The COVID-19 impact on mobility of workers across borders is creating unique vulnerabilities for migrant workers. At the same time, employers in countries of destination can be challenged by critical labour shortages. Governments are facing extraordinary challenges in designing and enforcing appropriate regulations.

Ensuring fair, ethical and responsible recruitment during this volatile period is more essential than ever. The crisis has exposed new as well as pre-existing, often structural, challenges in the recruitment of migrant workers for all actors involved and the overall functioning of labour markets. This side event will explore how the COVID-19 crisis has changed the recruitment landscape, how different stakeholders are responding and what kind of policy and practical action is needed to contribute to a better/improved post-COVID-19 recruitment landscape.

Moderators: IHRB, ILO and IOM

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Opening remarks:
Representative of the European Union
Representative of the SDC

Panel discussion

Ms Sharan Burrow, General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
Representative of the Government of Mauritius (TBC)
Representative of the Government of Mexico (TBC)
Mr Menno Bart, Public Affairs Manager, The Adecco Group
Ms Henriette McCool, Corporate Social Responsibility Manager, Vinci. Member of the Leadership Group for Responsible Recruitment
Mr Alex Au, Vice President - Transient Workers Count Too
Mr Joe Martinez, Director Ejecutivo, CIERTO Global, Servicios Profesionales de Trabajadores Agrícolas, USA

Interpretation in English and Spanish will be available