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Beyond the Sponsorship System: Improving Labor Migration Governance through Fair and Ethical Recruitment and Decent Employment in the Qatar-Bangladesh Migration Corridor

**Wednesday 18 May 2022 - 08:30 AM - 09:30 AM
Room 9**

Description of event:

This proposed side event seeks to shed light on recent reforms to the labor migration systems and the impact of fair and ethical recruitment on employment outcomes for migrant workers in the Asia-GCC migration corridor.

For many years, sponsorship systems were presented as the only employment model for migrant workers in the GCC region. Starting from 2017, the State of Qatar has embarked on an ambitious reform agenda. These reforms have included allowing workers flexibility to change employers, setting a minimum wage, and investing in fair and ethical recruitment starting in Countries of Origin. Combined, these reforms have effectively presented a viable alternative model to existing sponsorship systems, which remains the dominant employment models in this region.

Using a cross regional lens, this side events seeks to unpack the good practices and lessons learned from reforming labor migration policies in countries of destination and investing in fair and ethical recruitment starting in countries of origin, with a focus on the Bangladesh- Qatar labor migration corridor. This side will further explore prospects of strengthening international cooperation among countries of origin and destination in the Asia-GCC corridor for the full realization of GCM objective 6 “Facilitate fair and ethical recruitment and safeguard conditions that ensure decent work”.

Duration will be 60 minutes and English and Arabic interpretation is available.

Agenda item most relevant to:

The proposed side event seeks to explore the impact of safe and ethical recruitment and flexible employment policies on better employment outcomes for migrant workers in the Asia- GCC corridor by looking at the case of Bangladesh and Qatar.

In doing so this side event is related to the following GCM objectives:

- Objective 5 “Enhance availability and flexibility of pathways for regular migration”
- Objective 6 “Facilitate fair and ethical recruitment and safeguard conditions that ensure decent work”
- Objective 23 “Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration”.

The side event is also relevant to the IMRF Round Table 1 which is reviewing objectives 2,5,6,12 and 18.

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Agenda:

Moderator:

- Mr. Max Tuñón, ILO for UN Migration Network in Qatar

Speakers (40 mins):

- H.E. Mohammed Hassan Al Obaidly, Ministry of Labour of Qatar
- H.E. Dr Ahmed Munirus Saleheen, Ministry of Expatriates Welfare and Overseas Employment, Bangladesh
- Mahmood Alsiddiqi, Ministry of labour, Qatar
- Mr. Mamadou Diallo, International Trade Union Confederation
- Ms. Stephanie Winet, International Organization of Employers
- Dr. Chowdhury Rafiqul Abrar, Migrant Forum in Asia
- Ms. Elizabeth Collett, IOM

Interventions from the Floor (15 mins)

Closing (5 mins)