



International Labour Organization

Realising a Fair Migration Agenda: Labour flows between Asia and the Arab States

Expert Meeting

3-4 December 2014, Kathmandu, Nepal

2ND December 2014: Arrival of participants	
3th December 2014: Day 1	
8.30am	Registration
9.00 – 9.15	Introduction Welcoming statement from Government of Nepal and ILO (ROAP Regional Director and other attending Directors) Introductions
9.15 – 10.30	Presentation of issues paper <i>Speaker: ILO senior migration specialist (ROAP & ROAS)</i> Discussion
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee and tea break and Group Photo
11.00 – 12.30	Session 1: Fair Recruitment Chair: Frank Hagemann, Director DWT Beirut, ROAS <i>Summary:</i> This session will address recruitment: what are the factors behind the current recruitment mechanisms? What is the potential for reform? What needs to be done for a fair recruitment system that efficiently matches jobs to job-seekers and reduces migration costs to the worker and employer? The session will propose ways to reduce migration costs and eliminate forced labour. <i>Speaker: Piyasiri Wikramasekara, Former ILO Senior Migration Specialist</i> Panel members – Hans Cacadac, Administrator, POEA, Philippines; Arab State expert Discussion and conclusions
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch break
14.00 – 15.00	Session 2: Decent employment and working conditions Chair: Thetis Mangahas, Deputy Regional Director, ROAP <i>Summary:</i> This session will host a discussion to seek ways to increase the protection for migrant domestic and construction workers by giving particular attention to: wage trends for migrant workers and wage protection; national legislation in relation to the provisions of ILO Convention 189; OSH in the construction sector. <i>Speakers : TBD</i>



	Panel members: Sri Lanka and 1 Arab States expert
15.00- 15.15	Coffee and tea break
15.15 - 17.30	Session 2: (continued) Discussion and conclusions
17.30	Close of Day 1
4th December 2014: Day 2	
8.30am	Registration
9.00 - 10.30	Session 3: Recognizing skills of potential and returning migrant workers Chair: Summary: This session will share regional experience in certification and recognition of skills with a focus on construction and domestic work. Speaker: ILO Skills Specialist Panel: Asia and Arab States expert Discussions and conclusions
10.30- 10.45	Coffee and tea break
10.45 - 12.30	Session 4: Increasing development impact Chair: Summary: <i>How can savings and investments from remittances be enhanced bearing in mind that remittances are private funds? What role can the private sector, countries of destination and origin play in reintegration of returnees? How can migration become more of an option rather than a necessity?</i> Speakers: Sasi Kumar, National Labour Institute, Noida, India Panel: World Bank, Bangladesh and Arab States expert Discussions and conclusions
12.30 - 14.00	Lunch
14.00 - 15.30	Session 5: Partnerships Chair: ILO Geneva Summary: This session will highlight best elements of bilateral agreements between governments and between trade unions for protection of migrant workers Speakers: MOEL, Korea Panel: GEFONT, Nepal, Asia and Arab States Expert Discussions and conclusions
15.30 - 15.45	Coffee and Tea break
15.45 - 16.30	Session 6: Summary and conclusions of the meeting
16.30	Close of Seminar
5th December 2014 Participant departure	