

Platform for Partnerships

Friday 16 October 2015
09h15-12h00

Preliminary Agenda

Co-chairs: Bangladesh and Morocco
Rapporteur: Germany

09h15-09h25 Introduction by co-chairs

09h25-09h40 Policy and Practise Database

Updates on the GFMD Policy and Practise Database
Estrella Lajom, Head of the GFMD Support Unit

Migration and Health - presentation by the Government of Thailand

This presentation will provide Thailand experiences over a decade in developing migrant health insurance programs for around 3 million of both documented and undocumented migrants. Key success factors in policy formulation, policy implementation and provision of affordable health care from primary health care to the high cost care would be presented and discussed. The innovative intervention to establish and develop “Migrant Health Worker” and “Migrant Health Volunteer” is an effective approach to minimize the shortage of human resources for health, and also diminish the language barrier in providing health services for migrants. Apart from assisting access to health care, the Migrant Health Volunteer is effectively employed as the essential mechanism to promote primary health care in the migrant’s communities. The special economic zone along the borders of Thailand and neighbouring countries is another government policy to promote the use of migrant labour at the border areas instead of allowing them to migrate into the big cities.

09h40-10h20 Policy Tools and Calls for Action

Gender on the Move: Working on the Migration-Development Nexus from a Gender Perspective

- Republic of Moldova
- UN Women

This presentation will provide an update on UN Women’s work with the training manual *Gender on the Move: Working on the Migration-Development Nexus from a Gender Perspective*; including an update on how the manual is being used for ongoing advocacy and the development of this training into a substantive course on migration and development from a gender perspective. The objective of the manual is to build the gender analysis capacity of an array of actors working on topics related to migration and development, and offer tools to help design programs and policies that strengthen the positive effects of migration in terms of development, both in origin and destination countries (see: <http://www.gfmd.org/pfp/policy-tools/gender-on-the-move>).

ACP – EU Migration Action: A facility for Member States of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States on readmission, remittances and visas, human trafficking and smuggling

- Kenya
- EU and IOM

The ACP-EU Migration Action is a new initiative offering the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Governments and Regional Organizations the possibility to request technical assistance on visas, remittances, readmission, trafficking in human beings and smuggling of migrants. These are the priority areas of the Dialogue on Migration and Development between the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States and the European Union (EU). The presentation will give an overview on how the technical assistance ‘on demand’ functions; what can be requested; how ACP Governments and Regional Organizations can request such expert assistance and examples of assistance delivered (see <http://acpeumigrationaction.iom.int>)

10h20-11h50 *Strengthening the evidence base – Migration in the 2030 Development Agenda*

Dashboard of Indicators for Measuring Policy Coherence for Migration and Development

- Cabo Verde and Switzerland
- OECD Development Center and UNDP

The KNOMAD Thematic Working Group on Policy and Institutional Coherence will present its dashboard of indicators for measuring policy and institutional coherence for migration and development. The dashboard – a tool that aims to help policy makers (i) take stock of their existing policies and institutional arrangements in different sectors related to migration and development and (ii) consider what policies and institutional mechanisms may be needed to maximise the positive impact of migration on development – is currently being operationalised in 10 pilot countries. During the presentation, two pilot countries – Cabo Verde and Switzerland – will speak about their experiences of implementing the dashboard in their national contexts, after which the Thematic Working Group will present the rationale, content and methodology of the dashboard, as well as the opportunities and challenges brought by its operationalisation.

GMG Handbook on Measuring Migration and Development

- UNDESA and IOM

The GMG’s Data and Research group will present the "Migration and Development Data Handbook" which provides practical guidance and support to Member States in collecting and analyzing data on migration and development and in activities to monitor the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Handbook, which pools together the experience and expertise of the GMG agencies into one concise publication, seeks to provide a basis for data capacity development at the country level, as well as for the international community to identify priority areas for investment in capacity-building.

A Study on Reducing Recruitment and Migration Costs

- Philippines
- ILO and KNOMAD

The KNOMAD Thematic Working Group on Labor Migration, which ILO co-chairs, will present findings from its work to better understand and address the high costs of labour migration, particularly its recent migration cost surveys and analysis of bilateral agreements. Evidence suggests that migrant workers who are forced to pay high labour migration costs have diminished capacity to contribute to

development and at greater risk of exploitation. The KNOMAD's migration surveys aim to build a bilateral migration cost database: it focuses on costs incurred by workers during the deployment process, which are broadly comprised of compliance, recruitment and transportation costs. On the other hand, the work on analysis of bilateral agreements (BLAs) or Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) attempts to measure opportunity costs, and is geared towards establishing a database to ultimately serve analytical underpinnings for policies to reduce migration costs incurred by low-skilled labor migrants at the country level, and for setting a global target to reduce migration costs to a certain level – such as to one month wage."

Human Rights of Migrants Indicators

- Mexico (TBC)
- UNOHCHR and KNOMAD

The KNOMAD Thematic Working Group on Migrant Rights and Social Aspects of Migration, which OHCHR and UNICEF are co-chairing, will present its work on Human Rights Indicators for Migrants and their Families. Statistical information is essential to assessing progress in the translation of human rights commitments into law, policy and practice. KNOMAD's working paper - based on a model developed by OHCHR - explains the value of migrant rights indicators and proposes a framework of indicators the rights to education, health, and decent work. Subsequently, KNOMAD has been refining and assessing the relevance of the above-mentioned human rights indicators for migrants and their families at the national level, including in Mexico and in Tunisia.

Questions and Answers

11h55-12h00 Concluding remarks by co-chairs