Workshop on Strengthening Dialogue between ESCWA and ESCAP Countries on International Migration and Development.
UN-House, Beirut, Lebanon.
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).

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 Protection of the rights of migrant workers from South Asia: key issues. (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 recent reform 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 female workers from ESCAP countries in vulnerable sectors of the economy in the GCC, Jordan and Lebanon.  
(Ms. Simel Esim, Senior Technical Specialist, Gender Equality and Women Workers’ Issues, International Labour Organization)

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.
- Mr. Zain AlSharif, Director of Standards and Policy Department, Ministry of Labour, United Arab Emirates.
- 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.