



Logistical Note

GFMD 2020 Online Regional Consultations

Dear *Friends of the Forum*,

We are pleased to provide a further update on the organisation of the GFMD 2020 Online Regional Consultations.

1. Registration

To register for the GFMD 2020 Online Regional Consultations, please use this [link](#).

You will be asked, first, to confirm your agreement to the terms of reference for participation in 2020 Online Regional Consultations, the full details of which can be found [here](#).

Once you have confirmed your agreement, you will be requested to enter your full name, title, organisation, and contact details. Please make a note of the email address used to register, as you will need this to access the Online Consultations and the Secure Area of the GFMD website where thematic documents (see below) will be stored.

You will also be requested to select which of the 2020 Online Regional Consultations you wish to participate in. You will need to select at least one session of each Online Regional Consultation for which you register.

2. Accessing Online Regional Consultations

The Chair has selected to use [KUDO](#) as the platform for Online Regional Consultations. For more information on the Chair's selection of KUDO as a platform for Online Consultations, please see below.

Links to access Online Regional Consultations via KUDO will be sent by email to registered participants in advance. To access the Online Regional Consultation, please click on the link you receive and enter your name and the email address with which you registered.

Access to Online Regional Consultations will open half an hour preceding the formal start of the call. Participants who are unfamiliar with [KUDO](#), or concerned about the quality of their internet connection, are requested to log in as early as possible to test their connection.

Participants are also encouraged to test their connection in advance by using this [link](#).

Please see this [document](#) for a step-by-step guide on accessing KUDO.

3. Simultaneous Interpretation

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided online through KUDO for participants in the Regional Conference on Migration (English / Spanish) and Abu Dhabi Dialogue (English / Arabic) Online Consultations. For a step-by-step guide on accessing simultaneous interpretation, please see this [document](#).

4. Accessing Thematic Documents in GFMD Secure Areas

Thematic Notes, prepared by the six Thematic Leads, will be made publicly accessible on the [GFMD website](#) once they become available (in mid-May).

In addition, a Secure Area will be set up on the GFMD website for each of the six Online Regional Consultations.

Once Secure Areas for Online Regional Consultations are available, participants will need to enter the email address used to register in order to access them.

In the Secure Areas, the Thematic Notes will be open to comment (but not to editing) by registered participants. Registered participants are encouraged to read and submit comments on the Thematic Notes in advance of the Online Regional Consultations.

Co-Chairs and the Three Mechanisms will also be able to post supporting statements to the Secure Areas. Recordings of Opening Plenaries will also be made available upon completion.

More information on Secure Areas will be circulated once the Thematic Notes are available.

5. Chair's Selection of KUDO for Online Consultations

The Terms of Reference for the Online Regional Consultations announced the use of Zoom as the platform for managing all consultations. Since then, however, significant concerns about the security and privacy of Zoom have been made public.

To ensure that participants are not prevented from joining Consultations due to compliance issues, an alternative has been sought and KUDO has been selected.

KUDO offers two key advantages over alternative platforms:

First, it enables integrated simultaneous interpretation within one platform, enabling dual language engagement in regions where that is vital.

Second, it has a 'default to audio' function, prioritising audio over video, which improves access for participants with weak internet connections and lowering barriers for participants from LDCs and civil society. This is a crucial factor in ensuring that the GFMD continues to be accessible to all stakeholders, regardless of technological capacity.

Participants can connect online through their browsers, with no need to download software. Alternatively, a KUDO app can be downloaded from the Apple App Store and Google Play for those wishing to connect through their mobiles.

On behalf of the H.E. Abdulla Alnuaimi, we look forward to welcoming your participation



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