

**ILO Labour Migration Branch
KNOMAD Thematic Working Group 3 on Low-Skilled Labour Migration**

Technical Workshop on Review of Bilateral Agreements on Low-skilled Labour Migration

1-2 December 2014, Kathmandu, Nepal

Agenda

Day 1: Monday, 1 December 2014	
08.30-09.00	<p>Registration</p>
	<p>Welcome and Introduction</p> <p>Mr Jose Assalino: Director, ILO Country Office for Nepal</p>
09.00-09.30	<p>Ms Alcestis A. Mangahas: Deputy Regional Director, ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</p> <p>Ms Soonhwa Yi: Senior Economist, Development Economics Prospects Group, World Bank, Washington, D.C</p> <p>Ms Girija Sharma: Under Secretary, Foreign Employment Unit, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Nepal</p>
09.30-10.30	<p>Session I: Elaboration of ILO-KNOMAD research programme on bilateral agreements and Memoranda of Understanding: Research design and methodology</p> <p>Chairperson: Ms Maria Gallotti, ILO, Geneva</p> <p>Presentation: Mr. Piyasiri Wickramasekara, Global Migration Policy Associates (GMPA)</p> <p>Open discussion</p>
10.30-11.00	<p>Break</p>
11.00-12.30	<p>Session II</p> <p>Major findings of ILO-KNOMAD research on bilateral agreements and Memoranda of Understanding research:</p> <p>Chairperson: Mr. Piyasiri Wickramasekara, Global Migration Policy Associates (GMPA): Highlights of findings common to all regions</p> <p>Mr. Justine Simeone: Highlights of findings from Europe & the Americas region Mr. L. K. Ruhunage: Highlights of Findings from Asia</p> <p><i>Discussants: Ms. Liberty Casco (Philippines) and Ms Tiziana Ruberto (Italy) (TBC)</i></p> <p>Open discussion with interventions and feedback from national and other experts</p>

12.30-14.00	Lunch
	<p>Session III Way forward: Making the design and implementation of BLAs and MOUs more effective</p> <p>Chairperson: Mr. Nilim Baruah, ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</p>
14.00-15.15	<p>Presentation by the Research Team – Mr. Piyasiri Wickramasekara, Mr. Justin Simeone and Mr. Ruhnage</p> <p><i>Discussants: Dr Ganesh Gurung (Nepal) and Mr Rinaldo Gonçalves de Almeida (Brazil)</i></p> <p>Open discussion with interventions and feedback from national and other experts</p>
15.15-15.30	Break
15.30-16.15	<p>Session IV Social Security for migrant workers: BLAs and Social Security agreements</p> <p>Chairperson: Andrea Salvini, ILO Regional Office for Arab States</p> <p>Presentation: Migrant access to social security and social protection under BLAs and SS agreements – Ms. Clara van Panhuys, ILO, Geneva.</p> <p><i>Discussant: Ms Laura Greco (Moldova)</i></p> <p>Open discussion with interventions and feedback from national and other experts</p>
16.15-17.00	<p>Session V Incorporating gender issues in BLAs and MOUs</p> <p>Chairperson: Ms Padmini Rathnayake, Coordinating Secretary to the Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Labour Relations, Sri Lanka</p> <p>Presentation: Ms. Maria Gallotti, ILO, International Migration Branch, Geneva</p> <p>Open discussion with interventions and feedback from national and other experts</p>
18.00-20.00	Reception/Dinner

Day 2: 2 December 2014	
9.00- 9.15	Recap of day one and overview of day two Jesse Mertens, ILO
09.30-10.45	Session VI BLAs and MOUs: Role of Social Dialogue Chairperson: Ms Anna Engblom, ILO, Kathmandu Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms Chidi King (ITUC)</i> • <i>Representative of Nepalese Assoc. of Foreign Employment agencies (TBC)</i>
10.45-11.00	Break
11.00-12.15	Session VII Regional and multilateral agreements and regional integration Chairperson: Soonhwa Yi, World Bank Presentation on KNOMAD Thematic Working Group 5 by Amy Hong, OECD <i>Discussants: Mr Mangala Randeniya (Sri Lanka)</i>
12.15-13.00	Session VIII Expanding research scope and areas for further work Chairperson: Ms. Alcestis A. Mangahas Presentation of second phase research on BLAs and MOUs - Ms Manuela Tomei, Director of Conditions of Work and Equality Department, ILO by Video Conference Feedback from participants, suggestions for ways forward, etc.
13.00-13.15	Closing Remarks Ms. Soonhwa Yi, World Bank Mr Yoshiteru Uramoto, Regional Director, ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
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