

Interrelations between public policies, migration and development in the Philippines

Consultation meeting

Organised by the OECD Development Centre and the European Commission

July 9, 2015 (8:30 am – 6 pm)

Visayas and Mindanao Conference Rooms

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

In January 2013, the OECD launched a project on the **Interrelations between public policies, migration and development**, which aims at enhancing the capacity of the project's ten partner countries in incorporating migration into the design and implementation of their development strategies through case studies. The project seeks to better understand how international migration affects non-migration related public policies, and conversely, how these policies affect migration. The project is co-funded by the EU Thematic Programme on Migration and Asylum and managed by the OECD Development Centre.

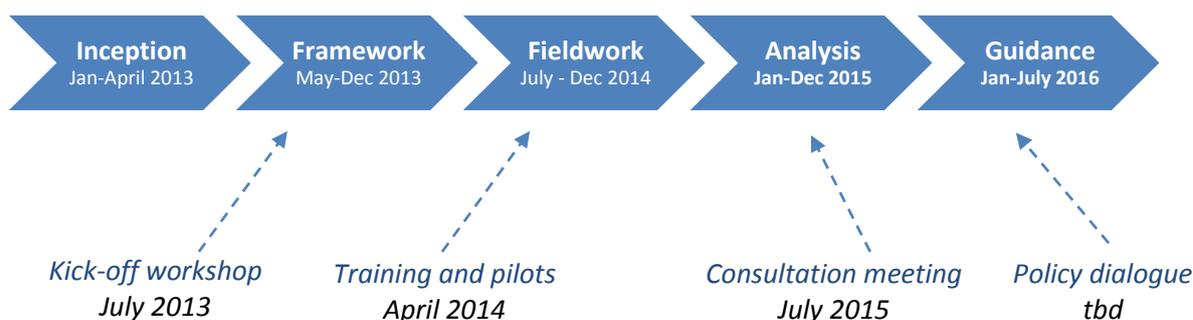
The project aims to provide **empirical evidence** on the interrelations between migration and public policy based on **quantitative and qualitative fieldwork** in the country. The methodological framework of the project was developed by the OECD Development Centre and implemented in the Philippines by the Scalabrini Migration Center (SMC).

- ❖ 1 999 household surveys
- ❖ 37 community surveys
- ❖ 40 qualitative stakeholder interviews

The project will provide evidence at the country level as well as across countries. It will focus on the labour market, education, agriculture and investment, key sectors for sustaining economic and social development. Quantitative data for the project was collected from May 2nd to July 9th, 2014.

This consultation meeting will serve as a platform to bring together all relevant stakeholders in the Philippines to discuss preliminary findings and open a dialogue on different points of views and interpretations. The meeting will contribute to enriching the analysis at the country level, and will offer an opportunity to discuss the preliminary results.

Project timeline in the Philippines



Agenda

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:20	<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Ambassador Guy Ledoux, European Commission to the Philippines - Secretary Imelda M. Nicolas, Commission on Filipinos Overseas
Session I: Setting the scene	
09:20 – 10:00	<p>Chair: Rodrigo V. Garcia, Commission on Filipinos Overseas</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hyeslin Park, OECD Development Centre - Maruja Asis, Scalabrini Migration Center <p><i>Focus of the session:</i> This initial session will provide a brief introduction to the objectives and scope of the project. It will also present the tools developed and their implementation in the field, which form the project's empirical foundation. The session will end with an overview of the data collected.</p>
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee break
Session II: Migration and labour market	
10:15 – 11:30	<p>Chair: Liberty Casco, Deputy Administrator, Philippine Overseas Employment Administration</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Graziano Battistella, Scalabrini Migration Center - Hyeslin Park, OECD Development Centre <p>Discussant: Dr. Aniceto Orbeta, Philippine Institute for Development Studies</p> <p><i>Focus of the session:</i> The session will discuss the preliminary findings on the interrelations between migration and labour market policies. It will highlight the different effects of migration on the labour market as well as the repercussions of labour market policies in terms of emigration, remittances and return migration.</p>

Session III: Migration, education and skills

<p>11:30-12:45</p>	<p>Chair: Secretary Patricia B. Licuanan, Commission on Higher Education (TBC)</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maruja Asis, Scalabrini Migration Center - Lisa Andersson, OECD Development Centre <p>Discussant: Dr. Alvin Ang, Ateneo de Manila University (TBC)</p> <p><i>Focus of the session:</i> The session will discuss the preliminary findings on the interrelations between migration and education and skills policies in the Philippines. It will emphasize the impact of migration and remittances on the education sector, as well as the consequences of education and skills policies on migration.</p>
<p>12:45 – 13:45</p>	<p>Lunch break</p>

Session IV: Migration and agriculture

<p>13:45 – 15:00</p>	<p>Chair: Segfredo Serrano, Undersecretary for International Relations (Department of Agriculture)</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Geoffrey Ducanes, Scalabrini Migration Center - Hyeslin Park, OECD Development Centre <p>Discussant: Joselita Lanao, Learning Resource Manager, CARD-MRI</p> <p><i>Focus of the session:</i> The session will discuss the preliminary findings of the project on the interrelations between migration and public policies in the agricultural sector. It will show how migration affects the agricultural sector, and conversely, how agricultural policies affect migration.</p>
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Session V: Migration, investment and financial services	
15:00 – 16:15	<p>Chair: Governor Amado M. Tetangco, Jr, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (TBC)</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jorge Tigno, SMC Team - Lisa Andersson, OECD Development Centre <p>Discussant: Dr. Gilber Llanto, PIDS</p> <p><i>Focus of the session:</i> The session will discuss the preliminary findings on the interrelations between migration and public policies in terms of investment and financial services. It will show first the repercussions of migration and remittances on investment, then the impact of both investment and financial services policies on migration, in particular the use of remittances.</p>
16:15-16.30	Coffee break
Session VI: Public policy, migration and development	
16:30 – 17:45	<p>Chair: Director Reynaldo Cancio, National Economic and Development Authority</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lisa Andersson, OECD Development Centre - Hyeshin Park, OECD Development Centre <p>Discussants: Atty. Golda Myra Roma, UNDP Romina Sta. Clara, IOM</p> <p><i>Focus of the session:</i> The session will discuss the policy implications of the results discussed in the previous sessions. It will show how a different set of non-migration sectoral policies can have an impact on various dimensions of migration, namely, emigration flows, remittances and return migration.</p>
17:45 – 18:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing remarks and next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hyeshin Park, OECD Development Centre - CFO