Migration in the Post-2015 Development Agenda

Perspectives and priorities of the Swedish Chairmanship
Migration as an enabler of development

- Inclusive Economic Development
  - labour markets, income levels and distribution, financial markets, trade and investments.
  (MDG 1)

- Inclusive Social Development
  - health, education, housing, gender equality (MDG 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7), and social protection
Migration as an enabler (cont...)

- The mechanisms:
  - labour market matching, transfer of knowledge and skills, financial remittances, diaspora networks, social remittances, urbanization

- Not taken for granted
  - active and tailored policies required
A more development-oriented focus

– Thematically:
  • Policy coherence
  • Migration and inclusive economic development
  • Migration and inclusive social development

– Process:
  • More development actors participating in GFMD
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– Migration as an enabler of development

• Targets and indicators for the contribution of migration to other development goals?
  – Remittances contribution to levels of income, to school completion rates, to health outcomes, social protection etc
  – Labour migration contribution to access to decent work, to empowerment of women etc.
– Migration as a “partnership” / MDG 8
  • More concrete targets and more explicit links to other development goals.
    – Reduction of remittance transfer costs
    – Costs of migration (including e.g. recruitment, documentation and travel) decline
    – The portability of assets accrued by migrants (savings, property, pensions, qualifications, work experience) is eased


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