



Strengthening the Migration-Development Nexus through Improved Policy and Institutional Coherence

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Migration has become a defining issue for development. There are over 200 million international migrants and many more internal migrants in the world. In the coming decades, demographic imbalances, persistent income disparities, declining communication and transportation costs, and increased access to information will continue to drive migration worldwide. South-South migration will probably grow even more, and in some parts of the world climate change will have the potential to displace large sections of the population.

With the recognition that migration has an important impact on development in countries of origin and destination alike, the Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOMAD), an initiative co-ordinated by the World Bank, has been established and envisaged as a platform for synthesising and generating knowledge and policy expertise around migration and development issues. Within the KNOMAD framework, the Thematic Working Group on Policy and Institutional Coherence – chaired by Beata Godenzi, Head of Global Program Migration and Development, Swiss Agency for Cooperation and Development; David Khoudour, Head of the Migration and Skills Unit, OECD Development Centre; and Sarah Rosengaertner, Migration and Development Expert, United Nations Development Programme – seeks to address the need for improved coherence for development in the realm of migration and development (M&D) in both developed and developing countries. Public policies play a crucial role in maximising the benefits and minimising the costs of migration, both in countries of origin and destination. Yet, when designing policies that aim to regulate migration flows, integrate immigrants and optimise the impact of migration on development, policy makers need to consider the interactions between migration policies and other public policies in order to better identify related development outcomes.

On 4-5 December 2013, the workshop “Strengthening the Migration-Development Nexus through Improved Policy and Institutional Coherence” will gather experts from OECD and non-OECD countries, as well as representatives from international and civil society organisations, with the purpose of exploring research needs and gaps related to policy and institutional coherence in the area of M&D. The workshop, which will serve as a crucial step in agreeing on a conceptual framework and mapping out the future research agenda for KNOMAD’s five-year implementation phase, will include five moderated sessions: 1) Understanding policy and institutional coherence; 2) Defining and measuring policy and institutional coherence for M&D; 3) Sharing experiences and understanding challenges; 4) Identifying and prioritising knowledge gaps and research needs; and 5) Towards a roadmap for implementing a policy-relevant research agenda on coherence for M&D.

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, 4 DECEMBER

08h30-09h00 Registration

09h00-10h00 Welcome session

- **Ms. Beata Godenzi**, Head of the Global Program Migration and Development, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), and Chair of the KNOMAD Thematic Working Group on Policy and Institutional Coherence
- **Mr. Pier Carlo Padoan**, Deputy Secretary-General and Chief Economist, OECD
- **Ms. Eva Åkerman-Börje**, Ambassador, Secretariat for the Swedish Chairmanship of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)
- **Mr. François Crépeau**, UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants

10h00-11h00 Session 1: Understanding policy and institutional coherence

Chair: Mr. Carl Dahlman, Head of the Thematic Division, OECD Development Centre

During this session, experts will discuss the concept of policy and institutional coherence for development, focusing on its origins, various usages and facets, widening application to other contexts, and key lessons from its application in other areas. The goal is to show that the pursuit of coherence is not a smooth process, but one that involves trade-offs, co-ordination mechanisms and political arbitrage. The experts will touch upon the basic challenges related to policy and institutional coherence, including its political and knowledge-intensive aspects as well as its requirement of a systematic, institutional approach.

Presenters

- **Mr. Geert Laporte**, Deputy Director, European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM)
- **Ms. Ebba Dohlman**, Senior Adviser on Policy Coherence for Development to OECD Secretary-General

11h00-11h30 Coffee break

11h30-13h00 Session 2: Defining and measuring policy and institutional coherence for M&D

Chair: Mr. Andrew Sherriff, Head of Programme European External Action, ECDPM

The language of “policy coherence” originated in an OECD context and until now has primarily been applied to OECD countries. The application of the term to the realm of migration and development thus calls for an inevitable “stretching” and reshaping of the concept, as it becomes more widely used – and implemented – by governments, policy makers and other stakeholders in the Global North and South.

Elements for discussion

- How should policy and institutional coherence in the M&D realm be defined? In particular, what are the respective aspects of intergovernmental, intra-governmental, multilateral and multi-stakeholder coherence?
- What are we measuring when we measure policy and institutional coherence for M&D (inputs, outcomes, impacts)? What tools do we need for this purpose?
- How does the definition of policy and institutional coherence for M&D differ depending on whether a country is one of origin or destination, in the Global North or Global South? What are the similarities and differences between these various context-based definitions?

13h00-14h30 Lunch

14h30-18h00 Session 3: Sharing experiences and understanding challenges

This session will give policy makers and development practitioners the opportunity to share their hands-on experience in terms of promoting policy and institutional coherence for M&D at different levels. It will also encourage participants to discuss the wide range of challenges – practical, political, economic, social, cultural – for implementing coherence in the area of M&D.

Elements for discussion

- What are the notable differences and points of convergence between practices across different countries and contexts?
- What are the conditions required for implementing these practices?
- What are the primary constraints and obstacles in implementing these practices?
- Why do some of these challenges tend to go unaddressed and unacknowledged?
- What kind of costs does pursuing policy and institutional coherence impose on the stakeholders involved? What are the benefits? How are the costs and benefits distributed across stakeholders?
- What steps can be taken to ensure that national practices and international policy dialogue cohere with one another?

14h30-16h00 Session 3.1: Coherence at the national level

Chair: Ms. Beata Godenzi, Head of the Global Program Migration and Development, SDC

16h00-16h30 Coffee break

16h30-18h00 Session 3.2: Coherence at the international level

Chair: Ms. Sarah Rosengaertner, Migration and Development Expert, UNDP

DAY 2: THURSDAY, 5 DECEMBER

09h00-11h45 Session 4: Identifying and prioritising knowledge gaps and research needs

Chair: Mr. David Khoudour, Head of the Migration and Skills Unit, OECD Development Centre

This session will give participants the opportunity to intensively and collaboratively brainstorm about the broad knowledge gaps and research needs in the realm of policy and institutional coherence for M&D, and how these should be prioritised.

Elements for discussion

- What are the primary knowledge gaps and research needs in the realm of coherence for M&D?
- What are the reasons that these areas have thus far gone unexplored? Are these reasons all practical and logistical, or do some of them have to do with political sensitivities?
- How can these knowledge gaps and research needs be prioritised and systematically addressed?

09h00-9h30 Session 4.1: General discussion

09h30-10h30 Session 4.2: Break-out sessions

10h30-11h00 Coffee break

11h00-12h00 Session 4.3: Wrap-up discussion

12h00-12h45 **Session 5: Towards a roadmap for implementing a policy relevant research agenda on coherence for M&D**

Chairs: Ms. Beata Godenzi, Head of the Global Program Migration and Development, SDC
Mr. David Khoundour, Head of the Migration and Skills Unit, OECD Development Centre
Ms. Sarah Rosengaertner, Migration and Development Expert, UNDP

The objective of this session is to agree on a priority list of identified research gaps, which will guide the subsequent activities of the KNOMAD Thematic Working Group (TWG) on Policy and Institutional Coherence, and will provide a range of potential topics for future research undertaken by the TWG.

Presenter

- **Mr. Dilip Ratha**, Head of KNOMAD and Manager of the Migration and Remittances Unit, World Bank

Elements for discussion

- What elements (web platforms, research activities, assessment tools, etc.) are indispensable for advancing the research agenda on policy and institutional coherence for M&D and informing government practice?
- How should the work in this area be divided?
- How will the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of policy and institutional coherence for M&D be ensured?
- What policy forums can be used to promote the findings produced by the expert network that the TWG will build and maintain? How will the menu of policy options (one of the TWG's deliverables) be shared?

12h45-13h00 **Closing remarks**

- **Mr. Christoph Graf**, Director-General and Head of the Directorate Global Cooperation ad interim, SDC
- **Mr. Rintaro Tamaki**, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD
- **Mr. Mario Pezzini**, Director, OECD Development Centre

13h00-14h30 **Lunch**

Formats for Sessions

Session 1 will feature two short presentations by experts on policy and institutional coherence. These presentations will be followed by 15 to 20 minutes of traditional Q&A.

Sessions 2 and 3 will be conducted using an “arena” style. Participants will sit in a circle, with the moderator in the middle. The moderator will facilitate open discussions with participants and will occasionally call upon different experts in the audience to give their opinions on the topic at hand.

Session 4 will start off with a 30-minute discussion on Day 2 with the entire group of participants. Following this, participants will split up into smaller groups. After one-hour break-out sessions, participants will reconvene and, following the rapporteurs' presentations, will discuss the findings of their small-group discussions. The moderator will ensure that this final large group discussion is as open as possible.

Session 5 will be an informative session about the future work of the TWG on Policy and Institutional Coherence.