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## GFMD REGIONAL WORKSHOP

“Harnessing migration for rural transformation and development”

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# PREAMBLE: RURAL MIGRATION

Empirical evidence and experience indicate that **rural labour migrants are living and working in vulnerable and precarious conditions** with less than subsistence wages and limited or in many cases without access to basic social protection services.



# PROPOSAL 1

Countries benefitting from migrant labour should formulate and implement policies, plans, programmes and mechanisms to facilitate **formal integration and regularization of migrant labour** in the agriculture sector and the rural economy and society in general. All policies and strategies should be **inclusive and gender sensitive**.



# PROPOSAL 2

Countries should take steps to **develop and implement rural development strategies and policies** addressing not only issues relating to agriculture but the **entire rural economy and society** within the context of sustainable development.



# PREAMBLE: REMITTANCES

Presentations and discussions on the issue of remittances **focused heavily on the volume, cost of transfers, contribution to Gross National Product and uses** to which remittances have been made in the country of destination.

**Research** and studies on remittances have also focused almost entirely on the **receiving country side**.



# PROPOSAL 3

Conduct **studies in migrant receiving countries** to determine the relative **contribution of migrant labour to agriculture, GDP and rural development** in general for policy and advocacy purposes.

One of the objectives for studies of this nature is to provide empirical **evidence to target discrimination**, xenophobia and other intolerances against migrants.



# PROPOSAL 4

- Strengthen and /or establish **administrative migration data collection systems**
- Conduct cost benefit analysis **studies on circular migration, seasonal migration and short-term labour migration.**



# PREAMBLE: DRIVERS OF MIGRATION

- Recent approaches have focused almost entirely on **drivers of migration** from the country of origin side. This is often correlated with remittance flows to countries of origin.
- This approach tend to **distort the demand side for migrants** in countries that have completed or near completed their **demographic transition**. These countries have critical need for labour and school age and youth population for replacements in these areas.
- **Developing countries** with surplus population in these groups need **to exercise their bargaining and negotiating advantage** around these issues.





# PROPOSAL 5

The GFMD documents and papers should provide a more **holistic approach and analysis of all relevant factors** (both the push and pull factors) underpinning migration dynamics as well as provide a more **balanced perspective in all recommendations** emanating from the forum. The elephant in the room needs to be chained and dissected. Plus we need to **specify the type of migrations** to which we are referencing to avoid ambiguities.



# PREAMBLE: REGIONAL COOPERATION

The **sharing of good practices** on the use of migrants' resources for rural development and transformation from the Latin America and Caribbean Region and other regions is commendable. **This was a good learning experience and should be documented** for wider dissemination.



# PROPOSAL 6

**Summaries of these good practices should be prepared** and included in the background paper 3.2.



# PREAMBLE

A relatively large proportion of migrants originates from rural areas and has gained extensive international experience that can be mobilized or contracted for rural development.



# PROPOSAL 7: RURAL TRANSFORMATION

Countries need to **mobilize the capacities and resources of their diasporas** through contracts; joint investment programmes and other forms of **engagements towards development and transformation** of rural agriculture and the rural economy in general.





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