IOE policy working group on international labour migration

Webinar, 12 December 2017
Agenda

• Scene setting
• Update on recent global developments
• Employers’ federations’ contributions to global policy setting on migration
• Next steps for the IOE working group
  ➢ Assist in coordinating regional input
  ➢ Support Employers’ Organisations’ advocacy
  ➢ Development of further policy papers
• Discussion
The IOE Policy Working Group on Migration engages in- and outside of ILO:

- ILO: Fair Recruitment Initiative
- IOM: International Recruitment Integrity System (IRIS)
- GFMD: Business Mechanism
- United Nations: Global Compact for Migration (GCM)  

- 2014: IOE policy paper on international labour migration
- 2015: as a result of active engagement, creation of the GFMD Business Mechanism, a channel to foster dialogue between the private sector and governments of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD).

- As a business only platform, the Business Mechanism:
  - Contributes value added expertise, experience and business perspectives on migration that help governments when developing labour migration policies
  - Provides overall contribution to the governance of international labour migration

Promote a regulatory environment where labour migration policies support businesses and economic growth, taking into account labour markets’ needs.
GFMD Business Mechanism
Structure and Finance

IOE Office, Geneva

The Global Voice of Business

World Economic Forum

Austin Fragomen, Chairman

Swiss Government
EU
The Coca Cola Company
Bertelsmann Stiftung
IOE
Global developments on migration

ILC 2017 - General discussion on International labour migration

International Dialogue on Migration
Regional Consultations Processes

GFMD Summit, 2017-2018 co-chairs: Germany and Morocco.

A formal United Nations State-led process leading to the adoption in September 2018 of an instrument which aims at governing international migration. The Process started in September 2016 with the New York Declaration.

- Co-facilitators: Mexico and Switzerland
- Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General: Louise Arbour
GFMD Business Mechanism

Areas:
➢ Skills mobility
➢ Responsible recruitment
➢ Innovation for migrants and refugees access to labour markets
➢ Entrepreneurship and circular migration
➢ Irregular migration

Actions:
➢ Mobilise employers and businesses globally
➢ Host GFMD Thematic business meeting to gather input
➢ Bring the private sector’s perspective to inter-governmental dialogues
➢ Advocate for business and migration positions to promote sound migration policies that take into account economic perspectives

More information at http://gfmdbusinessmechanism.org/
Watch the video to learn more about the Business Mechanism
2017 Activities

GFMD Business Mechanism milestones

GCM consultations (regional and thematic)

BM Publication 1: Comprehensive paper

GCM stocktaking Conference, Puerto Vallarta

BM Publication 2: Targeted actions


ILO ILC – General discussion on international labour migration

Business meeting, Geneva

GFMD Summit, Berlin

Employers consultations in Asia, Bangkok

Employers consultations in the Gulf, Dubai

ILO GB – Follow up discussion of ILC
2018 Calendar

To be scheduled: Business events/workshops

- GCM negotiations, NY
- GFMD workshop on “migration and cities”, Berlin
- GFMD workshop on “migration and identities”, Rabat
- ILO tripartite meeting of experts to agree on a definition of recruitment fees (date tbc - last quarter)
- GCM Adoption Conference, Morocco
- GFMD Summit, Marrakesh
Next steps - suggestions

REGIONAL INPUT:
- From global to regional
- From theories to practicalities
- Regional employers’ statements
- Participation in IOM’s regional consultations processes

POLICY DEVELOPMENT:
- Update the 2014 IOE position paper?
- Assist in developing regional position papers?

ADVOCACY:
- Federations outreach to governments in view of the GCM negotiations
- Position development to promote the positive case for migration

GOAL: a business community that is locally engaged, but globally connected
Thank you

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