

GFMD 2020 UAE Chair

Theme 1: The Governance of Labour Migration in the Context of Changing Employment Landscapes

Proposed Agenda of the RT Session

Tuesday, 19 January 2021 12h30 to 15h30 CET

Co-Chairs: Egypt, Zimbabwe

RT Session Rapporteur: Sweden

Thematic Lead (and penholder): Michelle Leighton, ILO

RT Team Member States: Afghanistan, Botswana, Congo, Costa Rica, Indonesia, Kenya, Lebanon, Nepal, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, United Kingdom

GFMD Mechanisms: Civil Society, Business, Mayors

Observers: FAO, ICMPD, ILO, IOM, OECD, OSCE/ODIHR, UNICEF, KNOMAD/World Bank

12h30 – 12h50 Opening Statements by the RT Co-Chairs

- *Mrs. Neveen Elhousseiny*, Minister plenipotentiary, Deputy Assistant Minister for Migration, Refugees and Combatting Human Trafficking, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt
- *Mr. Poem Mudyawabikwa*, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe to the UNOG

12h50 – 13h05 Overview of the RT Background Paper

- *Ms. Michelle Leighton*, Chief, Labour Migration Branch, International Labour Organization (ILO), Thematic Lead

13h05 – 14h05 Focused Session I

This moderated session will focus on Thematic Areas 1 and 2 of the RT Background Paper. There will be two rounds of discussion. In each round, the Moderators will draw questions from the suggested guiding questions in the Background Paper (*see Annex*). Discussants will be given 5 minutes each to respond to the questions. Thereafter, the floor will be open for discussion. Interveners from the floor will be given no more than 3 min.

- Moderators:
 - *Mr. Poem Mudyawabikwa*, RT Co-Chair Zimbabwe
 - *Ms. Michelle Leighton*, Thematic Lead
- Discussants:
 - *Mr. Julius Cainglet*, Vice President for Research and Advocacy of the Federation of Free Workers, International Federation of Building and Wood Workers (BWI)
 - Mayors / Local Authorities (TBD)
 - *Ms. Damilola Ovelade*, Youth Speaker

14h05 – 15h05 Focused Session II

This moderated session will focus on Thematic Areas 3 and 4 of the RT Background Paper. There will be two rounds of discussion. In each round, the Moderators will draw questions from the suggested guiding questions in the Background Paper (*see Annex*). Discussants will be given 5 minutes each to respond to the questions. Thereafter, the floor will be open for discussion. Interveners from the floor will be given no more than 3 min.

- Moderators:
 - *Mrs. Neveen Elhousseiny*, RT Co-Chair Egypt
 - *Mr. Kristof Tamas*, RT Session 1 Rapporteur
- Discussants:
 - *H.E. Ms. Tatiana Molcean*, Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the UNOG
 - *Ms. Lynn Shotwell*, CEO, Worldwide ERC
 - *Ms. Alicja Lelwic*, Youth Speaker

15h05 – 15h20 Summary of the Roundtable Discussion

- *Mr. Kristof Tamas*, Senior Adviser, Ministry of Justice, Sweden

15h20 – 15h30 Concluding Statements by the Co-Chairs

ANNEX

FOCUSED SESSION I

Thematic Area 1: Human-centred approaches to addressing future of work challenges and opportunities for labour migration

Guiding questions:

- a) What experiences or lessons can participants share on how they are improving their governance approaches and policies to be more human-centered and rights-based and what lessons can be exchanged on new strategies for monitoring and anticipating future changes and needs in labour migration, and a changing employment landscape?
- b) What examples can participants share on successful approaches used at national or regional levels to promote migration as a choice, not a necessity, and which promote a holistic approach to labour migration governance such as a 'whole of government' and 'whole of society'?
- c) What elements would be necessary to make approaches successful in promoting greater stakeholder engagement at national, bilateral or multilateral levels having migrants workers at the centre of their strategies?

Thematic Area 2: Data and migration governance

Guiding questions:

- a) What are the most significant gaps in available data and analytical tools, and which should be priority focus areas for policy-makers?
- b) What is the role of dedicated research in policy formulation?
- c) How can standardized data collection and surveys better help policy-makers meet the needs emerging from COVID-19 impacts, with a view to anticipating the future of labour migration?

FOCUSED SESSION II

Thematic Area 3: Regular migration pathways, skills and job matching

Guiding questions:

- a) What are emerging practices in opening further avenues for regular migration pathways, and what is needed to further expand these opportunities, and strengthen information sharing between origin and destination countries?
- b) What lessons can be shared on how policy-makers, business or other stakeholders are managing their institutions and systems to improve skills and jobs matching nationally or across borders and migration corridors, and for return and reintegration of migrant workers?
- c) What examples can participants share on how they are tailoring their admission and visa schemes to meet present and future needs and challenges?

Thematic Area 4: Partnerships, International and bilateral cooperation for improved labour migration governance

Guiding questions:

- a) What lessons can be shared on bilateral, regional and global cooperation, such as through the use of BLMAs or other partnerships, which can strengthen labour migration governance toward anticipating and addressing future demands?
- b) How can multi-stakeholder partnerships promote human-centered approaches and international standards toward more effective governance?
- c) What are synergies that can be shared on support of UN agencies through joint collaboration in UNCTs and the UN Network on Migration or under their own programmes to enhance synergies at national and regional level?