KNOMAD Thematic Working Group on Policy and Institutional Coherence

Operationalising a Dashboard of Indicators for Measuring Policy and Institutional Coherence for Migration and Development: the Netherlands’ experience

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bezuidenhoutseweg 67, 2500 EB, The Hague
Australia Room

The Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOMAD), an initiative co-ordinated by the World Bank, was established in 2013 as a platform for synthesising and generating knowledge and policy expertise around migration and development issues. Within the KNOMAD framework, the Thematic Working Group (TWG) on Policy and Institutional Coherence – chaired by the OECD Development Centre and the United Nations Development Programme – seeks to address the need for improved policy and institutional coherence for migration and development (PICMD) in both developed and developing countries.

The dashboard, intended to be a user-friendly tool, is premised on the understanding that migration-related policies – as well as policies in sectors relevant to migration (such as education, health and trade) – have an impact on how migration affects development and vice-versa. The objective of the dashboard is to help national governments:

- take stock of their existing policies and institutional arrangements in different sectors related to migration and development;
- consider what policies and institutions may be needed to maximise the positive impact of migration on development.

This year, the Thematic Working Group will lead a pilot operationalisation of the dashboard in 10 countries, including the Netherlands. The results of the exercise will be presented in Istanbul at the next Global Forum on Migration and Development in October 2015.

As part of this initiative, the working group is organising the national workshop “Operationalising a Dashboard of Indicators for Measuring Policy and Institutional Coherence for Migration and Development”, which will gather national stakeholders from government, civil society and academia. During the meeting, participants will explore migration and development in the Dutch context, focusing on how the Netherlands’ public policies and institutions can help harness migration as an engine of development, both in the Netherlands and in migrant sending countries.
FRIDAY, 12 JUNE 2015

08h45-09h00 Registration & coffee

09h00-09h30 Welcome session / opening remarks
  ▪ Nathalie Lintvelt, Head, Migration and Development Group, Stability and Humanitarian Aid Department, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs
  ▪ Sonia Plaza, Senior Economist, Economic Policy and Debt Department, World Bank
  ▪ David Khoudour, Chair of the KNOMAD TWG on Policy and Institutional Coherence; Head of the Migration and Skills Unit, OECD Development Centre

09h30-10h30 Session 1: Explaining policy and institutional coherence for migration and development

  Chair: Sarah Rosengaertner, Co-chair of the KNOMAD TWG on Policy and Institutional Coherence

  Presenters
  ▪ Daniel Naujoks, Acting Co-chair of the KNOMAD TWG on Policy and Institutional Coherence; Senior Migration Expert, UNDP; Assistant Professor, Columbia University
  ▪ Amy Hong, Policy Analyst, Migration and Skills Unit, OECD Development Centre
  ▪ Anna Knoll, Policy Officer, European Centre for Development Policy Management

  This session will begin with a presentation on the broader topic of migration and development, and how public policies can aim to harness migration as an engine of development. Following this, the second presentation will focus on policy and institutional coherence for migration and development (PICMD) and its origins in the concept of policy coherence for development (PCD).

10h30-11h00 Coffee break
11h00-12h30 Session 2: Challenges related to policy coherence for development in the Netherlands

Chair: Sonia Plaza, Senior Economist, Economic Policy and Debt Department, World Bank

Presenters
- Representative of Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (tbd)
- Representative of Dutch Ministry (tbd)
- Melissa Siegel, Associate Professor and Head of Migration Studies at UNU-MERIT and the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance
- Representative of civil society (tbd)

Presenters will give their insights on challenges related to policy and institutional coherence in the Netherlands, from the perspective of their respective institutions. This will be followed by an open group discussion.

Elements for discussion
- What challenges make it harder to achieve PCD in the Netherlands?
- What PCD-related challenges – both practical and political – exist when it comes to the specific issue of migration and development?
- Are there distinct challenges with regards to coherence between government ministries/sectors, on the one hand, and government, academia and civil society, on the other hand?

12h30-13h30 Lunch

13h30-14h00 Session 3: Presenting the dashboard

Presenters
- Elaine McGregor, Researcher at UNU-MERIT and the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance
- Melissa Siegel, Associate Professor and Head of Migration Studies at UNU-MERIT and the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance

This session will focus on the background, rationale and objectives of the dashboard of indicators.
In small groups, participants will engage in an open and critical discussion about the indicators. Each group will be encouraged to assess to what extent public policies in the Netherlands fulfil the requirements set out by the indicators. Each group will focus on a specific set of indicators:

- Group 1: Indicators on reducing the costs of migration
- Group 2: Indicators on protecting migrants’ rights
- Group 3: Indicators on integration
- Group 4: Indicators on enhancing the development impact of migration for countries of origin
- Group 5: Indicators on promoting institutional coherence

Elements for discussion
- Where does the Netherlands stand vis-à-vis these indicators?
- What are the best ways to collect data on these indicators and what can be done in the short-to-medium term to improve available data?
- How can the indicators be improved?
- How should countries be evaluated on each policy objective?

16h00-17h00  Session 5: Assessing the indicators (wrap-up) and next steps

Chair: David Khoudour, Chair of the KNOMAD TWG on Policy and Institutional Coherence; Head of the Migration and Skills Unit, OECD Development Centre

Participants will reconvene, and a designated rapporteur for each group of indicators will present the main outcomes of the small group discussions. Following this, participants will be invited to offer final recommendations on how to facilitate the operationalisation of the dashboard and increase its relevance as a tool for the Netherlands.

17h00-17h15  Closing remarks

- Representative, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (tbd)
- Sarah Rosengaertner, Co-chair of the KNOMAD TWG on Policy and Institutional Coherence