Structure of the meeting

Day One (12:30-18:30, followed by debate and cocktail reception)

After registration and lunch, the first session of the meeting will set the scene for the whole report and discuss how international migration may be affected by major shifts in the global economy. Carl Dahlman, Head of Global Research at the OECD Development Centre, will briefly present the objectives of the report and focus on the impact that ‘shifting wealth’ could have on international migration and how we might study these trends in the report. After interventions from the invited speakers, there will be an open discussion among all participants.

Participants will then split up into two groups for parallel discussions on ‘Technology’ and ‘Environment’. The session will start with two or three interventions from invited speakers and will then continue with an open discussion, moderated by the chair. If you are a not a named speaker on the agenda in either of those sessions, you can choose to take part in whichever session you have most interest and expertise in, although we would like to keep the numbers fairly balanced.

All participants will then come back together in the main room (Room C) and the moderators from each break-out group will report back on the discussions.

Following the wrap-up for the day, everyone is invited to attend the debate on ‘The feasibility and potential impacts of free human mobility’ which will take place in the Auditorium at the Conference Centre. This event will be open to Member country delegations and OECD staff, and will be followed by a cocktail reception.

Day Two (09:00-18:00)

The day starts with two more parallel discussions on ‘Demography’ and ‘Political instability and conflict’, following the same format as the previous day. All participants will then come back together in the main room (Room D) and the moderators from each break-out group will report back on the discussions.

After the coffee break, the next session will look at the impact of public policies on migration. Again, the session will start with interventions from invited speakers and will continue with an open discussion among all participants, moderated by the chair.

After lunch, the final afternoon will be spent exploring possible future scenarios for migration, using a foresight approach. After a debriefing on the results of the scenario exercise, a final summing up will conclude the meeting.
AGENDA

Day One: Tuesday, 24 February 2015

12:30-14:00  Registration and lunch in the Roger Ockrent room

14:00-14:15  Welcome and introduction
Room C  
  • H.E. Ambassador Hans-Jürgen Heimsoeth, Permanent Representative of Germany to the OECD and Chair of the Development Centre Governing Board
  • Mario Pezzini, Director, OECD Development Centre

14:15-16:00  Session 1: Setting the scene – Shifting wealth
Room C  Carl Dahlman, Head of Global Development at the OECD Development Centre, will present the concept note, focusing on the issue of shifting wealth in the context of international migration. Participants are encouraged to discuss the approach to the topic proposed and identify where the Perspectives on Global Development (PGD) can add value to the academic and policy debate.

Moderator: Michelle Leighton, Chief, Labour Migration Branch, International Labour Organization (ILO)

Interventions
  • Carl Dahlman, Head of Global Development, OECD Development Centre
  • Yoshifumi Fukunaga, Senior Policy Coordinator, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)
  • Hui Xu, Beijing Normal University

Followed by open discussion

16:00-16:30  Coffee break

16:30-17:50  Session 2: Parallel break-out groups
Rooms C and MZ04  These two parallel sessions will start with two or three short interventions followed by detailed discussions in the group led by the moderator, to cover: (i) what are the expected trends for the factor under discussion? (ii) how may these trends affect migration and development? (iii) what policy issues may this raise? (iv) what can the PGD do to provide insights into this issue? (v) what would be an appropriate methodology to use?
Break-out group 1: Technology [Room C]

How might advances in technology impact international migration? Please refer to pages 15-17 of the concept note.

Moderator: Andrew Wyckoff, Director, Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation (STI), OECD

Interventions

- Devesh Kapur, Assistant Professor in the Department of Government at Harvard University; Associate Professor, Director of the Center for the Advanced Study of India, Political Science Department, University of Pennsylvania (by video link)
- Lant Pritchett, Professor of the Practice of International Development, Co-Chair MPA/ID Program, Harvard Kennedy School

Followed by open discussion

Break-out group 2: Environment and climate change [Room MZ04]

Environmental conditions are projected to drastically change in many regions of the world. How will these changes affect future migration flows? Please refer to pages 17-18 of the concept note.

Moderator: Simon Buckle, Head of the Climate, Biodiversity and Water Division, Environment Directorate, OECD

Interventions

- Richard Black, Pro-Director (Research & Enterprise), School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)
- François Gemenne, Executive Director, Politics of the Earth, Sciences Po – Medialab and FNRS Senior Research Associate, ULg - CEDEM
- Dina Ionesco, Head of Division, Migration, Environment and Climate Change (MECC), International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Followed by open discussion

17:50-18:10 Reporting from break-out groups

Room C All participants will reconvene in Room C. The moderators from each of the break-out groups will report back on the discussions (10 minutes per group).

18:10-18:15 Wrap up for Day One

Room C

- Carl Dahlman, Head of Global Development, OECD Development Centre
18:15-18:30  Break with light refreshments

18:30-20:00  Debate: The feasibility and potential impacts of free human mobility

Auditorium  Chaired by: H.E. Ambassador Mithat Rende, Permanent Representative of Turkey to the OECD

Speaker: Lant Pritchett, Professor of the Practice of International Development, Co-Chair MPA/ID Program, Harvard Kennedy School

Discussant: Marco Salvi, Project Manager, Avenir Suisse

Followed by Q&A

20:00  Cocktail reception

Espresso area
09:00-10:30  Session 3: Parallel break-out groups

Rooms D and MZ04

**Break-out group 3: Demography [Room D]**

In the coming decades, the world will undergo significant demographic restructuring and shifts. What impact will this have on international migration? Please refer to pages 13-15 of the concept note.

Moderator: David Khoudour, Head, Migration and Skills Unit, OECD Development Centre

**Interventions**

- Sarah Gammage, Policy Advisor, Economic Institutions, OIC, UN Women
- Bela Hovy, Chief of Migration Section, Population Division, UNDESA; Chair, KNOMAD Thematic Working Group on Data on Migration and Remittance Flows
- Rainer Münz, Senior Fellow, Hamburg Institute of International Economics; Head of Research, Erste Bank Vienna; Chair, KNOMAD Thematic Working Group on Demographic Changes and Migration

Followed by open discussion

**Break-out group 4: Political instability and conflict [Room MZ04]**

Political instability and conflict can trigger significant migration flows. How are trends in refugee flows likely to evolve in the future? Please refer to pages 18-21 of the concept note.

Moderator: Alan Whaites, Development Co-operation Directorates (DCD), OECD

**Interventions**

- Christina Jespersen, Strategic Planner, Solutions Steering Group, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- Erik Melander, Professor, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University
- Ceri Oeppen, PRI Global Fellow/Lecturer in Human Geography, University of Sussex

Followed by open discussion

10:30-10:50  Reporting from break-out groups

Room D

All participants will reconvene in Room D. The rapporteurs from each of the break-out groups will report back on the discussions (10 minutes per group).

10:50-11:20  Coffee break
11:20-13:00  **Session 4: Public policies**

Room D  Public policies play a key role in shaping migration flows. What are the main factors leading to shifts in migration policies and how might public policies evolve? Please refer to pages 21-24 of the concept note.

Moderator: Nicola Harrington, Deputy Director, OECD Development Centre

Interventions
- Anna Maria Mayda, Associate Professor of Economics, Georgetown University
- Yevgeny Kuznetsov, Senior Fellow, Migration Policy Institute, Washington DC

Followed by open discussion

13:00-14:30  **Lunch in the Restaurant des Nations**

14:30-17:00  **Session 5: Migration scenarios**

Room D  Moderators: Martin Mayer and Raphaël Beziz, Consultants to the OECD on Strategic Foresight; Deirdre Culley, Policy Analyst, OECD Development Centre.

[Break-out rooms: MZ04 and 320]

The outcome of this last session will help us develop scenarios on the future of international migration. The moderators will explain the concept of foresight techniques and work with participants to develop alternative future migration scenarios.

17:00-17:30  **Reporting back from scenarios**

Room D

17:30-17:50  **Summing up**

Room D  - Carl Dahlman, Head of Global Development, OECD Development Centre

17:50-18:00  **Closing remarks**

Room D  - Juan Yermo, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the OECD Secretary-General