

Photo exhibition on
**ENTREPRENEURSHIP
FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**

CHANGING THE NARRATIVE

While conspicuous migration flows to both developed and developing countries will most likely continue for the next decades, so far fragmented efforts have been put in place to integrate and enhance the economic contributions of migrants, refugees, asylum seekers and ethnic minorities into the local economies through entrepreneurial activities. Opportunities for potentially high impact and community-focused enterprises and entrepreneurs are therefore lost, missing an opportunity for the development and integration of migrants as well as a chance for becoming an added value and a resource for both hosting countries and countries of origin. The benefits of migration to economic development, which is set out in economic development research and advocated by international organizations is however seldom a visible phenomenon.

This photo exhibition is the result of an open call for entries diffused worldwide through the respective networks of UNCTAD, UNHCR and IOM. It intends to show the “diversity dividend” of migrants entrepreneurial contribution. It provides a visual representation of how migrants and refugees generate income and develop businesses to provide goods and services in their host countries. The place and conditions in which they do so are diverse, as are the kind of businesses they run, which can range from self-employment, microbusinesses, SMEs and large scale enterprises.

In the spirit of delivering as one UN, this initiative builds on the ongoing tripartite partnership that led to the joint UNCTAD/IOM/UNHCR Policy Guide on Entrepreneurship for Migrants and Refugees, launched during the World Investment Forum in Geneva in October 2018. In light of the entrepreneurial contribution of migrants and refugees, the need to shift focus from solely emergency responses to inclusive longer term development strategies is key.



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