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A Virtual Journey into the Sahel: Delivering results together, June 17, 2021

On behalf of the World Bank Group, I am pleased to invite you to a virtual meeting on the occasion of the launch of the Virtual Journey into the Sahel on Thursday, June 17, 2021 from 9:00-10:30 AM Washington (EST) and 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM Paris (GMT+2).

This event will serve as a platform for unveiling a virtual reality field visit in the Sahel, an immersive mission into the region that will allow visitors to witness International Development Association (IDA) projects on the ground. The live virtual meeting will engage legislators and key partners from around the world in discussions with World Bank regional leadership, country staff, IMF experts, and various stakeholders from the Sahel on the challenges and successful strategies in achieving results for a region touched by fragility, conflict and violence in the midst of a pandemic. It will be a special opportunity to deepen understanding of the development process, including the importance of stakeholder engagement, from experts in the field and local representatives and officials.

We will share the detailed program in due time. Simultaneous interpretation will be offered in English and French.

Please register at the following [link](https://form.jotform.com/PNOWB/a-virtual-journey-into-the-sahel) (<https://form.jotform.com/PNOWB/a-virtual-journey-into-the-sahel>) to confirm your participation no later than **Friday, June 10, 2021**. Please also share this invitation with members of your esteemed organization. For any additional information, please do not hesitate to email Blythe Antonelli or Tea Cimini at parliamentarians@worldbank.org.

We hope you will be able to join us for this unique opportunity to experience development results in the Sahel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hannah George'.

Hannah George

About IDA

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