



Ministry of Healthcare and Social Development
of the Republic of Kazakhstan

2nd Almaty Process Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)

Labour Migration Opportunities and Challenges in Central Asia
Addressing solutions for migrants and refugees

22 September 2015, Astana, Kazakhstan

***Venue: Astana Marriott Hotel, 2 Dostyq Street Astana 010016,
Kazakhstan***

PROGRAMME

9.00 – 9.30	Registration
9.30 - 9.57	
Opening Session – Welcome Remarks	
<p>Welcome address by H.E. Mr. Birzhan Nurymbetov, Vice-Minister of Healthcare and Social Development, Chairperson of the Almaty Process, Republic of Kazakhstan</p> <p>Welcome address by H.E. Mr. Kuanysh Sultanov, Deputy of the Senate of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Chairman of the Human Rights Commission under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan</p> <p>Welcome address by H.E. Mr. Erlan Idrissov, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Kazakhstan</p> <p>Welcome address by H.E. Mr. Almazbek Assanbayev, Deputy Minister of Labour, Migration and Youth of the Kyrgyz Republic</p> <p>Welcome address by Mr. Dejan Keserovic, International Organization for Migration (IOM) Coordinator for Central Asia – Chief of Mission of IOM Missions in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, IOM sub-regional office for Central Asia</p> <p>Welcome address by Mr. Bernard Doyle, Regional Representative/Regional Coordinator for Central Asia, the Regional Representation of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Central Asia (UNHCR CA), Republic of Kazakhstan</p>	
9.57 - 10.00	Group Photo





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10.00 - 11.00

The impact of labour migration on economies, societies and the environment in Central Asia and the broader region

Member States of the Almaty Process, observer and guest States:

- Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
- Republic of Azerbaijan
- Republic of Kazakhstan
- The Kyrgyz Republic
- Republic of Tajikistan
- Republic of Turkey
- Turkmenistan
- Islamic Republic of Iran
- Islamic Republic of Pakistan

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11.00 - 11.15 Coffee Break

11.15 - 12.30

Factors and consequences of labour migration out of and within Central Asia: key findings from IOM field researches in Central Asia

Scale and characteristics of regular and irregular migratory flows, effects of Eurasian Economic Union enlargement and of imposition of re-entry bans, possibilities of re-integration of returning migrants into the local labour markets and communities, crisis scenarios and sources of radicalism and extremism among Central Asian migrants and ways to address the issue.

Mrs. Tatiana Hadjiemmanuel, Deputy Coordinator for Central Asia/Senior Programme Manager, International Organization for Migration (IOM), IOM sub-regional office for Central Asia

Mr. Piotr Kazmierkiewicz, International Consultant

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12.30 – 13.30 Lunch Break





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13.30 – 14.30

Good practices on migration governance (administrative, legislative and operational) recognizing the linkages between migration and development

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14.30 – 15.45

Regional and national perspectives on regulating migration: recent reforms and areas of need

Issues of concern in migration management to Central Asian countries: facilitating immigration of priority groups, regularizing seasonal and local cross-border movement, addressing trafficking in persons and tackling security threats. Review of adopted solutions and challenges in managing emigration, regular and irregular immigration and employment. Regional cooperation trends and needs.

Mr. Dejan Keserovic, International Organization for Migration (IOM) Coordinator for Central Asia – Chief of Mission of IOM Missions in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, IOM sub-regional office for Central Asia

Mrs. Agueda Marin, International Organization for Migration (IOM), Regional Migrant Assistance Specialist, IOM representative at “Puebla Process”, IOM Regional Office in San Jose, Costa Rica

Mrs. Munkhtuya Altangerel, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP in Kazakhstan

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15.45 – 16.00 Coffee Break

16.00 – 17.00

Solutions for refugees: labour mobility and international protection – the opportunities, challenges, international practices and the Central Asian perspective

Introduction to the nexus between refugee protection and labour mobility: how labour mobility can lead to solutions for refugees and to the economic development of the countries of destination, of asylum, and of their origin by exploring international practices and their potential application in Central Asia.

AP Member and observer States (if any wants to present on good practices):

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- Turkmenistan
- Islamic Republic of Iran
- Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Mr Bernard Doyle, Regional Representative/Regional Coordinator for Central Asia, the Regional Representation of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Central Asia (UNHCR CA), Republic of Kazakhstan

Ms Chizu Matsushita, Senior Regional Protection Officer, the Regional Representation of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Central Asia, Republic of Kazakhstan

Mr Daniel Ruiz, Regional Protection Officer, the Regional Representation of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Central Asia, Republic of Kazakhstan

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17.00 – 18.00

Protection of Migrants Rights

Special Report: *Migrants' Rights in the Republic of Kazakhstan – 2014 (Human Rights Commission under the President of Kazakhstan / IOM Kazakhstan)*

Mr. Tastemir Dautovich Abishev, Secretary of the Commission on Human Rights under the President of Kazakhstan. Commission of Human Rights under the President of Kazakhstan

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Mr Dejan Keserovic, International Organization for Migration (IOM) Coordinator for Central Asia – Chief of Mission of IOM Missions in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, IOM sub regional office for Central Asia

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18.00 – 18.20

Presentation of the activities of the Prague Process and the Budapest Process

Presentation of the activities of the “Prague Process Targeted Initiative at the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Poland” by **Mr. Radim Zak**, Coordinator “Prague Process”, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)

Presentation of the activities of the Budapest Process by **Mrs. Aynura Brandstaetter**, Junior Project Officer of “Budapest Process” Secretariat, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)





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18.20 – 19.00

Concluding and Outlining the Next Steps in the Almaty Process

Statements by Chairperson of the Almaty Process, **H.E. Mr. Birzhan Nurymbetov**, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Healthcare and Social Development, Republic of Kazakhstan

Concluding Remarks by **H.E. Mr. Almazbek Assanbaev**, Deputy Minister of Labour, Migration and Youth, the Kyrgyz Republic

19.15

Cocktail Reception for Participating States and Partners

