



RCM-GFMD Regional Meeting Series Virtual Workshop on Public Narratives on Migration

Agenda

Thursday June 18 2020 – 11:00-1:00pm EST

10 minutes **Welcoming remarks**

10 minutes **Migration narrative trends in the Americas**

A moderator will set the stage for discussion by providing an overview of public attitudes on migration and their key drivers, with a focus on recent trends and data from the Americas. This scene-setting presentation will also briefly outline the impact of COVID-19 on public attitudes towards migration in order to address why taking action to support balanced narratives is critically important in the context of the current global health crisis.

40 minutes **Discussion 1: What is the current reality on the ground in terms of public narratives on migration throughout the region?**

Discussion questions:

- What actions has your country, local government, organization or business taken to promote balanced migration narratives and/or counter misinformation about migrants and refugees?
- What key challenges or successes have been encountered in this work so far?
- How is COVID-19 impacting public opinion towards migrants and refugees, whether negatively or positively?

5 minutes **Health break**

40 minutes **Discussion 2: Looking ahead, what are some opportunities or partnership ideas that can support a balanced narrative on migration?**

Discussion questions:

- What are some examples of partnerships in action that could be replicated elsewhere in the region or used as a starting point for further collaboration?
- Where might there be opportunities to create new partnerships and engage non-traditional partners in the context of COVID-19 to promote balanced messaging on migration?
- How can communications campaigns and initiatives be adjusted to fit the new realities of COVID-19 in a way that is responsive to unique local, national and regional needs?

5 minutes **Concluding remarks**