



Side Event for the Africa Regional Review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration: Social Dialogue to Achieve Decent Work

Social Dialogue to Achieve Decent Work for Migrant Workers

Monday 7 October 2024, 10:30 - 12:00 EAT online Registration link: here

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and French

Concept Note and Agenda

I. Background

The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) emphasizes the importance of involving a broad range of stakeholders in the governance of migration, including governments, employers, and workers. It promotes the establishment of regular and formal mechanisms for consultation and cooperation among governments, employers, and workers. This underscores the importance of structured social dialogue* in migration governance.

Genuine social dialogue amongst governments, employers, and workers is key to create a more inclusive, cooperative, and rights-based approach to migration governance, and to ensuring that the policies devised and implemented have broad public support, are coherent, effective, and sustainable.

International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) and ITUC Africa invites you to this side event, which aims at sharing experiences on inter-regional, transnational, and national level collaborations between world of work actors in Africa. Conclusions drawn from the side event will feed into the Africa Regional Review of the GCM on effective partnerships to ensure that migration leads to decent work upholding rights of migrant workers as well as their communities in origin and destination countries.

II. Objectives

The objectives of this event are to:

- 1) Put forward examples of collaborations between the world of work actors (governments, trade unions, and employer organisations) in Africa to enhance decent work opportunities for migrant workers and to protect their labour rights for progress under GCM objective 6;
- 2) Draw conclusions on effective partnerships to feed into the Africa Regional Review of the GCM;
- 3) Enhance dialogue between governments, employers, and workers' organisations in order to progress in the implementation of GCM objectives, in particular objectives 5, 6, 7, 10, 16 and 17.

III. Agenda

90 minutes

Interpretation: English, French

10:30-10:40	Welcome
10:40-11:30	Panel Discussion with examples of social dialogue at Inter-Regional, Transnational and National Level
11:30-11:50	Moderated discussion around guiding questions: 1) What is needed to deepen such collaborations? 2) How can such collaborations be established where they do not exist? 3) Other examples audience would like to put forward
11:50-12:00	Conclusion and closing remarks

^{*} Social dialogue refers to all types of negotiation, consultation or simply exchange of information between or among representatives of governments, employers, and workers on issues of common interest relating to economic and social policy. It is a crucial mechanism for building consensus and involving key stakeholders in policy-making processes.