

THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

Statement to Roundtable 1.1

Tools and Safeguards for Policy Coherence—Finding the right policy mix to balance different interests and objectives

Policy coherence is essential to achieving orderly, safe, regular, and responsible migration, as well as mobility of people. Indonesia believes that every citizen has the right to migrate to get better livelihood opportunities. My government has put in place various measures and policies to facilitate labor migration and to ensure that the whole migration process—recruitment, preparation to movement, employment stage at the host countries, return and reintegration—is safe and orderly.

Indonesia sees the Global Forum on Migration and Development as an appropriate platform to call for stronger policy coherence at the global level. Its nature as a forum for discussing issues and way forward on many migration-related themes put GFMD at the forefront in strengthening global multi-stakeholder collaboration, notably in the efforts to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to draft the global compacts for migration and refugees.

Accordingly, we encourage GFMD to look closely on many best practices that have taken place at bilateral and regional levels, and bring them forward during the drafting process of the Global Compact.

Indonesia has made some efforts to develop policy coherence at national, regional, and global levels.

At the national level, my Government has improved the governance on the placement of migrant workers, by establishing an integrated recruitment service to lower the migration cost and prevent smuggling and trafficking in persons. The Government is currently in the process of revising its Law on the Placement and Protection of Indonesian Migrant Workers to improve the governance and the protection of migrant workers.

At the sub-national level, we initiated Migrant Care Villages—in which local government, community, civil society organizations, and donors play a significant role—that aim at protecting our migrant workers, as well as preventing and curbing smuggling and trafficking of persons. Migrant Care Villages provides various services, such as, information on safe migration, documentation processing, complaints, economic empowerment for migrant workers and their families, and data.

At bilateral level, Indonesia seeks to improve the wellbeing and the protection of Indonesian migrants by strengthening bilateral arrangements with countries of destination.

Furthermore, Indonesia and all ASEAN Member States in 2007 adopted ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers. The Declaration underlines ASEAN Member States' commitments to, among others, promote decent, humane, and dignified employment, as well as prevent and curb smuggling and trafficking of persons. Indonesia emphasizes the need to establish a legally binding instrument on the protection of migrant workers in the ASEAN region, and calls for the strong commitment from the ASEAN member states to finalize the instrument as early as possible.

In addition, Indonesia is actively engaged in several regional processes such as, the Colombo Process and Abu Dhabi Dialogue, which are platforms for states to share experiences, good practices and foster policy coherences, as well as to promote cooperation between countries of origin and destinations in protecting the basic rights of migrant workers.

At international level, Indonesia is a party to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families. We continue to urge universal ratification of ICRMW in order to strengthen commitment and obligation of all countries to protect migrant workers and their families.