

Session 1.1 - Tools and Safeguards for Policy Coherence – Finding the right policy mix to balance different interests and objectives

Statement by the Federal Republic of Germany

Roundtable 1: Migration and Development through National Strategies: Enhancing the Effectiveness of Domestic Policies

Problem Statement: How can we balance the interests and objectives of actors through better policy coherence to achieve orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration that delivers better development outcomes?

Germany congratulates the co-chairs Republic of Moldova, Sri Lanka, and United Kingdom for the drafting of the background paper for this Roundtable Session and would like to contribute the following points:

1. Safe, orderly and regular migration has positive developmental potential for countries of origin, transit and destination.
2. Coherent policy-making through a whole-of-government approach is an important tool in leveraging the contribution of migration to development outcomes. This applies to the internal dimension of domestic policies as well as the external dimension of cooperation on migration with other countries. To this end, dedicated inter-ministerial cooperation is a key element.
3. Migration policy should be mainstreamed as a matter of policy coherence. Setting incentives for a well-managed migration thus can be a triple win for countries of origin, of destination and for migrants themselves, while stemming of irregular migration and measures against migrant smuggling, trafficking as well as an effective return, readmission and reintegration policy should be perceived as precondition for successful migration management.
4. But we should also be realistic in our expectation of short term effects and take well into account the acceptance of migration in the countries of destination. It is key to inclusive migration. Here we should try to strike good balance.
5. We recognize the importance of a partnership approach in addressing the potentials and challenges of migration together with affected countries in a comprehensive manner.
6. The consistent implementation of the full range of external policies in bilateral cooperation, in line with international standards, bolsters effective migration governance.
7. Multilateral frameworks, such as the EU Global Approach to Migration and Mobility or the EU Migration Partnership Framework, offer an added-value in comprehensively managing migration.

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