

3. Roundtable 3: Supporting migrants’ protection, integration and contribution to development (addressing objectives 14, 15, 16, 19, 20 and 22)
(co-organized by UN Women and IOM)

Mr/Madam Chair,

Distinguished delegates,

Migrants often have difficulties in accessing basic services due to their limited ability to find information, and language barriers. Migrants, especially women and girls, may face the risk of exploitation, abuse, trafficking during the migration process.

Viet Nam actively promotes exchanges with other countries on measures to facilitate safe, regular migration and migrant protection; regularly organize consular consultations with a number of countries on this issue. Viet Nam is implementing the project on “Strengthening Vietnamese capacity for sustainable reintegration of returning women migrants and their households”, funded by KOICA and with technical assistance from IOM. Within the framework of the Project, Viet Nam has opened One Stop Service Office (OSSO) in pilot provinces to support returning migrant women during community reintegration through providing psychological counseling, medical assistance, support for essential needs, and temporary accommodation. In addition, Viet Nam is also finalizing a Standard Operating Procedures for diplomats to provide supports to overseas Vietnamese victims of trafficking and violence under “Safe and Fair Program” with the support of UN Women, ILO and UNODC.

According to Viet Nam’s Plan of Implementation of the Global Compact for Migration, Viet Nam is collecting data on international migration of all types which are disaggregated by gender, age and other necessary criteria depending on each type of migration. This will help understand and analyze migration trends, characteristics of migrants as well as drivers and impacts of migration. However, Viet Nam faces several difficulties in data collection as there is a lack of resources and various sources of statistics under the management of different ministries and organizations would make it time-consuming.

Migration data is an important basis to establish and consolidate measures to protect migrants effectively and reduce migrant vulnerabilities.

To carry out the cluster of these Objectives, Regional Network on Migration needs to support countries in building and improving migration data and a network of migration related information in the Asia – Pacific region including landscape of migration and countries’ policies so that migrants in the region can access easily and make the right decision on migration.

I thank you.