

ROLE OF THE COLOMBO PROCESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2030 AGENDA

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IMPORTANCE OF THE INCLUSION OF MIGRATION IN THE SDGS.

- ◉ Inclusion of Migration in the SDGs highlights its growing importance in the international Development Agenda.
- ◉ TARGET 10.7 is the centerpiece of the Post-2015 Development Framework concerned with migration. *“Facilitate orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people through the implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies”*

- ◉ But multiple dimension of migration are reflected in other SDGs, highlighting that migration is a complex, cross-disciplinary and multi-faceted issue.
 - Goal 4 : Education
 - Goal 5 : Gender equality
 - Goal 8 : Employment and Decent work
 - Goal 10. : Reducing inequality (Including Remittances)
 - Goal 16 : Peaceful and inclusive societies
 - Goal 17 : Global partnership

HOW THE COLOMBO PROCESS (CP) WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE REALIZATION OF SDGS

- ◉ Overall theme of the Colombo Process under Sri Lankan Chairmanship is “Migration for Prosperity: Adding Value by Working Together”, focused clearly on migration related SDGs.
- ◉ The Colombo Ministerial Declaration, which was adopted at the 5th Ministerial Consultation (25th August 2016) included a recommendation on “*Operationalization of the migration-related goals in the SDGs*” as the new thematic area.

- ◉ The Declaration also included a recommendation to consider the inclusion of “Migrant Health” as a new thematic priority in support of the SDG target 3.8 and to consider the importance of promoting the health of migrant workers throughout the migration cycle to reduce long term economic and social cost.
- ◉ Recommended to include a thematic area on Gender equality for women migrant workers (Link with SDG 5) to promote the development of gender specific actions for women migrant workers from CP member countries to address the discrimination they face.
- ◉ Agreed to continue working on the existing five thematic areas focusing to achieve the SDG targets related to migration. (Skills and qualification recognition, promoting ethical recruitment, pre-departure orientation and empowerment of migrant workers, reducing cost of remittances and labour market analysis)

CP STRATEGY TO ADDRESS THE MIGRATION RELATED GOALS IN THE SDGS.

- ◉ Focusing on the above thematic areas, CP member countries can play an important role in supporting the implementation of the SDGs.
- ◉ Establish Thematic Area working groups for the above new areas, consisting of member states to lead the discussions and take appropriate action to make recommendations for the next Ministerial meeting.
- ◉ Implement the SDGs pertinent to CP objectives, both through national level actions and the collective efforts of the CP in particular the goals relating to decent work and safe migration (especially target 8.8 and 10.7),
- ◉ Note the primary role of individual member States to prioritize policy decisions and implement the SDG goals and targets.
- ◉ Use the CP as a platform to review progress made in implementing the above SDG targets.

- ◉ To share experiences and challenges among the CP member States in working with the globally agreed indicators.

PARTNERSHIPS ON SDG IMPLEMENTATION AT THE REGIONAL AND GLOBAL LEVEL

- ◉ CP will continue dialogue with destination countries and other dialogue forums including Abu Dhabi Dialogue (ADD), EU, SAARC, ASEAN, GFMD etc. to share information and to discuss respective roles in implementation of migration related SDG targets.
- ◉ Enhance cooperation with the ADD through the CP's support for ADD-endorsed programmes, which include: the Comprehensive Information & Orientation Programme for Migrant Workers; and, the Pilot Project on Skill Development, Documentation and Recognition.
- ◉ Implement new projects to achieve SDG targets with Inter State consultation and Funding sources.
- ◉ Will continue the existing Partnerships with IOM, ILO, SDC, UN Women and other related International Organizations working on labour migration.

CHALLENGES AHEAD

- ◉ We need novel ways of working. Policy and institutional coherence is of great importance.
- ◉ Issues of resources - financial and human.
- ◉ Inadequacy of accurate and timely data.
- ◉ Transparency in information sharing systems.
- ◉ Tools for measuring progress with clear, measurable indicators.

- ◉ Monitoring mechanisms at all levels (National, Regional and Global) and accountability.
- ◉ Partnership building and Greater collaboration with key stakeholders/between Nations/Regional consultative processes.
- ◉ Need to ensure that migrants are not left behind and included on a non-discriminatory basis in the achievement of all relevant SDGS and targets.

Thank you