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Human Rights and Migration:

Working Together for Safe,

Dignified and Secure Migration





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 Human rights apply to all migrants, irrespective of their migratory status.

 The reality: migrants continue to be affected disproportionately by human rights violations.







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#### Two inter-sessional workshops in 2009:

"Effective Respect for the Human Rights of Migrants: A Shared Responsibility" (25-26 March)

"Trafficking in Persons and Exploitation of Migrants: Ensuring the Protection of Human Rights" (9-10 July)





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### This presentation:

- Seven Key Lessons Learned
  - Broad policy considerations
- Six Effective Approaches
  - Focus on the specific measures taken by practitioners to make human rights a reality in practice







I. Recognize human rights as crucial elements of comprehensive migration management









Migration management Control





Protecting the Human Rights of Migrants







CAUTION







2. Apply the principle of non-discrimination

3. Close the implementation gap

4. Recognize the links between human rights violations and broader migration realities







- 5. Improve identification of trafficked persons while protecting their rights and the rights of all victims of exploitation and abuse
- 6. Use the 4 P's approach:



**Prevention** 

**Protection** 



**Prosecution** 

**Partnership** 













7. Ensure protection of human rights throughout the migration cycle



# How to Implement the Seven Lessons Learned?



### Six effective approaches identified by practitioners:

- Governments
- Intergovernmental organizations
- Non-governmental organizations
- Private sector
- Migrants and migrant associations







- I. Translate international law standards into robust national legal frameworks
- Apply non-discrimination principle to non-nationals
- Integrate human rights of migrants in all relevant policy areas
- Use dedicated instruments







- 2. Build capacity for effective implementation of human rights standards
  - Promote human rights



- Ensure protection and redress









- 3. Ensure policy coherence on issues of migration and human rights
- Ensure a whole-of-government approach through inter-ministerial cooperation
- Assess the potential effect of restrictive migration policies on the occurrence of human rights violations







4. Meet the protection & assistance needs of trafficked persons & exploited migrants



- A human rights-based approach to meet needs of all vulnerable migrants especially in mixed flows
- Special protection provisions for trafficked persons
- Combine short-term protection with medium- and longterm assistance opportunities







5. Consider the rights of migrant workers in all aspects of labour market policy

- Take into account the situation of migrant workers in national labour laws
- Regulate recruitment practices
- Monitor working conditions, especially in unregulated sectors: i.e. domestic work
- Engage in partnerships with recruiters, trade unions and labour courts









- 6. Integrate human rights into policies all along the migration cycle
  - Engage in partnerships between countries of origin, transit and destination and with other key actors
  - Pay attention to specific vulnerabilities arising during:











### Conclusion

Move from theory to practice

- Protect the human rights of migrants particularly in times of economic crisis
- Empower migrants themselves

 Work together at all levels and during all stages of migration





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