International Dialogue on Migration (IDM)
Human Rights and Migration:
Working Together for Safe, Dignified and Secure Migration
• Human rights apply to all migrants, irrespective of their migratory status.

• The reality: migrants continue to be affected disproportionately by human rights violations.
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)
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**
Seven Key Lessons Learned

1. **Recognize human rights as crucial elements of comprehensive migration management**

   - Human Rights
   - Trade & Development
   - Legislation & Law Enforcement
   - Integration & Social Policies
   - Labour Market Needs
Seven Key Lessons Learned

Migration management ≠ Control

Facilitating Legal Migration

Protecting the Human Rights of Migrants

Reducing Irregular Migration
Seven Key Lessons Learned

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
Six effective approaches identified by practitioners:

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

1. 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
Six Effective Approaches

2. Build capacity for effective implementation of human rights standards
   - Promote human rights
   - Prevent abuse
   - 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 long-term 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
Six Effective Approaches

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:

Entry

Return
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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