

## Session 1.1 - Tools and Safeguards for Policy Coherence – Finding the right policy mix to balance different interests and objectives

### Country: Republic of India

#### **Roundtable 1: Migration and Development through National Strategies: Enhancing the Effectiveness of Domestic Policies**

India's approach on matters related to migration and mobility is comprehensive in nature. India also see the issue of mobility in the broader perspective of migration and development and for that matter, the Sustainable Development Goals.

India wants legal migration to be simplified/facilitated/liberalized alongside actions. A well-managed mobility of professionals could ensure win-win outcomes. It would also be helpful in enhancing productivity and maintaining competitiveness of the developed world.

In India, we are working on these matters extensively. Our efforts encompass a broad range of issues. These issues include skills and qualification and their mutual recognition, cost of migration, recruitment procedures, immigration policies, social security, compulsory Pre Departure Orientation and other forms of protection. We are also working towards entering into arrangements on mutual recognition of skills, human mobility partnerships and acceptability of certifications. We also believe that all key stakeholders need to work together for an effective outcome. Apart from the Governments, business and industry, students, academia, research institutions, diaspora networks etc. also have an important role.

Government of India has accorded key priority in ensuring a safe, orderly, legal and humane migration process. We remain steadfast in our commitment in tackling illegal migration and human trafficking.

The e-Migrate system is being used to issue Emigration Clearance to low and semi-skilled Indian workers proceeding for Overseas Employment in the Gulf and India-South East Asia corridors. Over 520,000 Emigration Clearances were issued through the system in 2016.

#### Bilateral/regional cooperation

India is cooperating on return of illegal immigrants, wherever reported, as per the extant legal framework.

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