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Workshop on Strengthening Dialogue between ESCWA and ESCAP
Countries on International Migration and Development
Beirut, 28-30 June 2011

PROVISIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Tuesday 28 June 2011

09:00-09:30

Registration

Session 1. Opening of the Workshop.

09:30-09:40

Opening Statement of Ms. Rima Khalaf, Executive Secretary, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) – *delivered by Mr. Yousef Nusseir, Director of the Information and Communication Technology Division (ICTD) of ESCWA.*

09:40-09:50

Opening Statement of Ms. Nanda Krairiksh, Director, Social Development Division, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) – *delivered by Mr. Donovan Storey, Chief of the Social Policy and Population Section, Social Development Division of ESCAP.*

09:50-10:00

Statement of host country.

10:00-10:20

Coffee Break

Session 2. Key trends and challenges related to international migration and development

Chairperson: Mr. Ronald Skeldon, Professional Fellow, School of African and Asian Studies, University of Sussex, Brighton, United Kingdom.

- 10:20-10:30** Introduction of participants.
- 10:30-10:40** Outline of migration between countries of the ESCAP and ESCWA Regions.
(Ms. Sabine Henning, Population Affairs Officer, Migration Section, United Nations Population Division, New York).
- 10:40-10:50** The United Nations Development Account Project on International Migration: An overview of the main findings from the Latin American and Caribbean Region.
(Mr. Paulo Saad, Chief, Population and Development Area, Population Division, ECLAC, Santiago, Chile)
- 10:50-11:00** The United Nations Development Account Project on International Migration: An overview of the main findings from the ESCWA Region.
(Mr. Paul Tacon, Associate Population Affairs Officer, Population and Social Development Section, Social Development Division, ESCWA)
- 11:00-11:10** The United Nations Development Account Project on International Migration: An overview of the main findings from the ESCAP Region.
(Ms. Vanessa Steinmayer, Social Affairs Officer, Social Development Division Bangkok, Thailand)
- 11:10-11:20** Discussant: *Mr. Ibrahim Awad, Director of the Center for Migration and Refugees Studies, American University in Cairo, Egypt.*
- 11:20-11:50** Discussion
- 11:50-13:00** **Lunch.**

Session 3. Managing international migration while protecting migrants

Chairperson: Mr. Irudaya Rajan Sebastian, Chair Professor, Research Unit on International Migration, Center for Development Studies, Kerala, India.

- 13:00-13:20** The relationship between migration, development, and social protection.
(Mr. Frederico Neto, Director, Social Development Division, ESCWA)
- 13:20-13:40** Study on the protection of migrant workers from and within South and South West Asia.
(Ms. Nicola Piper, Arnold-Bergstraesser-Institute, Freiburg, Germany)
- 13:40-14:10** Discussion
- 14:10-14:30** **Coffee break.**
- 14:30-14:50** The implications of the sponsorship system: Challenges and opportunities.
(Ms. Hélène Harroff-Tavel, Regional Office for the Arab States, International Labour Organization)

- 14:50-15:10** Challenges related to managing migration in countries of origin: The case of recruitment cost in Bangladesh
(*Ms. Tasneem Arefa Siddiqui, Chair, Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit – RMMRU, University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh*)
- 15:10-15:30** The role of Civil Society in providing protection to migrant workers.
(*Mr. Ashley William Gois, Regional Coordinator, Migrant Forum in Asia (MFA), Quezon City, Philippines*)
- 15:30-15:40** Discussant: *Mr. Ahmad Ghoneim, Associate Professor of Economics, Cairo University, Egypt.*
- 15:40-16:10** Discussion

Wednesday 29 June 2011

Session 4. Assessing migration from a gender perspective

Chairperson: Mr. Jerrold W. Huguet, Consultant, Social Development Division, ESCAP, Bangkok, Thailand.

- 09:00-09:30** Video entitled “Maid in Lebanon”, ILO production.
- 09:30-09:50** The situation of migrant domestic workers in Arab States: A legislative overview.
(*Ms. Simel Esim, Senior Technical Specialist, Gender Equality and Women Workers’ Issues, International Labour Organization; and Ms. Carole Kerbage, ESCWA Consultant*)
- 09:50-10:10** The migratory experience of returned migrant domestic workers: the example of Indonesia
(*Ms. Aswatini Raharto, Deputy for Social Sciences and Humanities (IPSK), Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI), Jakarta, Indonesia*)
- 10:10-10:20** Discussant: Ms. Fahima Charafeddine, President of the Committee for the Follow-Up on Women’s Issues, Lebanon.
- 10:20-10:50** Discussion
- 10:50-11:10** **Coffee Break**

Session 5. Sharing national experiences and good practices related to the management of international migration and the protection of migrants

- 11:10-12:30** *Panel discussion (see guidance note for participants).*
Panel Moderator: Ms. Yuko Hamada, Senior Regional Programme Development Officer, IOM Regional Office for South East Asia, Bangkok, Thailand.
- Four panellists:
- Mr. Jamal Hassan al-Salman, Director of Labour, Council of Ministers of Labour and Social Affairs in GCC States, Manama, Bahrain.
 - Ms. Marline Atallah, Director, Department of Monitoring the Work of

Foreigners, Ministry of Labor, Lebanon.
 - Mr. Matloob Ahmed Rana, Director Research, Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment, Islamabad, Pakistan
 - Ms. Stella Z. Banawis, Director, Philippines Overseas Employment Administration (POEA), Manila, Philippines
 Rapporteurs: TBD by ESCAP and ESCWA.

12:30-14:00 Lunch

Presentation of the findings of the Panel discussion:

14:00-14:15 - from the perspective of receiving countries.
(Ms. Batool Shakoori, Chief of the Population and Social Development Section, Social Development Division of UN-ESCWA)

14:15-14:30 - from the perspective of sending countries.
(Mr. Donovan Storey, Chief of the Social Policy and Population Section, Social Development Division of ESCAP)

14:30-14:50 Coffee Break

Session 6. Working groups: preparing the agenda for future interregional dialogue

14:50-16:30 Working group discussion of findings and recommendations for a future interregional dialogue.
(Two working groups will be formed: one discussing the findings of the Workshop, the other focusing on its recommendations)

Thursday 30 June 2011

09:30-09:45 Screening of a slide show on migrant workers from Asia, ESCAP.

Session 7. Final Conclusions and Recommendations.

Chairperson: Mr. Ibrahim Awad, Director of the Center for Migration and Refugee Studies, American University in Cairo, Egypt. (Former Director, ILO International Migration Programme)

09:45-10:25 Presentation of results by the representatives of each working group.

10:25-11:30 Discussion and adoption of findings and recommendations.

11:30-11:45 Concluding statements by ESCWA and ESCAP.