Working Session II

Enhancing the contribution of migration to development

What role for public policies?

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Positive contribution of migrants to sustainable development

- Lower the costs of recruitment & of sending remittances
- Portability of earned benefits & recognition of foreign qualifications & skills

Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration
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Migration in the international development agenda

In origin countries

Positive contribution of migrants to sustainable development

In transit countries

In destination countries
How do international migrants contribute to development?

**In origin countries**

- Emigration acts as a safety valve for the labour market
- Remittances represent a source of finance for development
- Diasporas are an enabler for social development
- Brain circulation helps strengthen human capital & innovation
How do international migrants contribute to development?

In destination countries:

- Immigration helps reduce skills mismatches
- Immigrants expand the domestic market
- Immigrants contribute to financing social protection systems
- Immigration can lead to increased innovation & entrepreneurship
The impact of migration on development depends on the policies in place.

Migration policies
- Regulation of flows
- Immigrant integration

Non-migration policies
With an impact on and affected by migration

Migration and development policies
- Reducing social costs
- Channelling remittances towards productive investment
- Promoting brain circulation
- Engaging diasporas and return migrants into development projects
## Interrelations between Public Policies, Migration and Development (IPPMD)

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Main public policies explored in the IPPMD surveys

- Government employment agencies
- Vocational training
- Public employment programmes
- Agricultural subsidies
- Training programmes
- Insurance-based programmes
- In-kind distribution programmes
- Government subsidies / Tax exemptions
- Access to bank accounts
- Medical insurance / Pensions
- Financial training programmes
- Access to health facilities
- Formal labour contracts
A coherent policy agenda can realise the development potential of migration

A twin-track approach

Cross-cutting track

Include migration in all relevant sectoral development policies and programmes

Targeted track

Adopt specific initiatives focused on migration and development

Increased contribution of migration to sustainable development
GFMD’s possible contribution to the GCM process

➢ Do NOT forget that developing countries are also countries of transit and destination

➢ Do NOT forget the role of non-migration policies in enhancing the contribution of migrants to sustainable development
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