

Migrants, Refugees and Health



**Webinar organized by the Working Group on Health in Emergencies and Disaster
World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPAH)**

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With one billion people on the move or having moved in 2018, migration has become a complex social and political issue. On 10 December 2018, over 160 countries adopted the [Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration](#). It is the first-ever UN global agreement on a common approach to international migration in all its dimensions.¹ Now implementation of the Compact will take centre stage. The UCL–Lancet Commission on Migration and Health steps in to provide evidence for cooperation and action. The report published online on December 5, 2018 documents the devastating impacts of forced migration and the overall benefits to the health of individuals and populations that migration generates. It also lays out a research agenda to better ensure the health of migrants.²

Against this background, this webinar **aims** to

- Introduce the Global Compact for Migration, highlight the links between Migration and Development, and focus on the issue of the health of migrants and refugees
- Assess the major challenges to implement the Global Compact and the key role international and professional organizations, such as Public Health Associations, can play to inform solutions for access to health for migrants and refugees
- Facilitate a dialogue to advance understanding and capabilities to tackle health challenges faced by migrants and refugees by leveraging the power of community and professional organizations.

Moderator :

Chadia Wannous, Chair of the WFPHA Working Group on Health in Emergencies and Disasters

Speakers

- Summary of the Global Compact and Next Steps for Implementation and Implications for Health of Migrants- Jacqueline Weekers, Director, Migration Health Division, International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- Healthcare access of immigrants: An integrated approach– Alejandro Gil Salmerón, Polibienestar Research Institute, University of Valencia
- The Challenge of Promoting the Health of Refugees and Migrants in Europe - Glenn Laverack, Visiting Professor (Health Promotion), Leeds Beckett University, Leeds, UK.
- Climate Risks, Ecosystem Degradation and Forced Migration- Catherine Machalaba, Policy Advisor and Research Scientist, EcoHealth Alliance
- Summary of the UCL–Lancet Commission on Migration and Health: The Health of a World on the Move and Key Recommendations- Presented by Member of the Lancet Commission
- Questions and Answers

The webinar is free and open to all interested health and migration and development professionals.

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¹ More information on the Global Compact here: [Intergovernmental Conference on the Global Compact for Migration. \(draft outcome document available in all official languages\)](#).

² See the full report of the Commission at <https://www.thelancet.com/commissions/migration-health>

Bios of Moderator and Speaker

Chadia Wannous



Chadia Wannous is the Coordinator of Toward a Safer World Network (TASW), a professional multisectoral network advancing pandemic preparedness and risk reduction of health emergencies. Dr. Wannous is public health professional with over twenty-eight years of experience. Dr. Wannous coordinated the implementation of the health components of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and the Science and Technology Partnership and Advisory Group at the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2017). She was the Senior Policy Advisor to the UN Special Envoy on Ebola response in West Africa (2014-2015) and to the UN System Influenza Coordination (2011-2015) leading strategic planning and technical support to countries' preparedness and response interventions. Dr. Wannous is the Chair of the WFPHA Working Group on Health in Emergencies and Disasters and a member

of the Development Team of Future Earth Knowledge Action Network on Health and the Scientific Committee of EcoHealth Alliance One Health project.

Jacqueline Weekers



Jacqueline Weekers is the Director of the Migration Health Division at IOM Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. Ms. Weekers has been working in the domain of migrant health for some twenty-five years in the Asia Pacific region and at Headquarters level in IOM and WHO. Ms Weekers advises Member States, partners and colleagues on the management of migration health issues, relevant strategy and policy developments in line with sustainable development goals, and building needed multi-sectoral partnerships, including UN agencies. She was i.a. responsible for the organization of the 2010 and 2017 multi stakeholder Global Consultations on the Health of Migrants, and related Governing Bodies processes, and she has widely promoted the mainstreaming of migration health into the Global Compact on

Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. Ms. Weekers has published, trained and presented on a range of migrant health and public health related topics in the context of international migration and development.

Ibrahim Abubakar



Ibrahim Abubakar is Director of the UCL Institute for Global Health. He led the UCL Centre for Infectious Disease Epidemiology, UCL-TB and was a senior investigator at the MRC Clinical Trials Unit. He was head of TB at Public Health England. He is the chair of the UCL Lancet Commission on Migration and Health. Prior to his appointment at UCL, he was Professor in Health Protection at the Norwich Medical School. He qualified in medicine in 1992 and initially trained in general medicine before specialising in public health medicine. His academic public health training was undertaken at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of Cambridge and the University of East Anglia. He is currently chair of the WHO Strategic and Technical Advisory

Group for Tuberculosis. He serves on/chairs several expert/advisory groups for the WHO and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control.

Glenn Laverack



Glenn Laverack is a leader in health promotion and empowerment and has a career spanning more than 30 years having worked in 50 countries including in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Pacific regions. He formerly worked as a senior research fellow at Flinders University, Australia and as a Coordinator and Technical Officer with the WHO, Geneva. He is a full Adjunct Professor at the University of the UAE and has a wide range of publications regarding health promotion including 22 books in several languages. He is presently an independent advisor on health promotion working in a number of countries and professional settings and this helps to facilitate a broad insight at both a theoretical and practice level.

Alejandro Gil-Salmerón



Alejandro has a Degree in Social Work (2015) and is Post-Graduated on Social Welfare Policies (2016), by the University of Valencia. He is a doctoral researcher at Polibienestar Research Institute (University of Valencia) since 2016 where he has participated in more than 10 European projects focused mainly on integrated care, health promotion and public health policy. He has experience analysing accessibility factors of health and social services promoting their improvement for vulnerable groups, as well collecting, analysing and interpreting quantitative and qualitative data. The results of his research have been published

in scientific journals and presented in international conferences. Furthermore, he has been a visiting researcher in the Centre for Cross-Cultural Research at the University of Guelph in Canada (2018).

Catherine Machalaba



Catherine Machalaba serves as policy advisor and research scientist at EcoHealth Alliance, a scientific non-profit organization working at the nexus of conservation, global health, and capacity strengthening. She works closely with the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity and World Health Organization and chairs the American Public Health Association's Veterinary Public Health group. She was a lead author of the World Bank "Operational Framework for Strengthening Human, Animal and Environmental Public Health Systems at their Interface" published in 2018 to assist countries and donor institutions in implementing One Health approaches. Catherine holds degrees in biology and public health.