

THEMATIC WORKING GROUP 4 on Bilateral Labour Migration Agreements (BLMAs)

Pathways and opportunities for regular migration are enhanced to contribute to decent work and bolster the benefits of migration through the development of global guidance on bilateral labour migration agreements (BLMAs) and other relevant arrangements piloted tested in migration corridors

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To enhance pathways for regular migration in a manner that facilitates decent work and labour mobility through guidance on Bilateral Labour Migration Agreements (BLMAs) and other cooperative arrangements fostering cross-border cooperation frameworks and a migrants-centered approach.

PRIORITY AREAS OF WORK	DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE	SYNERGIES WITH OTHER PROCESSES	NETWORK STATEMENT TOPIC AND DATE	INPUTS TO GLOBAL COMPACT ON MIGRATION'S CAPACITY BUILDING MECHANISM (CBM)	UPDATE FROM WG MEETING
1. Identify positions of the working group member organizations on the content and priorities of BLMAs.	<p>One-pagers from each organization highlighting approaches, expertise and key tools to guide preparatory work on mapping and guidance development</p> <p>Activity: discussing positions, indicating priority areas and key tools, drafting the one-pager.</p> <p>Resources: 1 staff from each TWG participating agency/organisation; 1 day of work (secured)</p>	14 October 2019	<p>SDGs: 8.8 and 10.7</p> <p>GCM: 3, 5, 7, 12, 18,</p> <p>The work of the TWG4 is relevant and in synergy with the priorities and activities of other thematic</p>			One-pagers were submitted by five members of the WG (ILO, IOM, WHO, UN Women and PSI).



<p>2. Develop core elements of rights-based and gender-responsive Bilateral Labour Migration Agreements and other cooperative arrangements</p>	<p>A document, listing core elements of the BLMAs, is coordinated and put together by the members of the working group with the links to underpinning hard and soft law instruments and other materials. The purpose of the document is to set the criteria against which the existing practices may be assessed.</p> <p>Activity: discussion and drafting of the document, taking the priorities of the WG members into account; proposing the elements, analysing against international hard and soft law instruments, and available other documents.</p> <p>Resources: Coordinating co-lead agencies, WG members inputs and review/2 staff per agency; two weeks (secured)</p>	<p>End of first quarter 2020</p>	<p>areas such as TWG3, TWG6, and others.</p> <p>Regional and national networks on migration</p> <p>Global Forum on Migration and Development (results of testing and common guidance could be presented at Forum Summit)</p>			<p>Being finalized</p>
<p>2.1. Collect, coordinate, consolidate and share inputs to frame core elements</p>	<p>A coordinated document listing core element is drafted and available.</p> <p>Activity: finalization of the inputs of the members of the WG, coordinating and harmonizing the input through exchange, common review and editing of the document.</p> <p>Resources: Coordinating co-lead agencies, WG members inputs and review/2 staff per agency; two-week work (secured)</p>	<p>Early first quarter 2020</p>				<p>Completed</p>
<p>3. Perform a comparative analysis of currently available experiences of practice and a compilation of existing tools to inform the</p>	<p>Based on the mapping of existing practices a comparative analysis is developed, shared, discussed and consolidated by the Thematic Workgroup members.</p>	<p>Second quarter of 2020</p>			<p>The analysis of existing practices may be shared with the Global</p>	<p>The first level of analysis has been completed as part of priority area of work 1. consolidating agencies and</p>

<p>development of the common guidance</p>	<p>Activity: development and discussion of methodology for the comparative analysis, exchange, development of the comparative analysis and discussion of analysis results</p> <p>Resources: Coordinating co-lead agencies/2 consultants/3 months</p>				<p>Knowledge Platform and used as briefing resource.</p>	<p>organizations' knowledge and experience.</p>
<p>3.1. Mapping of existing currently available experiences of practice on BLMAs and other relevant cooperation arrangements, instruments and processes at international and regional levels</p>	<p>Based on the list of framing core and essential elements, mapping of existing practices is conducted, compiled and presented to the members of the working group.</p> <p>Activity: collecting and screening information on existing practices, coding and categorization of practices, visualization of results and preparation of presentation for the members of the WG.</p> <p>Resources: 2 consultants/ 2 months</p>	<p>Second quarter of 2020</p>				<p>Ongoing discussion on mapping process and format</p>
<p>4. Develop common guidance, including on how to design, implement, monitor and evaluate BLMAs and other arrangements</p>	<p>Based on the list of framing core and essential elements and the mapping analysis, develop a common guidance document on how to design, implement, monitor and evaluate BLMAs with a focus on selected sectoral specifics such as agriculture and health.</p> <p>Activity: drafting, editing, designing and laying out the guide for external dissemination</p> <p>Resources: 2 consultants/ three months</p>	<p>Third quarter of 2020</p>			<p>Facilitate and promote access to the common guidance through the Global Knowledge Platform and the Connection Hub with a view to enhance multi-stakeholder support to Governments and other stakeholders</p>	<p>Ongoing discussion on contents outline and format</p>

<p>5. Identification of migration corridors and countries</p>	<p>Deliberations of the Working Group's members together with the justification of the migration corridors and countries to pilot the guidance framework will be proposed.</p> <p>Activity: WG members exchange and involvement of country specialists to identify potential corridors and countries to pilot the framework based on criteria for identification and enabling conditions for implementation</p> <p>Resource: 3 experts, 1 – 2 staff; validation workshop</p>	<p>Third quarter 2020</p>			<p>Connection Hub to facilitate advise and support on implementation by TWG4</p>	
<p>6. Pilot Testing in identified countries or corridors</p>	<p>Common guidance is pilot tested in one or two countries or corridors.</p> <p>Activity: Common guidance is pilot tested, reviewed and validated through Executive Committee and other UN Network members</p> <p>Resource: 3 experts, 1 – 2 staff; validation workshop</p>	<p>Third- Fourth quarter 2020 (depending on resources)</p>		<p>Application of common guidance by MSs supported by UN Network's voice</p>	<p>Support to implementation in the context of joint programmes under MPTF on Migration</p>	



ENGAGEMENT WITH MEMBER STATES	<p>Through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Global, regional and other MS mechanisms such as GFMD, IOM Council, Intergovernmental Dialogue for Migration and other intergovernmental fora led by TWG4 agencies;• Information sharing sessions in Geneva, New York or at regional level;• Bilateral meetings;• Field missions at some selective pilot countries, cities and local governments.• Involvement of country specialists and regional focal points part of regional and national networks liaising with key Ministries and Government agencies
REQUIRED RESOURCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 2 consultants to deliver on specified priority areas of work○ Drafting, editing and translation of draft documents○ Travels, Validation workshop <hr/> <p>est. +100 000 USD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 1 up to 3 staff per each co-lead & participating member for the entire duration of the TWG for coordination and technical deliverables