

Theme 2: Operationalizing Human Development in International Migration

Working Session 2.A.:

Engaging Diaspora as Entrepreneurs, Social Investors and Policy Advocates

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| Part 1 – Changes needed | |
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| Changes identified during the session as most urgently needed | |
| 1. | Mandating migrant participation in migration-and-development policy making bodies in origin and destination countries |
| 2. | Including diasporas' priorities and diaspora investments in development and human security plans and policies in origin countries |
| 3. | Support migrants' / diasporas' investments, entrepreneurial endeavors and social remittances / knowledge transfers through funds (grants, matching grants, loans, guarantees, etc.), capacity building, business networking and legal protection |
| 4. | Enact migrant-friendly laws, policies and units that protect the status of migrants / dual nationality/ citizenship and that respect migrants' / diasporas' skills and immigration statuses. |
| Part 2 – Tools and mechanism | |
| Tools and mechanisms discussed during the session, whether existing or needed, that can help in bringing about these changes | |
| 1. | Consultative policy-making mechanisms in which migrants / diasporas are included |
| 2. | Development and human security plans that include diaspora priorities and diaspora investments |
| 3. | Funds (grants, matching grants, loans, guarantees, etc.), capacity building, business networking and legal protection for migrant / diaspora entrepreneurs and investors |
| 4. | Dual citizenship / nationality law in origin countries |
| 5. | Laws in host countries on mutual recognition of skills |
| Part 3 – Recommendations for Action | |
| Recommendations put forward by the session for concrete follow-up actions , to be taken by civil society, governments, and other stakeholders | |
| 1. | Forming migration-and-development consultative policy making mechanisms in origin and destination countries, and mandating migrant / diaspora participation |
| 2. | Including diasporas' priorities and diaspora investments in development and human security plans and policies in origin countries |
| 3. | Support migrants' / diasporas' investments and entrepreneurial endeavors through funds (grants, guarantees), capacity building, business networking and legal protection |
| 4. | Enacting dual nationality / citizenship laws |
| 5. | Formulating laws on mutual recognition of migrants'/diasporas' skills |
| Part 4 – Benchmarks | |
| Benchmarks against which success can be measured in the next years | |
| 1. | At least 30 countries have migration-and-development policy-making consultative mechanisms that explicitly include migrants / diasporas |
| 2. | At least 30 countries' development and human security plans have included diasporas' priorities and diaspora investments |
| 3. | At least 30 countries have programs / services / funds that support migrant / diaspora investments (e.g Business grants / loans / guarantees; Business advisory services; Business networking; Financial literacy/education; Brain gain) |
| 4. | At least ten countries have enacted dual nationality / citizenship laws |
| 5. | At least five host countries have laws on mutual recognition of skills of migrants/diasporas |