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Friday 22 January 2021: “Building Forward Better”

1st plenary: “Solutions for Recovery and Rejuvenation from COVID-time: The Business Case and Common Ground” 12:30-13:15 prime time; all times CET (Geneva)	
12:30 – 12:45	<p>Welcoming remarks from Moderator: <i>Mr. Roberto Suarez Santos</i>, Secretary-General, International Organisation of Employers</p> <p>Greeting: <i>H.E. Abdulla Ali Al Nuaimi</i>, Assistant Undersecretary, International Relations and Communications, Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratization, United Arab Emirates</p> <p>Keynote: <i>Mr. Austin Fragomen</i> Chair Business Advisory Group, hosted by International Organisation of Employers</p>
12:45 – 13:15	<p>Interaction on questions:</p> <p>Question 1: What are 2 key <i>business</i> solutions that you see for recovery and rejuvenation from the COVID crisis?</p> <p>Question 2: Rather than focus just on differences, where is there common ground on such solutions with other actors and groups—and do you think there is enough common ground for us to build forward better—and faster?</p> <p>3 discussion starters (4 min each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Girlie Grace J. Casimiro-Igtiben</i>, Director, National Economic Development Authority (NEDA), The Philippines • <i>Mr. Ambet Yuson</i>, General Secretary, Building and Woodworkers International <p>Intervention from the floor</p>
IOE-SEEDSTARS Migration Challenge pitching Competition Part 1: first round of 10 finalists	
13:15 – 13:55	Business Start-up finalist Pitching Competition 10 pitches plus jury Q & A (pre-recorded)
13:55 – 14:05	Break
Plenary Discussion 2. “Solutions for Recovery and Rejuvenation from COVID-time: the Development Case and Common Ground”	
14:05 – 14:10	Welcoming remarks from Moderator: <i>Ms. Ronnie Goldberg</i> Chair Policy Working Group Labour Migration, International Organisation of Employers
14:10 – 14:50	<p>Interaction on questions:</p> <p>Question 1: What are the 2 -3 key <i>development</i> solutions that you see for recovery and rejuvenation from the COVID crisis?</p>

	<p>Question 2: Is there common ground on such solutions with other actors and groups—and do you think there is enough common ground for us to build forward better—and faster?</p> <p>3 discussion starters (4 min each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Jochem de Boer, Global Public Affairs Manager World Employment Confederation</i> • <i>Ms. Simone Giger Head, Global Programme Migration and Development, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation Federal Department of Foreign Affairs</i> • <i>Ms. Veronique Lamontagne, Policy officer, strategic planning, general management and Migration file manager, International Relations Office City of Montreal, Canada</i> <p>Interventions from the floor</p>
<p>IOE-SEEDSTARS Migration Challenge pitching Competition Part 2: second round of 10 finalists</p>	
<p>14:50 – 15:30</p>	<p>Business start-up finalist pitching competition. Second 10 pitches and jury Q & A (pre-recorded)</p>