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## LABOUR MIGRATION RESPONSES TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS IN EUROPEAN AND NORTH AFRICAN COUNTRIES:

### STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL TRENDS, LESSONS AND SHARING OF EXPERIENCE

5, 6 & 7 July 2021 - Time zone: GMT + 1 (Rabat)

Draft Agenda

## Monday 5 July

DAY 1: SETTING THE SCENE AND COLLECTING RESEARCH TAKE-AWAYS

08:45 – 09:00	<b>Online Registration of Participants</b>
09:00 – 10:00	<p><b>Opening Ceremony</b>  <b>Facilitator: Ms A. Segatti, ILO THAMM manager</b></p> <p><b>Welcoming Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- H.E. Ambassador I. Badawy, Assistant Foreign Minister for Multilateral Affairs and International Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt (Confirmed)</li> <li>- Ministry of Labour and Professional Insertion, Morocco (TBC)</li> <li>- H.E. Ms S. Ayadi, Minister of Youth, Sports and Professional Integration, Tunisia (Confirmed)</li> <li>- Ms H. Trautmann, Acting Director, DG NEAR, European Commission (Confirmed)</li> </ul>
10:00 – 10:10	<b>Group Photo</b>
10:10 – 11:00	<p><b>Session 1. Conference framing and expectations</b>  <b>Facilitation: Ms T. Dedovic, Senior Regional Thematic Specialist on Labor Mobility and Human Development, RO Cairo, IOM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr S. Soliman, Assistant Minister for Institutional Development, Ministry of State for Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates Affairs, Egypt (Confirmed)</li> <li>- Ministry of Labour and Professional Insertion, Morocco (TBC)</li> <li>- Mr A. Messaoudi, Director General, International Placement and Foreign Labour, Ministry of Vocational Training and Employment, Tunisia (Confirmed)</li> </ul>

<p>11:00 – 12:00</p>	<p><b>Session 2. COVID-19 and labour migration and mobility policies across the Mediterranean – Key questions</b></p> <p><b>Facilitation: Ms M. Leighton, Chief, MIGRANT, ILO (Confirmed)</b></p> <p><b>Part One: Setting the scene, framing the discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inaugural discussion paper: <b>Labour migration responses to the COVID 19 Crisis in European and North African countries: An overview of key research findings</b>, Dr H. Nicolle, Samuel Hall (THAMM research) (Confirmed)</li> <li>• Respondent: Prof. I. Awad, Director, Center for Migration and Refugee Studies (CMRS), American University in Cairo (Confirmed)</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>
<p>12:00 – 13:00</p>	<p><b>Part Two: Panel discussion - The EU New Pact on Migration: What implications for labour migration and mobility for EU and North African countries?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms M. Jagiello, DG HOME , European Commission (Confirmed)</li> <li>• Dr H. Dempster, Assistant Director and Senior Associate for Policy Outreach Migration, Displacement, and Humanitarian Policy, Centre for Global Development, London (Confirmed)</li> <li>• Ms A. El Ouassif, Policy Centre for the New South, Rabat (Confirmed)</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>
<p>13:00 – 14:00</p>	<p><b>Lunch break</b></p>
<p>14:00 – 16:30</p>	<p><b>Session 2. COVID-19 and labour migration and mobility policies across the Mediterranean – Key questions (Ctd)</b></p> <p><b>Part Three: Recent findings from statistical analysis and quantitative surveys</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator: Ms M. Manke, Head, Labour Mobility and Humand Development Division, IOM (Confirmed)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr N.Touihri, Tunisian Statistics Institute, <b>Labour Migration Statistics Report in Arab Maghreb Union Countries (Phase I)</b>, (JLMP and THAMM Research) (Confirmed)</li> <li>• Dr J. Bouoiyour, Univ. of Pau et al., <b>Statistical estimate of COVID-19 Impact on Moroccans Residing Abroad by levels of vulnerability</b> (THAMM research) (Confirmed)</li> <li>• Ms F. Garofalo, Impact Initiatives, <b>COVID-19 Impact Survey on Income and Social Protection of Moroccans and Tunisians Residing Abroad: Preliminary findings</b> (THAMM research) (Confirmed)</li> <li>• Dr F. Fasani, European Commission Joint Research Centre, <b>A Vulnerable Workforce: Migrant Workers in the COVID-19 Pandemic</b> (Confirmed)</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>
<p>16:30</p>	<p><b>End of Day 1</b></p>



## Tuesday 6 July

### DAY 2: TECHNICAL COMPONENTS OF LABOUR MIGRATION POLICY

9:30 – 09:45	<b>Highlights of Day 1 (Video clip)</b>
09:45 – 10:30	<p><b>Session 2. COVID-19 and labour migration and mobility policies across the Mediterranean – Key questions (Ctd)</b></p> <p><b>Part four: COVID-19 Impact on Remittances</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator: Ms D. Fernandes, Senior Migration and Economic Development Specialist, IOM Facilitator (Confirmed)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr S. McMahon, European Commission Joint Research Centre, <b>Remittances in North Africa: sources, scale and the Covid-19 pandemic (Confirmed)</b></li> <li>• Prof. R. Chaabita , Univ. Hassan II, Morocco, <b>Les transferts de fonds de la diaspora marocaine dans le contexte de la COVID-19 : déterminants et enjeux (Confirmed)</b></li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>
10:30 – 12:00	<p><b>Session 3. Promoting Fair and Ethical Recruitment policies and strategies</b></p> <p><b>Part One: Emerging trends</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator: Mr. J. Theede, Regional Thematic Specialist on Labor Mobility and Human Development, RO for Southern Africa, IOM (Confirmed)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr E.A. Deon, Director-General, Arkayn &amp; Company - Conseil en coopération &amp; développement, <b>Mapping of International Recruitment in Morocco and Recommendations for Paradigm Shifts in Labour Migration and Mobility Governance (THAMM Research) (Confirmed)</b></li> <li>• Prof. M.Kriaa, Univ. of Tunis, Institut Supérieur de Gestion de Tunis, membre de l'unité de recherche UAQAP-ISG, <b>The mainstreaming of labour migration in the National Strategy for Employment and Development of a Draft National Strategy for Employment Abroad in Tunisia (THAMM) (Confirmed)</b></li> <li>• Dr S. Sadek, Center for Migration and Refugee Studies (CMRS), American University in Cairo, <b>Diagnostic Study on Recruitment Frameworks and Practices for the Placement of Egyptian Workers Abroad: Preliminary Findings (THAMM Research) (Confirmed)</b></li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>
12:00 – 13:30	<b>Lunch break</b>
13:30 – 16:00	<p><b>Session 3. Promoting Fair and Ethical Recruitment policies and strategies (Ctd)</b></p> <p><b>Part Two: Practitioners' views</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator: Mr M. Belarbi, Project Manager AMEM, ILO CO-Algiers (Confirmed)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Egypt:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms A. Abdel Mawgoud, Undersecretary of Foreign Relations Department at the Ministry of Manpower, Egypt – <b>Challenges in the Placement of Egyptian Migrant Workers (Confirmed)</b></li> <li>▪ Dr E. Torky, Senior Adviser – Head of Labour Affairs Unit, Federation of Egyptian Industries, Egypt - <b>Fair and Ethical Recruitment from the employer's perspective (Confirmed)</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Morocco:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms S. Bensalem, ANAPEC, <b>Diagnosis on International Placement Services and new orientations (Confirmed)</b></li> <li>▪ Moroccan trade unions: Mr M. Alaoui, Union Marocaine du Travail (Confirmed); Union Générale des Travailleurs du Maroc (To be confirmed); Ms S. Ouaid, Confédération Démocratique du Travail (Confirmed)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tunisia:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr A. Messaoudi, DGPEMOE, <b>Strategic changes to Tunisian labour migration law and management</b> (Confirmed)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Régional:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms N. Hammami, Coordinator RSMMS, <b>Réseau Syndical Migrations Méditerranée Afrique Sub-saharienne</b> (Confirmed)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>
16:00	<b>End of Day 2</b>



# Wednesday 7 July

## DAY 3: Sector-based needs and skills mobility

9:00 – 09:15	<b>Highlights of Day 2 (video clip)</b>
09:15 – 11:00	<p><b>Session 4. Meeting specific sectoral labour demand and migrant workers' protection needs</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator: Ms C. Kuptsch, Senior Labour Migration Specialist, MIGRANT, ILO (Confirmed)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr L. Kleine-Rueschkamp, OECD, <b>COVID-19 and key workers: What role do migrants play in your region? (Confirmed)</b></li> <li>• Ms S. Kalantaryan, European Commission Joint Research Centre, <b>Meeting labour demand in agriculture in times of COVID 19 pandemic (Confirmed)</b></li> <li>• Ms A. Kaufman, <b>Results of the German „Konzertierte Aktion Pflege“ 2021 with regard to the sourcing of skilled care workers from third countries</b>, German Federal Ministry of Health, Division for Skilled workers abroad, migration, integration <b>(Confirmed)</b></li> <li>• Ms R. Smith, Executive Director, Labor Mobility Partnerships, <b>New partnerships for the future (Confirmed)</b></li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>
11:00 – 11:15	<b>Health break</b>
11:15 – 13:00	<p><b>Session 5. Global Partnerships for skills</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator: Ms G. Lanneau, Regional Thematic Specialist on Labour Mobility and Human Development, IOM RO Brussels (Confirmed)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms M. Garlappi, Human Capital Development Expert, European Training Foundation, <b>Upskilling and reskilling within a life-wide and lifelong learning perspective (Confirmed)</b></li> <li>• Mr V.Yuzhanin, Senior specialist, Human Mobility Facilitation IOM, HQ, <b>Labour mobility and skills in response, recovery and post COVID-19 pandemic (Confirmed)</b></li> <li>• Mr L. El Wardi, Vice-President MeM, Confédération Générale des Entreprises du Maroc (CGEM) (13ème région), <b>Attracting skills back to Morocco in a competitive global environment (Confirmed)</b></li> <li>• Ms L. Schmid, Skills Specialist, ILO Cairo DWT, <b>Skills and Migration from a system building perspective (Confirmed)</b></li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>
13:00 – 13:10	<b>Transition Break</b>
13:10 – 14:00	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator: Ms A. Segatti, ILO THAMM Manager</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Overall synthesis of conference key findings:</b> Prof. I. Awad, Director, Center for Migration and Refugee Studies (CMRS), American University in Cairo <b>(Confirmed)</b></li> <li>• <b>THAMM's Social Partners Focal Points:</b> Mr A. Serhani, CGEM; Ms N. Hammami, UGTT (to be confirmed)</li> <li>• <b>Way Forward and THAMM Regional Conference No.2:</b> Ms T. Dedovic, Senior Regional Thematic Specialist on Labor Mobility and Human Development, RO Cairo, IOM , on</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>End of Conference</b></p>

