 June

(GMT+2)

Opening of the GFRID Summit 2021

10:00 – 10:15 HIGH-LEVEL REMARKS

UN Secretary-General's Special Advocate for Inclusive Finance for Development (UNSGSA)

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

European Commission

SESSION I

The role of the private sector towards greater digital and financial inclusion

10:15 – 11:15 PLENARY

Remittances 2021: innovations and market resilience

MODERATOR:

Pedro De Vasconcelos, Manager, Financing Facility for Remittances (FFR), IFAD

• ***State of the industry***

Veronica Studsgaard, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, International Association of Money Transfer Networks (IAMTN)

• ***Digital remittances and consumer access***

Rishi Raithatha, Senior Advocacy Manager, Mobile Money, GSMA

• ***Remittances and insurance***

Michael McCord, Managing Director, MicroInsurance

• ***Digital and crypto currencies***

Anca Bogdana Rusu, Partnership, Policy and Advocacy, cLabs

Q&A

11:15 – 12:00 DEEP DIVE

Mobile remittances and digitalization: a new market trend?

Expert discussions

MODERATOR:

Killian Clifford, MobileRemit Africa Lead, FFR, IFAD

DISCUSSANTS:

Dare Okoudjou, CEO and Founder, MFS Africa

Judith Obholzer, Managing Executive for Public Policy, Vodacom Group

Claire Sibthorpe, Head of Connected Women, Connected Society and Assistive Tech, GSMA

Antonia Esser, Engagement Manager, Centre for Financial Regulation and Inclusion (CENFRI)

Q&A



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SAVE THE DATE

Observance of the International Day of Family Remittances

Wednesday, 16 June

15:00 – 17:00 CEST | 9:00 – 11:00 EST

PLENARY

Recovery and resilience through digital and financial inclusion

CHAIR:

Meike Van Ginneken, Associate Vice-President, Strategy and Knowledge Department, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

High-level UN representatives

HIGH-LEVEL REMARKS

Republic of the Philippines

Republic of Guatemala

Statements from Member States and International Organizations

Day 2 | Thursday, 17 June

SESSION III

Diaspora investment in times of crisis

10:00 – 11:00 **PLENARY**

Diasporas as agents of change for their countries of origin

MODERATOR:

Frédéric Ponsot, Remittances and Financial Inclusion Expert, FFR, IFAD

- ***African diaspora investment in times of crisis***

Almaz Negash, Founder and Executive Director, African Diaspora Network (ADN)

- ***Scaling-up diaspora investment from Europe***

Jean-Michel Severino, Chief Executive Officer, Investisseurs et Partenaires (I&P)

- ***Diaspora investment trends in Latin America***

Manuel Orozco, Director, Center for Migration and Economic Stabilization

- ***Returnees and local economic development opportunities in Asia-Pacific***

Tomas Ernst, Senior Regional Labour Mobility and Human Development Officer, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

- ***Diaspora investments in small businesses in Africa***

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Q&A

11:00 – 12:00 **DEEP DIVE**

Diaspora investment and climate change mitigation and adaptation: reality check

Expert discussions

MODERATOR:

Steve Wilson, Remittances and climate change specialist, FFR, IFAD

DISCUSSANTS:

Magalie Emile-Backer, Co-founder, Haiti Renewal Alliance

Martin Fleury, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Red Mangrove Development Advisors (R.M.D.A.)

Louise Baker, Managing Director, Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)

Q&A

SESSION IV

Enabling environment in the 2021 remittance market

15:00 – 15:10 HIGH-LEVEL REMARKS

Bank of Italy, GPFI Co-Chair, G20 Presidency
Central Bank of Kenya

15:10 – 16:10 PLENARY

Market realities and global priorities: ensuring recovery and resilience for one billion people

MODERATOR:

Pedro De Vasconcelos, Manager, FFR, IFAD

- **Cross-border payments through transaction accounts: pathway to financial inclusion**

Oya Pinar Ardic, Senior Financial Sector Specialist at the Payment Systems Development Group, World Bank

- **De-risking in times of crisis: who pays the cost?**

Louis De Koker, Professor of Law, La Trobe University

- **Central bank innovation for international remittances**

Thomas Lammer, Member of the Secretariat, Committee on Payments and Market Infrastructures (CPMI)

- **Applying risk-based approaches to the last remittance mile: eKYC and CDD**

Robin Newnham, Head of Policy Analysis, Alliance for Financial Inclusion (AFI) Global

Q&A

16:10 – 17:00 DEEP DIVE

The remittance cost determinants and SDG 10.c: the US\$20 billion question

Expert discussions

MODERATOR:

Leon Isaacs, Chief Executive Officer, Developing Markets Associates Global (DMAG)

DISCUSSANTS:

Manuel Orozco, Director, Center for Migration and Economic Stabilization

Dora Ziambra, Chief Operations Officer, AZIMO

Malick Seck, Managing Director Africa, RIA Financial Services

Q&A

Closing of the GFRID Summit 2021

17:00 – 17:15 *Making remittances cheaper and count more*

Dominik Ziller, Vice President, IFAD

Organizers and partners

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The **International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)** is a specialized agency of the United Nations and an international financial institution, with the mandate to invest in rural people to eradicate poverty in low- and middle-income countries.



IFAD's US\$65 million multi-donor **Financing Facility for Remittances (FFR)** aims to maximize the impact of remittances on development and promote diaspora engagement in migrants' countries of origin.

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● Practical information

- FORMAT: Zoom webinar. Questions can be asked through the Q&A feature, and/or through the Zoom Chat
- REGISTRATION: Available on the Summit webpage
- INTERPRETATION: English, French and Spanish
- PROCEEDINGS: Available shortly after the event

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