

Roundtable Sessions, Marrakesh, 6 December 2018

Reporting Template

This template is meant to facilitate reporting from the different Roundtable discussions to the closing session on Friday, December 7 (15h30-17h00).

In the interest of time, we advise you to use this template to directly take notes during the respective Roundtable session. Please write in concise bullet points to facilitate the preparation of the final report.

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Thank you for your assistance!

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Roundtable session:	1.1: Harnessing the capital of migrants to realise their potential

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1. Summary/Main discussion points

Build resilience of migrants and build healthier, happier and productive society”

1. Harnessing the capital and potential of migrants isn't differentiated between north and south rather it is an issue demanding responsibility of all
2. Effective and Sustainable integration of migrants is key and the first step to harnessing their capital to realize their potential to contribute to host communities
3. It is important to be clear on what capital we are talking about – human, economic, social and cultural capital – they're overlapping and valuable in ensuring the migrants potentials are realized
4. Demonstrating how these capital work through the experience of migrants is valuable in reducing the negativity faced by the migrants
5. What is effective integration and how do we realize this
 - Three elements in form of distinctions are helpful in answering the questions o
 - ✓ Distinction between regular and irregular migration
 - ✓ Distinction between permanent and temporary migrants
 - ✓ Distinction around gender dimension
6. Regular migration doesn't automatically convey opportunities of harnessing migrants capital

7. The classification of migrants between skill and unskilled is another area of importance in relation to harnessing the potential and capital of migrants
8. Data on migration stock is key to the process of harnessing migrants capital
9. Establishment of institutions and strategy for harnessing migrants' capital is of primary importance

2. Challenges

1. Close communities - integration and harnessing of migrants potential is built on providing enabling environment – lack of open receiving community is a stumbling block in this effort
2. Poor policies, and ineffective or shallow integration programs
3. Lack of integrated approach to migrants' capitals that sometimes plays economic capital over others especial human capital - wholistic approach to the capitals will be necessary in order to make them work for the migrants and full responsibilities towards them.
4. Little, insufficient or no attention to the youth in discussions, policy development and implementation of activities
5. **Societal tension** - Tradeoffs in terms of cultural and social interaction in seeking cohesion and **role of populism**
6. **Overemphasizing of the gap between skill and unskilled migrants**
7. Insufficient coordination and collaboration between countries of origin and destination to realize their potential in both countries

3. Opportunities / good practices / innovations for the way forward

- Good knowledge of migrants profile and market needs of the receiving country
- Reinforcement of institutions responsible for migration in countries for establishing bridges with all actors including CSO
- Development of societal education in integration processes in the migrants language – this will enable them know and respect existing laws and cultures of the receiving community
- Practice of granting work visa to migrant Experts' spouses and partners – it's a three win - for the country, the company and the migrants and family.
- Encourage family integration with incentives for investors to recruit migrants spouses and the migrants to bring their families
- Provision of right information for migrants about the opportunities and realities in the countries of destination
- Giving voices to migrants especially temporary migrants beginning from pre-departure; involving an all of government approach, bringing all the various department of government to respond to the issues of migration and migrants
- Student exchange programs
- Bilateral agreements in migrants skill exchange such as the Germany-Philippine health workers program
- Realizing the role of business in creating job and employments to be able to realize migrants' capital
- Realizing the role of children and youth in integration is pertinent and need to be harnessed
- Need to encourage media to focus on good examples
- Reformation of the recruitment policy and systems

4. Relevance to the Global Compact for Migration and its follow-up, implementation and review

- ✓ it is important to recognize how capital is lost remembering that the GCM is triggered by irregular movements in a large scale
- ✓ harnessing capital of migrants relates to four distinctive objectives, 3, 7, 16, &18
- Objective 3. provide accurate and timely information at all stages of migration
- Objective 7 reduce vulnerabilities and responsive to gender elements
- Objective 18 – invest in skills development and facilitate mutual recognition of skills, qualifications and competences

Action in these objective areas can be taken individually or collective through harmonization of policies and relationships.

5. Contributions to the achievement of the Agenda 2030

This ties with the wholsitic approach to development and integration of migration in countries

6. Inspiring quotes: If you like, please give one or two **quotes** that inspired you during the session.

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Societal tension is not the making of migration or migrants but the society

Populism is based not reality but on myth