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18 December 2023, 14:00 -18:20

Radisson Blu Leograd Hotel,
str. M. Varlaam no. 77, Loft Room, 2nd floor

DRAFT AGENDA

14.00-14.15	<p>Welcoming remarks</p> <p><i>Ana Calinici</i> , State Secretary of the Government, Programme co-chair <i>Lars Johan Lönnback</i>, Chief of the IOM Mission to Moldova, Programme co-chair</p> <p><i>Key-note speech:</i></p> <p><i>Jana Costachi</i>, Secretary of State, Ministry of Internal Affairs, President of the Commission for the Coordination of Activities in the Field of Migration and Asylum</p> <p><i>Event Moderator:</i> <i>Victoria Dunford</i>, CEO of MAD-Aid UK</p>
14.15-14.50	<p>Session 1: Migration evidence-based governance: current challenges and priorities for action</p> <p>During the session, current challenges in the field of labor migration, immigration will be presented, as well as priorities for action and the support offered by the Joint MMPTF Programme in strengthening governance in the field of migration will be discussed.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> <i>Felicia Bechtold</i> , Secretary of State <i>Maria Vremis</i>, expert in migration statistics <i>Lars Johan Lönnback</i>, Chief of the IOM Mission to Moldova</p>
14.50-15.25	<p>Session 2: Sustainable platforms for diaspora engagement in the country's European integration processes</p> <p>During the session, current challenges regarding the engagement of the diaspora to the development processes in the Republic of Moldova will be presented, as well as priority actions and the support offered by the MMPTF Joint Programme in establishing more effective and sustainable cooperation frameworks between the diaspora and the institutions from the Republic of Moldova will be discussed.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> <i>Violina Donu</i>, Chief, Diaspora Relations Bureau <i>Viorel Furdui</i>, Executive Director, Congress of Local Authorities from Moldova (TBC) <i>Victoria Căpățici</i>, Diaspora Connect Platform <i>Daniela Gasparikova</i>, UNDP Resident Representative</p>

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15.25-15.40	Q&A Session
15.40-16.00	Coffee break
16.00-16.35	<p>Session 3: Engagement of the medical diaspora in strengthening the country's medical system</p> <p>During the session, the current priorities in the process of strengthening the country's medical system will be addressed and the necessary support for the management of health workforce mobility and the more systematic involvement of the medical diaspora will be also discussed.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> <i>Ion Prisacaru</i>, Secretary of State, Ministry of Health <i>Alexandru Corlăteanu</i>, head of research cooperation section, "Nicolae Testemițanu" University of Medicine and Pharmacy <i>Miljana Grbic</i>, WHO Representative</p>
16.35-17.10	<p>Session 4: Engagement of the academic diaspora and Moldovan graduates abroad to strengthen the education system of the Republic of Moldova</p> <p>During the session, current challenges in the educational field will be presented, as well as priority actions and the support offered by the MMPTF Joint Programme in the involvement of the academic diaspora and Moldovan graduates abroad to strengthen the education system of the Republic of Moldova will be discussed.</p> <p><i>Valentina Olaru</i>, State Secretary, Ministry of Education and Research <i>Mihaela Ionela Furculita</i>, President of the Students League Originating from the Republic of Moldova <i>Maha Damaj</i>, UNICEF Representative</p>
17.10-17.30	Question and answer session
17.30-17.50	<p>Session 5: Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Programme " Leveraging the positive impact of migration on Moldova's development through improved policy evidence and better engaged diaspora" implemented by IOM, UNDP, UNICEF and WHO and financed by the M-MPTF of UN</p> <p>Approval of the Regulation, the list of members, the annual plans for the implementation of the M-MPTF Programme for the years 2023 and 2024</p>
17.50-18.20	<p>Concluding remarks</p> <p><i>Ana Calinici</i>, State Secretary of the Government <i>Lars Johan Lönnback</i>, Chief of the IOM Mission to Moldova <i>Daniela Gasparikova</i>, UNDP Resident Representative <i>Maha Damaj</i>, UNICEF Representative <i>Miljana Grbic</i>, WHO Representative</p>