

Making Migrants' Vulnerability History: Highlighting and addressing living and working vulnerabilities of migrant workers”

Side event to the Asia-Pacific Regional Review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)

12 March 2021, 8:30-9:30AM Bangkok time

About the side event

The online forum, Making Migrants' Vulnerability History: Highlighting and addressing living and working vulnerabilities of migrant workers” is a side event to the Asia-Pacific Regional Review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) happening on March 10-12, 2021.

The side event will gather migrant workers, civil society and other stakeholders to discuss the growing problem of migrant workers' living conditions as highlighted during the COVID-19 pandemic and put forward recommendations to resolve this vulnerability. Developing advocacy on this issue feeds into the stakeholders' engagement in the GCM's Asia-Pacific Regional Review.

The focus and theme of the side event is very much relevant to the ongoing GCM regional review as it puts a spotlight on a persisting problem that migrant workers have been facing with even before the pandemic and which governments, both migrant-sending and migrant-receiving, should recognize and place in their national action plans in the implementation of the GCM.

The side event is expected to come up with a set of recommendations which can be put forward in the form of submissions to governments and the UN Migration Network.

Objectives of the side event

1. Discuss the existing and new challenges migrant workers face in terms of their living and working conditions
2. Develop recommendations for advocacy to put forward to governments and the UN Migration Network

Program

8:30-8:35am	Welcoming and opening Cynthia Abdon-Tellez Chairperson of the board Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants
8:35-9:05am	Sharing on situation and campaigns on living and working conditions of migrant workers South Korea Udaya Rai Chairperson, Migrant Trade Union Malaysia Glorene Das (TBC) Executive Director, Tenaganita New Zealand Dennis Maga General Secretary, FIRST Union
9:05-9:15am	Reaction from the International Labor Organization (TBC)
9:15-9:25am	Open forum
9:25-9:30am	Closing