

Presentation info

The International Labour Organization has launched an Action Programme on the “International Migration of Health Care Workers: the Supply Side”, together with the WHO and IOM as partner agencies. The overall aim of the AP is to develop and disseminate strategies and good practices for the management of health services migration from the supplying nations' perspective. The six countries invited by the agencies to participate in the Action Programme will be present at this Meeting: Costa Rica, Kenya, Romania, Senegal, Sri Lanka, and Trinidad and Tobago. These supplying countries will explore the effects of health worker migration on their health systems, analyze their existing migration policies and practices, and identify the lessons learned and best practices from each. The creation of national steering committees aim to bring together not only the workers and employers and the ministries of labour, but the multiple governmental agencies that are concerned with health care worker migration, especially the health and finance portfolios. A supplying country's internal interests need to be balanced, taking into consideration national health systems requirements, labour migration issues and the value of remittances. There is also a need to improve the quality of data on the movement of health workers, especially to capture data related to changes as part of national health information systems.