

Launch

United Nations System-Wide Guidance on Bilateral Labour Migration Agreements

Background

Rights-based bilateral labour migration agreements are recognised as a tool for enabling migrant workers to move safely through regular migration pathways, supporting the achievement of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. Under the auspices of the UN Network on Migration, ILO and IOM have led the development of the Guidance on Bilateral Labour Migration Agreements (BLMAs) with the support of a multistakeholder working group representing UN agencies, trade unions, employers, civil society and academia.

To support the socialization of this Guidance ILO and IOM, with the support of the UN Migration Network is organizing a launch event to present the Global Guidance to a broad audience, and receive inputs and comments from governments and stakeholders. The event will inform participants on the content, scope, guiding principles and operational guidelines for the preparation and development, negotiation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the BLMAs. It will seek to encourage testing and application of the Global Guidance among member States and stakeholders.

Format

The workshop will be conducted in a virtual mode in Geneva with the participation of the representatives of the Permanent Missions and relevant government officials from the capitals of the GCM Champion Countries and other interested states, members of the TWG as well as other relevant stakeholders.

The event will be convened in English, with interpretation into Arabic, French and Spanish.

Register on this [link](#) to join the launch event and find more details.

Date: 17 February 2022

Time: 13:00 – 14:30 p.m. (Geneva); 07:00 – 08:30 a.m. (New York)

Venue: Zoom

5 minutes	<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Amy Muedin, Deputy Head of the Secretariat of the UN Network on Migration
15 minutes	<p>Setting the scene</p> <p>The session will outline the background and nature of the guidance and its uses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michelle Leighton, Director, Labour Migration Branch, ILO and Marina Manke, Head of Division, Labour Migration and Human Development, IOM
30 minutes	<p>Panel discussion</p> <p>Panel discussion with representatives of member States and thematic working group members will discuss how the Guidance can be used to support rights-based bilateral labour migration agreements that support implementation of the Global Compact for Migration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Natalia Álvarez Rojas, Deputy-Minister of Employment and Social Welfare, Costa Rica Ms. Paola Simonetti, Director, Equalities Department, ITUC Ms. Stéphanie Winet, Head of Stakeholder Engagement, IOE <p>Moderator: Ms. Nozipho Tshabalala, The Conversation Strategists</p>
30 minutes	<p>Statements from the floor/ Discussion / Q&A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Bernard P. Olalia, the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) Administrator Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva Other
5 minutes	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michelle Leighton, ILO / Marina Manke, IOM