ACHIEVING THE FUTURE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: THE ROLE OF LABOUR MIGRATION

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Vulnerability: climate-related displacement

Trends in number of reported events

Much of the increase in the number of hazardous events reported is probably due to significant improvements in information access and also to population growth, but the number of floods and cyclones being reported is still rising compared to earthquakes. How, we must ask, is global warming affecting the frequency of natural hazards?

Source:
Some migrants experience a 15-fold increase in income, a doubling in education enrolment rates and a 16-fold reduction in child mortality if moving from a country with low human development index to countries with a high index.
An overreliance on remittances?

Source: The World Bank (2014), Migration and Development Brief 22
ILO’s Agenda for Fair Migration

• Encourages member States to adopt fair, effective and evidence-based labour migration policies that protect the rights of migrant workers and their families, and promote inclusive development.

• Focus on the creation of decent work opportunities at home, to ensure that migration is a choice rather than a necessity.

• Decent work opportunities particularly important in countries affected by climate change that are heavily reliant on agriculture.
Designing fair and equitable migration policies

- Better understanding labour market needs in countries of origin and destination can help evaluate skill levels, gaps and labour shortages – to ensure that migrants are employed in occupations commensurate with their skills

- Adopting and strengthening bilateral agreements between CoO and CoD

- Effectively regulating the recruitment industry

- Ensuring equal wages and working conditions

  = Reducing the costs of labour migration
Migration in the post-2015 agenda

• The post-2015 United Nations development agenda is an important opportunity to give renewed impetus to the shared responsibility to promote decent work everywhere.

• The Declaration of the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development urges that migration and human mobility is given adequate consideration in the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda.

• The outcome document of the General Assembly’s Open Working Group on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) proposes several Goals that relate to migration.