

Making the Most of Migration in Georgia: what role for public policies?

Launch of the report,
Interrelations between Public Policies, Migration and Development in Georgia

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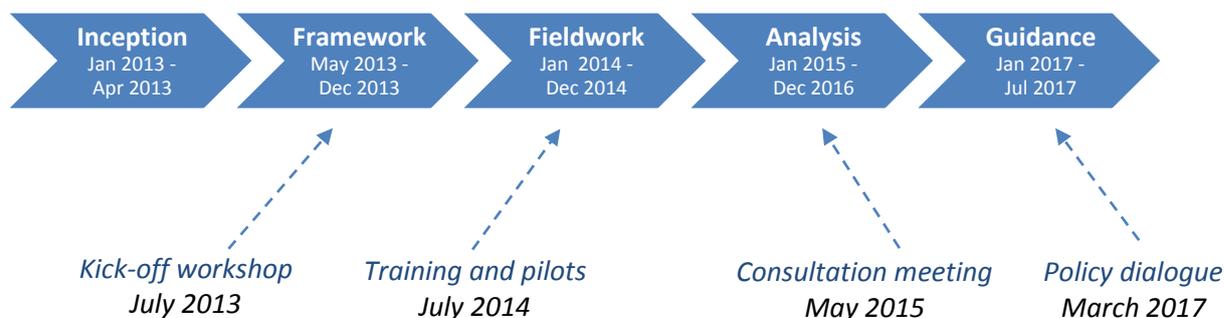
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Interrelations between Public Policies, Migration and Development (IPPMD) is the result of a project co-funded by the EU Thematic Programme on Migration and Asylum, and carried out by the OECD Development Centre in ten partner countries : Armenia, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, the Dominican Republic, **Georgia**, Haiti, Morocco and the Philippines.

The project in Georgia aims to provide policy makers with empirical evidence on the way migration dimensions influences specific sectors – the labour market, agriculture, education, investment and financial services – and, in turn, how sectoral policies affect different migration outcomes. The report on Georgia addresses three dimensions of the migration cycle: emigration, remittances and return.

The project in Georgia was carried out in liaison with the *State Commission on Migration Issues* with support from the *Caucasus Research Resource Center-Georgia*. It provides **empirical evidence** based on **quantitative and qualitative fieldwork**.

Project timeline in Georgia



This launch event will serve as a platform for a dialogue between policy makers and representatives from academia, civil society and international organisations. The dialogue specifically aims to:

- Share and discuss the findings and policy recommendations of the IPPMD project with a focus on Georgia, in a comparative perspective. This will highlight what lessons other countries can gain from the Georgian experience and what Georgia can learn from other countries;
- Explore how the findings and recommendations of the research project can be translated into concrete actions, especially by integrating migration into key sectoral policies in Georgia, the 2016-2020 Migration Strategy and *Georgia 2020*, the current national social-economic development strategy, and its future versions.

Agenda

Tuesday, 28 March 2017

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| 09:00 – 09:30 | Registration |
| 09:30 – 10:00 | <p>Opening remarks</p> <p>Mr. Kaido Sirel, Deputy Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation to Georgia Mr. George Jashi, State Commission for Migration Issues Mr. Jason Gagnon, OECD Development Centre</p> |
| 10:00 – 11:00 | <p>Session 1 : IPPMD conceptual and methodological frameworks</p> <p><i>Chair : Ms. Ketevan Gorgoshidze, ICMPD/ENIGMMA</i></p> <p><i>Presenters :</i> Ms. Hyeshin Park, OECD Development Centre Ms. Tinatin Zurabishvili, CRRC-Georgia</p> <p><u><i>Focus of the session :</i></u> <i>This initial session will set the stage by presenting the IPPMD project. The presentation will cover the project's objectives and global conceptual and methodological frameworks. It will also present how the project was carried out in Georgia and an overview of the data collected.</i></p> |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | Coffee break |

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| 11:15 – 12:30 | <p>Session 2 : Main findings of the IPPMD project</p> <p><i>Chair : Ms. Lia Tsuladze, Tbilisi State University</i></p> <p><i>Presenter : Mr. Jason Gagnon, OECD Development Centre</i></p> <p><i>Discussants :</i> Mr. Varlam Tchkuaseli, Independent consultant Ms. Mariam Chumburidze, Innovations and Reform Center</p> <p><u><i>Focus of the session :</i></u> <i>This session will present the findings of the IPPMD comparative report, while highlighting Georgia's relative position. The report aims to provide policy makers with evidence on the untapped development potential embodied in migration and the role of a range of sectoral policies in realising this potential. Three dimensions of migration will be discussed: emigration, remittances and return migration.</i></p> |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | <p>Lunch</p> |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | <p>Session 3 : Public policies, migration and development</p> <p><i>Chair : Ms. Natia Kvitsiani, IOM</i></p> <p><i>Presenters : Ms. Hyeshin Park, OECD Development Centre</i></p> <p><u><i>Focus of the session :</i></u> <i>This session will focus on the interrelations between migration and sectoral policies by looking more closely at four sectors: the labour market, agriculture, education and investment and financial services. The IPPMD findings demonstrate that, while migration influences each sector in different ways (through emigration, remittances and return migration), policies in those sectors can enable or deter emigration, change remittance patterns and influence how remittances are used and create conditions that bring back migrants to the country.</i></p> |
| 15:00 – 16:00 | <p>Break-out sessions</p> <p>Group 1 : Labour market policies and migration Group 2 : Education policies and migration Group 3 : Agricultural policies and migration Group 4 : Finance and investment policies and migration</p> |
| 16:00 – 16:30 | <p>Coffee break</p> |

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| <p>16:30 – 18:00</p> | <p>Session 4 : Moving towards action</p> <p><i>Chair : Mr. Koba Turmanidze, CRRG-Georgia</i></p> <p><u>Reporting from the break-out session (by each group rapporteur)</u></p> <p><i>Panel :</i></p> <p>Mr. Giorgi Bunturi, Deputy Head of the Labour and Employment Policy Department, Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Affairs</p> <p>Ms. Tsisnami Sabadze, Head of the Department for Economic Growth Policy and Planning, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development</p> <p>Ms. Nino Vakhvakhishvili, Chief economist at the National Bank of Georgia</p> <p>Ms. Khatia Tsilosani, Head of the International Relations Department, Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia, Ministry of Agriculture</p> <p><i>Focus of the session :</i> <i>This session will report the concrete actions recommended by each breakout group developed in the previous session. The panel members are invited to react and respond to the proposed actions and outline what they consider to be the policy priorities in Georgia and share their takeaway message from the IPPMD report.</i></p> |
| <p>18:00– 18:30</p> | <p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. George Jashi, State Commission on Migration Issues - Mr. Jason Gagnon, OECD Development Centre |
| <p>18:30– 20:00</p> | <p>Cocktail</p> |