Executive Committee Working Level

Working Group Reviews

TWG 4/ Bilateral Labour Migration Agreements

Working group title: Bilateral Labour Migration Agreements (BLMAs)
Co-leads: ILO and IOM
Validation/ Quarterly review date: 6 February 2020
Attachments: Workplan

1. Does the WG workplan respond to the objectives set in the Network workplan including on developing the Network’s voice?

The WG co-leads explained how the workplan emphasized the following three key priorities/areas of work:
- Mapping of existing available practices on BLMAs and other relevant cooperation arrangements, along with coding and categorization.
- Developing common guidance including on how to design and implement BLMAs.
- Pilot testing common guidance in identified countries and reviewed through EC.

YES X NO

Recommendations:

2. Is the proposed composition of the WG inclusive, balanced yet agile enough to achieve results within the limited timeframe?

YES X NO

Recommendations:

3. Are deliverables concrete, realistic and time-bound?
YES  X  NO

RECOMMENDATIONS:

If the resources requested in the workplan are provided, the deliverables will be met.

4. DOES THE WG WORKPLAN INCORPORATE THE WORKING PRINCIPLES OF THE NETWORK?

YES  X  NO

RECOMMENDATIONS:

5. IS IT CLEAR HOW THE WG WILL ENGAGE WITH MEMBER STATES?

YES  X  NO

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The WG is encouraged to engage with countries of origin and countries of destination. A suggestion to engage Qatar and perhaps UAE was also brought to the table.

GENERAL REMARKS ON THE QUARTERLY REVIEW PERIOD ASSESSED:

THIS SECTION INDICATES WHETHER THE EC VALIDATES THE WORKPLAN PUT FORWARD BY THE WG AND ADDRESSES GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCORPORATE IN THE FORTHCOMING REVIEW PERIOD.

The EC validates the workplan with minor recommendations that need to be addressed. The EC recommended inclusion of non-UN system actors to all discussions and to consider donors’ interests as well as the importance of sensitizing advocacy.