MIGRATION PROFILES: DEVELOPING EVIDENCE BASED MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT POLICIES
Panel 1: Migration Profile as an Ongoing Process

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Philippine migration and national development
The Philippines is mainly an out-migration country

- 1400’s trade with China & Mexico
- Pre-World War 150,000 plantation workers to Hawaii
- 1960’s family reunification and jobs in the US after its immigration reforms
- 1970’s to date with increased mobility and demand for foreign workers
8.579 million stock estimate of Filipinos abroad (2009)

4.056 M – Permanent migrants

3.864 M – Temporary migrants

658 thousand - irregulars
Top Destinations

Permanent:
USA, Australia, Canada, Spain

Temporary:
KSA, UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, USA and HK
Migration is a key feature of the Philippine labour market.

**Deployment and Remittances (in US$ Billions)**

2001-2009

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An extensive network of government agencies on migration

- Department of Foreign Affairs
  - Philippine Embassies/ Mission
- Department of Labor and Employment
  - Philippine Overseas Employment Employment Administration
    - Overseas Workers’ Welfare Administration
      - 38 Philippine Overseas Labor Offices
  - Bureau of Immigration
- Commission on Filipino Overseas
  - Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
  - Department of Tourism
An extensive institutional and legal framework

Immigration Act of 1940

The Absentee Voting Act of 2003

Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003

Philippine Citizenship Retention and Re-Acquisition Act of 2003

Balikbayan Act of 1989

Labor Code of the Philippines of 1974

Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipino Act of 1995, and as amended in 2010
An extensive use of migration information for decision making

Figure - Overseas Employment: 1972-2004

GOVERNMENT MARKETING MISSIONS; PRIVATE LED RECRUITMENT & PLACEMENT
NEW MARKETS MISSIONS: Asia
Increasing deployment = Increasing welfare concerns:

- Establishment of Overseas Workers Welfare Administration and Philippine Overseas Labor Offices
Figure 1 - PERCENT SHARE BY OCCUPATIONAL GROUP TO TOTAL DEPLOYMENT: 1972-1987

- Production Workers
- Service Workers
- Professional Workers
REFORMS IN BANKING POLICIES

Annual Remittances Inflow, Philippines: 1975-2005

(in million US $)

Year

Laws that mandates data sharing and annual report of information on movement and conditions of Filipino nationals

- Government-shared Information System
- Semi-Annual Report to Congress
THE PHILIPPINE MIGRATION PROFILE: AN ONGOING PROCESS
IOM’s technical expertise and assistance in drawing up the Philippine Migration Profile

Government assessment of need for Migration Profile, identification of gaps and issues on implementation
Government building up on its 50-year gain on data collection, integration, analysis and utilization for planning and policy making

Government preparing to examine the broader context and impact of migration on development
- **International Organizations** providing technical cooperation and support

- **Government** doing consultative meetings to develop and plan the implementation of Migration Profile, based on social dialogue with its tripartite partners, stakeholders and partners