Regional Consultative Meeting on International Migration and Development in the Arab Region

In preparation of the second High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development

League of Arab States Headquarters, Cairo, 4-5 June 2013

**PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

**Day 1: Tuesday 4 June 2013**

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<td>Mr. Frederico Neto (Director, Social Development Division, ESCWA)</td>
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<td>Mr. Pasquale Lupoli (Regional Director, IOM Regional Office for the Middle East and North Africa)</td>
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<td>Amb. Faeqa Al-Saleh (Assistant Secretary General, Head of the Social Sector – League of Arab States)</td>
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<td>10:00 – 10:45</td>
<td>Session 1: Setting the scene: The Second High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development</td>
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<td>Presenters: Ms. Francesca Perucci (Chief, Demographic Analysis Branch, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA))</td>
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<td>• The High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development: process and objectives</td>
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<td>Ms. Karoline Popp (Associate Migration Policy Officer, IOM)</td>
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<td>Session 2: Overview of Migration and Development Challenges in the Arab Region</td>
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<td>Objective: To provide participants with an overview of the key migration and development-related issues facing the Arab region, with a particular focus on</td>
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the 2006-2012 period and a look forward on the role of migration in the post-2015 agenda

Output: Agreed key findings on migration and development in the Arab region

Moderator: Mr. Mohamed Khachani (General Secretary of the Moroccan Association for Studies and Research on Migration, Université Mohammed V, Morocco)

Presenter: Mr. Ibrahim Awad (Director of the Center of Migration and Refugee Studies, American University in Cairo)

- Migration and development challenges in the Arab region
- Representatives of Arab countries
- Presentations by Arab States on themes of the Second HLD roundtables

General discussion, with a focus on the themes for HLD roundtables 2-4: i) Protection of migrant rights; ii) Cooperation on international migration and integrating migration into development policies and; iii) International and regional labour mobility and its impact on development

12:30 – 12:45 Coffee Break

12:45 – 14:00 Session 3: Protecting Human Rights of Migrants and Improving Conditions for Migrant Workers

Objective: To consider the current situation of migrants rights in the Arab region, with particular reference to the challenges and opportunities created by the current political situation.

Output: Agreed findings on the situation of migrants in the Arab region, and identification of measures that can be taken to improve these conditions.

Moderator: Mr. Ayman Zohry (American University in Cairo and LAS expert on migration studies)

Presenters:
- Ms. Pia Oberoi (Migration Advisor, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva)
  - Migrants’ rights within the new dynamics of the Arab region: principles, practices, approaches, and challenges
- Mr. Donato Colucci (Immigration and Border Management Specialist, IOM Regional Office - Cairo)
  - Addressing the challenges of human trafficking and smuggling, and their impact on the region as a source, destination, and transit route
- Mr. Ray Jureidini (Consultant Research, Qatar Foundation Initiative on Migrant Workers Welfare)
  - Practical steps towards improving migrant worker welfare

Roundtable discussion

14:00 – 15:30 Lunch break

15:30 – 16:45 Session 4: The Potential Roles for Expatriate Communities in Development Planning and Practice

Objective: To discuss the roles played by expatriate populations from countries of the Arab region in promoting the development of their countries of origin and the measures countries of origin and destination can take to maximize the potential benefits of these contributions.

Output: Agreed findings on the key actions to facilitate expatriate communities’ contributions to country of origin development
Moderator: Mr. Georges Naufal (Assistant Professor of Economics, American University in Sharjah)

Presenters:
- Ms. Lorena Lando (Chief of Mission, IOM Tunisia)
  - Mainstreaming migration into national development strategies
- Ms. Salwa Karam (Researcher, Lebanese Emigration Research Center, Notre Dame de Louaize University)
  - Experience in outreach to expatriate communities from Arab countries
- Mr. Mohamed Khachani (General Secretary of the Moroccan Association for Studies and Research on Migration, Université Mohammed V, Morocco)
  - Reintegration of returnees: mitigating labour market challenges and supporting local development
- Mr. Wael Al Delaimy (President, Society of Advancement of Science and Technology in the Arab World (SASTA))
  - The role of Arab expatriate civil society organizations in supporting development efforts in the Arab region: the experience of SASTA

Roundtable discussion

Day 2: Wednesday 5 June 2013

9:00 – 11:00 **Session 5: Supporting Mutual Development Goals through International and Regional Labour Mobility**

Objective: To explore what frameworks can be put in place to integrate migration into development strategies in order to benefit from potential synergies between countries of origin and destination in the Arab region, especially in light of the current political situation in the region.

Output: Agreed findings on directions for action at a regional level to ensure that it supports development goals

Moderator: Mr. Mohamed Ali Al-Ramadhan (Program Manager, Private Sector Development, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research)

Presenters:
- Mr. Azfar Khan (Senior Migration Specialist, ILO-Regional Office for the Arab States)
  - The interface of labour markets with labour migration in the Arab countries
- Mr. Mohamed Dito (Policy Consultant, Labour Market Regulatory Authority, Bahrain)
  - Reforming labour migration systems
- Heidar Abshar (Assistant Director General- Arab Labour Organization)
  - Regional freedom of movement in the Arab region: challenges and opportunities of current political developments

Roundtable discussion

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30 – 13:00 **Session 6: Partnerships and Cooperation on International Migration at the Regional and Global Levels**

Objective: To explore how all actors, including Governments, civil society and United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations, involved in migration and
development-related activities in the Arab region and beyond can strengthen their dialogue, partnerships and cooperation to ensure the best possible outcomes of migration for development.

Output: Agreed findings on appropriate potential structures for dialogue, cooperation and partnerships in the Arab region.

Moderator: Mr. Hassan Yousif (Human and Social Development Section, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA))

Presenters: Ms. Eva Åkerman Börje (Chair of the Global Forum on Migration and Development, Swedish Government Offices)
- The Global Forum on Migration and Development - lessons learned for the global debate on migration and development.

Mr. William Gois (Regional Coordinator, Migrant Forum in Asia)
- Civil society in global migration dialogue processes.

Mr. Samir Farid (Chief Technical Advisor, The Programme of Households International Migration Surveys in the Middle East and North Africa, MED-HIMS)
- Regional cooperation for the improvement of migration data.

Roundtable discussion.

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 Session 7: Outcome Document Drafting

Objective: To agree the key findings, areas of future action and commitments of the Arab countries on migration and development to be developed into a statement to be delivered at the High-Level Dialogue in October.

Output: A list of key findings, areas for future action and commitments to be shaped into a final statement for the HLD.

Co-Chairs: Ms. Karima El Korri (Chief, Population and Social Development Section, ESCWA),
Mr. Michael Newson (Labour Migration / Migration & Development Specialist, IOM Regional Office - Cairo)
Ms. Enas El Fargany (Director, Migration and Arab Expatriates Department, League of Arab States)
- Presentation, roundtable discussion and adoption of draft outcome document, and agreement on next steps to ensure its presentation at the High-Level Dialogue.

16:00 – 16:30 Closing and Final Remarks