

# How Immigrants Contribute to Developing Countries' Economies

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## AGENDA

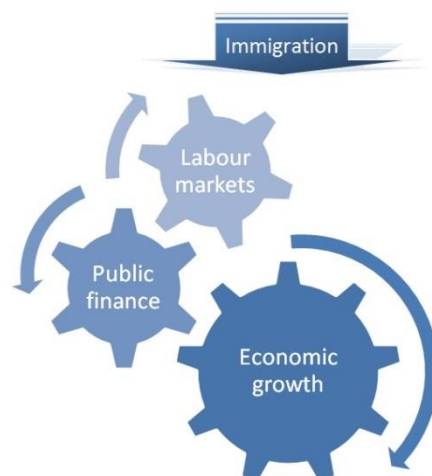


## ABOUT THE REPORT AND THE PROJECT

***How Immigrants Contribute to Developing Countries' Economies*** is the result of a project carried out by the OECD Development Centre and the International Labour Organization, with support from the European Union. The report covers ten project partner countries: Argentina, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, Ghana, Kyrgyzstan, Nepal, Rwanda, South Africa and Thailand.

The project, *Assessing the Economic Contribution of Labour Migration in Developing Countries as Countries of Destination*, aimed to provide empirical evidence – both quantitative and qualitative – on the multiple ways immigrants affect their host countries.

The report is intended to serve as a useful tool for policy makers in the ten partner countries and other developing countries by providing (i) exhaustive research findings on the economic impact of labour immigration in developing countries; and (ii) guidance on relevant issues to make the most of immigration in destination countries.



## ABOUT THE EVENT

This launch event will provide participants with the opportunity to discuss the main findings and policy recommendations of the project. It will also serve as a platform to share knowledge and insights on relevant policies and practices to enhance the contribution of labour migration to host countries' development. This conference will convene high-level policy makers from the ten project partner countries as well as representatives from other countries, migration and development experts including academia, civil society and international organisations. The event will be co-chaired by Ministries from two of the ten partner countries.

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## Day 1: Wednesday, 24 January 2018 (CC7)

09:30 – 10:00	Registration and welcome coffee
10:00 – 10:30	<p><b>Opening remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Masamichi Kono</b>, Deputy Secretary-General of the OECD</li> <li>• <b>Filippos Pierros</b>, Minister-Counsellor, EU Delegation to the OECD</li> <li>• <b>Cyril Cosme</b>, Director, ILO’s office in France</li> </ul>
10:30 – 12:00	<p><b>Session 1. Launch of the report “How immigrants contribute to developing countries’ economies”: Key findings and policy recommendations</b></p> <p><i>Chair:</i> <b>Camilla Hagströem</b>, Deputy Head of Unit, B.3 Migration, Employment, Inequalities, DG DEVCO, European Commission</p> <p><i>Key findings presented by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>David Khoudour</b>, Head, Migration and Skills Unit, OECD Development Centre</li> <li>• <b>Theodoor Sparreboom</b>, Chief Technical Advisor, Labour Migration Branch, ILO</li> </ul> <p><i>Policy discussions by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mario Pezzini</b>, Director of the OECD Development Centre and Special Advisor to the Secretary General of the OECD on Development</li> </ul> <p>Discussion with the participants</p> <p><u><i>Focus of the session:</i></u>  <i>This session aims to provide policy makers with evidence on how immigrants contribute to the economies of the countries of destination and discuss how public policies can enhance such contribution.</i></p>
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch (Marshall room)

13:30 – 15:00	<p><b>Session 2. Adapting migration policies to labour market needs</b></p> <p><i>Chair: Isabelle Wahedova</i>, Migration, Employment, Inequalities (Unit B.3) at EC Directorate General for Development Cooperation</p> <p><i>Presenter: Jesse Mertens</i>, Technical Officer, Labour Migration Branch, ILO</p> <p><i>Panellists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Florinda Rojas</b>, Executive Director, National Institute of Migration, the Dominican Republic</li> <li>• <b>Laxman Prasad Mainali</b>, Secretary, Ministry of Employment and Labour, Nepal</li> <li>• <b>Vivathana Thanghong</b>, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Labour, Thailand</li> </ul> <p>Discussion with the participants</p> <p><u><i>Focus of the session:</i></u>  <i>Policy makers will share their views on how immigrants affect labour markets in their countries and how migration policies can address existing and emerging labour market needs.</i></p>
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 17:00	<p><b>Session 3: Leveraging the impact of immigration on the economy</b></p> <p><i>Chair: Philip Martin</i>, Professor Emeritus, University of California, Davis</p> <p><i>Presenter: Sarah Kups</i>, Economist, OECD Development Centre</p> <p><i>Panellists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Marcelin Cissé</b>, Director General of Planning, Development and Aid Coordination, Ministry of Planning and Development, Côte d'Ivoire</li> <li>• <b>Emma Ofori Agyemang</b>, Director, Policy Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations, Ghana</li> </ul> <p>Discussion with the participants</p> <p><u><i>Focus of the session:</i></u>  <i>Policy makers will discuss different channels through which immigrants contribute to economic growth and public finance. They will especially discuss how public policies can leverage the impact of immigration on host countries' economies.</i></p>

17:00 – 17:30	<p><b>Session 4: Assessing the economic contribution of immigrants to developing countries: what's next?</b></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> <b>Hyeshin Park</b>, Project Co-ordinator, OECD Development Centre</p> <p><i>In conversation with:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ronald Skeldon</b>, Professor Emeritus, University of Sussex</li> <li>• <b>Patrick Taran</b>, President, Global Migration Policy Associates</li> </ul>
17:30 – 19:00	Cocktail (Marshall room)

## Day 2: Thursday, 25 January 2018 (CC7)

09:00 – 09:30	Welcome coffee
09:30 – 11:00	<p><b>Session 5: Protecting migrants rights and investing in immigrant integration</b></p> <p><i>Chair:</i> <b>Michelle Leighton</b>, Chief of the Labour Migration Branch, ILO</p> <p><i>Panellists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Almazbek Asanbaev</b>, Deputy Head, State Migration Service, Kyrgyzstan</li> <li>• <b>Washington González</b>, Vice Minister, Ministry of Labour, the Dominican Republic</li> <li>• <b>Moustapha Hinin</b>, General Director, National Population Office, Côte d'Ivoire</li> <li>• <b>Gisela Yockchen Mora</b>, General Director, General Directorate of Migration, Costa Rica</li> </ul> <p>Discussion with the participants</p> <p><i>Focus of the session:</i>  <i>Policy makers will share good practices with regard to the protection of migrants rights, the fight against discrimination and the integration of immigrants.</i></p>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00	<p><b>Session 6: Strengthening international co-operation – towards a global compact for migration</b></p> <p><i>Chair:</i> <b>Federico Bonaglia</b>, Deputy Director, OECD Development Centre</p> <p>With statement by <b>Louise Arbour</b>, UN Special Representative for Migration</p> <p><i>Panellists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Masamichi Kono</b>, Deputy Secretary-General of the OECD</li> <li>• <b>Sönke Lorenz</b>, Head, Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) Task Force, German Federal Foreign Office</li> <li>• <b>Marina Manke</b>, Head of Labour Mobility and Human Development Division, IOM</li> <li>• <b>Pascal Teixeira da Silva</b>, Ambassador for Migration, France</li> </ul> <p>Discussion with the participants</p> <p><u><i>Focus of the session:</i></u>  <i>Panellists will link the discussions of this conference into the global context and discuss the international agenda on migration and development. They will call for not only national level efforts but also international co-operation to enhance the contribution of immigration to development, engaging both host countries and countries of origin.</i></p>
13:00 – 13:15	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Camilla Hagström</b>, Deputy Head of Unit, B.3 Migration, Employment, Inequalities, DG DEVCO, European Commission</li> <li>• <b>Michelle Leighton</b>, Chief of the Labour Migration Branch, ILO</li> <li>• <b>Mario Pezzini</b>, Director of the OECD Development Centre and Special Advisor to the Secretary General of the OECD on Development</li> </ul>
13:15 – 14:30	Lunch (Marshall room)