



Event

Event title: [Learnings from the WHO Global research agenda on health, migration and displacement: strengthening research and translating research priorities into policy and practice.](#)

GCM objectives covered by the event:

- 3. Provide accurate and timely information at all stages of migration.
- 15. Provide access to basic services for migrants.
- 17. Eliminate all forms of discrimination and promote evidence-based public discourse to shape perceptions of migration.

Date/Time: 1 February 14:00-15:30 (CET)

Duration: [90 minutes](#)

Format: online

Interpretation provided: Yes/**No**

Short description of your event:

Globally, there is a global lack of high-quality and policy-relevant research on health, migration and displacement. There is also lack of clarity about which knowledge gaps should be addressed in order to advance progress towards the most urgent global public health objectives, such as within the Sustainable Development Goals, the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), and the [WHO Triple Billion Targets](#).

To address these global evidence gaps, the WHO Department of Health and Migration undertook a consultative research agenda setting process to build consensus with over 180 stakeholders across all regions, culminating in the [Global research agenda on health, migration and displacement](#).

This session will first describe the research agenda-setting process, the five research themes to be addressed over the next five years, and the application of the agenda through its Implementation Guide and Toolkit which encourages other actors to adapt and expand upon the research agenda at regional, national and local levels. Experts will share lived experience as well as organisational case studies from stakeholders involved in the Global research agenda-setting process, and will highlight the importance of a participatory approach to research.

The session will act as call to action for urgent investment in research and the translation of evidence into policy and practice to support leaders at all levels in creating inclusive and responsive health care systems for migrants, refugees and other displaced populations.

Outcomes:

- Disseminate the process and findings of the Global research agenda;
- Increase knowledge on how to adapt and expand the research agenda for implementation at regional, national and local levels;
- Learn from case studies on translating research into policy and practice on health, migration and displacement;
- Centre the lived experience of migrants and frontline workers; and
- Establish the importance and needs of a participatory approach to research in the area of health, migration and displacement to inform inclusive policies and progress towards global commitments including the SDGs and GCM objectives.



Names of speakers or panelists:

1. Dr Santino Severoni, Director, Department of Health and Migration, WHO HQ
2. Dr Lucinda Hiam, Technical advisor, Department of Health and Migration, WHO HQ
3. Dr Tonia Rifaey, Health and Migration focal point, WHO EMRO
4. Dr Kol Wickramage, Global Migration Health Research and Epidemiology Coordinator, International Organisation for Migration (IOM)
5. Dr Chloe Marshall-Denton, Humanitarian Advisor on Migration, Médecins sans Frontières (MSF)
6. Prof Anne MacFarlane, Professor of Primary Health Care Research, University of Limerick, WHO Collaborating Centre

Agenda

Time (minutes)	Topic	Speaker
5'	Welcome and Opening remarks	Dr Santino Severoni, Director, WHO Department of Health and Migration
5'	Introduction	Chair – Prof Bernadette Kumar, Norwegian Institute of Public Health
10'	The Global research agenda on health, migration and displacement: an overview and call to action	Dr Lucinda Hiam, Technical Advisor, WHO Department of Health and Migration
10'	Implementing the Global research agenda at regional level: learnings from EMRO	Dr Tonia Rifaey, Health and Migration focal point, WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office (EMRO)
10''	Translating Migration Health Research Evidence to inform policy and practice, lessons learnt and unlearned: case studies from Cambodia and Nepal	Dr Kol Wickramage, Global Migration Health Research and Epidemiology Coordinator, International Organisation for Migration (IOM)
10'	Centring the Lived Experience of Migrants and Frontline Workers	Dr. Chloe Marshall-Denton, Humanitarian Advisor on Migration, Médecins sans Frontières
10'	Participatory approaches to research on health and migration	Prof Anne MacFarlane, Professor of Primary Health Care Research, University of Limerick, WHO Collaborating Centre.
25'	Q&A	All panelists; Chair to moderate.
5'	Closing remarks	Dr Santino Severoni, Director, WHO Department of Health and Migration