IOE policy working group on international labour migration

Follow-up webinar of 12 December 2017
Next steps
Summary

• The IOE working group on migration has affirmed the importance of the issue to global business and supports continued IOE’s engagement through a variety of channels.

• It endorsed the work of the Business Mechanism as the global business community’s voice in the GFMD, and through it, to the negotiations surrounding the Global Compact for Migration and will continue to support it through its working group on migration and through members and partners’ engagement.

• Corporate and employers organisations participants on the call, including Fragomen, Adecco, UIA, FICCI, FEC, BDA, USCIB, WEC highlighted the diverse needs and concerns of employers; they thus emphasised the importance of strengthening regional involvement to help advance global efforts and of ensuring a more practical/hands-on approach to migration issues.
During 2018, the IOE will:

1. update the 2014 IOE policy paper, with a view to having a more timely and robust document that can be used by the IOE in its work vis-a-vis the ILO, the IOM, as well as by the Business Mechanism;

2. engage its regional vice-presidents in efforts to create networks that can assist the Business Mechanism’s objective to develop regional papers and activities;

3. encourage participation in the Business Mechanism by Employer Organizations and their corporate members and ensure that the messaging in its own advocacy work on migration issues in the ILO, IOM and G20 is consonant with that of the Business Mechanism.
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• IOE members and partners are invited to provide input related to topics they wish the paper to address, to potential case studies, to their national experience.

• The paper should not reinvent the wheel, but rather pull all existing initiatives together and reiterate the business case for migration in light of the current global developments.

• The policy paper could be submitted inter alia to the GFMD, the ILO (in view of the tripartite meeting of experts to agree on a definition of recruitment fees) and the United Nations member states as they negotiate the global compact for migration (GCM).

• Opportunities to launch the policy paper include at the Business Meeting of the GFMD Summit in December in Marrakesh or as a side event in the margins of the GCM negotiations at the UN HQ in New York (first semester of 2018).
2. Engage IOE’s regional vice-presidents in efforts to create networks that can assist the Business Mechanism’s objective to develop regional papers and activities.

• While IOE Members would provide substance, the IOE secretariat would serve as a coordinator between members to develop regional statements or to set up regional activities.

• This has proved useful in 2017 in the context of the Colombo Process in Asia and the subsequent statement on behalf of IOE members of the Asia Pacific region submitted to the GCM.

• In Africa, practical workshop that address specific concerns would be needed. The Business Mechanism could serve as a platform to engage with Business Africa.

• The following members have volunteered to take active roles in their regions:
  FICCI (India) for Asia-Pacific - UIA (Argentina) for Latin America - FEC (DRC) for Africa
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- The goal is to empower a business community that is locally engaged, and globally connected.

- The IOE will continue to inform its members and the working group on the global developments and the activities of the Business Mechanism.

- The international dialogues on migration that include the private sector and which are led by the IOM, the ILO, the GFMD would benefit from stronger and coordinated business input. The IOE with its members and partners will continue playing an active role.
The IOE working group on international labour migration will meet in person during the March ILO Governing Body session in Geneva between 12 and 16 March 2018.

The exact date will be confirmed.
2018 Calendar

- **January**
  - IOM sessions at the WEF Annual meeting, Davos

- **February**
  - IOM International Dialogue on Migration, NY

- **March**
  - GCM multi-stakeholder consultations, NY (4 sessions)
  - GFMD workshop on the Agenda 2030, Rabat

- **April**
  - GCM intergovernmental negotiations, NY (6 sessions)
  - GFMD workshop on Labour mobility, GVA

- **May**
  - IOM GB – Meeting of the IOE working group on migration, GVA
  - GFMD workshop on Labour mobility, GVA
  - TBC: GFMD Business workshop. Focus: Switzerland. GVA

- **June**
  - TBC: GFMD Business workshop on labour mobility, Rabat
  - TBC: GFMD Business workshop on labour mobility, Asia

- **July**
  - GCM Adoption Conference, Morocco

- **August**
  - IOM International Dialogue on Migration, GVA

- **September**
  - ILO tripartite meeting of experts on recruitment fees (GVA)
  - GFMD Summit, Marrakesh

- **October**

- **November**

- **December**
Thank you

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