



DIALOGUE ON LABOR MIGRATION IN THE GREATER MEKONG SUBREGION

BIOGRAPHIES:

PRESENTERS

Ms. Cécile Riallant leads the work of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) on migration and sustainable development as Head of Unit and Team Leader for IOM's dedicated institutional strategy. She is a senior migration, displacement and development expert with over 20 years of experience. Previously, Ms. Riallant was seconded to UNDP to manage the UN Joint Migration and Development Initiative (JMIDI), the largest global UN programme on migration and development. She is also leading IOM's work to support governments and UN Country Teams with the Global Compact on Migration implementation in the context of the UN Network on Migration.

Since joining IOM in 2000, Ms. Riallant has managed numerous programmes and projects in the field of migration and displacement with geographical scope in the Great Lakes (Africa), Afghanistan, the Balkans and Europe. She was also Deputy Chief of Mission of the IOM Mission in Indonesia.

Ms. Aiko Kikkawa Takenaka is an Economist at the Economic Research and Cooperation Department of the Asian Development Bank. She covers research portfolio of aging and demographic changes, international migration and remittances, tourism and economic analysis of ADB projects. Prior to joining ADB, Ms. Takenaka was with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) where she led technical assistance programmes on overseas employment policy, remittances, and disaster relief operation targeting mobile population in multiple countries of Asia and Europe.

Mr. William Gois is the current regional coordinator of Migrant Forum in Asia (MFA), a regional network of grassroots organizations, trade unions, faith-based groups, migrants and their families and individual advocates in Asia working together for social justice for migrant workers and members of their families represented in 26 countries in Asia and the Middle East. Previously, Mr. Gois served as chairperson of the Global Coalition for Migration. Over the last twenty years, he has been at the forefront of international advocacy efforts, engaging and influencing international and multilateral processes to promote rights based migration and development policies, including within the frameworks of the Global Forum on Migration and Development, the World Bank led Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOMAD). At the regional level, Mr. Gois represents Migrant Forum in Asia in the Abu Dhabi Dialogue Steering Committee on the Comprehensive Information Orientation and the thematic working groups of the Colombo Process.

Ms. Sally Barber is the Head of Labour Mobility and Human Development unit at IOM Thailand. She has over 10 years of experience with civil society, international organizations and universities. She has lived and worked extensively in the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS), focusing on migration, labour rights, and gender equality.

DISCUSSANTS

Mr. Than Aung Kyaw is the Director General of the Foreign Economic Relations Department under the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations of Myanmar. In this capacity, he leads economic cooperation efforts between line Ministries and international development partners to facilitate implementation of development programmes aimed at improving national socio-economic development.

Prior to this appointment, Mr. Kyaw served as Deputy Director General at the Ministry of President's Office and later in the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) under the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, leading the work to enhance investment promotion and facilitation. Mr. Kyaw also worked for the Ministry of Commerce for over 28 years focusing on domestic and international trade. Mr. Kyaw is a member of the Development Assistance Coordination Unit (DACU) established by the Government to ensure effective utilization of external development assistance in Myanmar; and he also contributes to the processes of the ASEAN economic integration and Greater Mekong Sub-region Economic cooperation.

Ms. Nansiri Iamsuk is the Programme Specialist working in the Migration Unit at UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific. Her work focuses on empowering women migrant workers through supporting them in accessing to gender-responsive Safe Migration services and information.

Ms. Helga Nagy is the Executive Director at the NGO École d'Hôtellerie et de Tourisme Paul Dubrulle in Cambodia. She brings to this position more than two decades of international experience ranging from academia to operations, and in building strong local, national, international and donor-partner alliances. Helga's interest lies in the development of experiential learning and vocational education and training, with multiple journal article publications. Helga previously lectured at RMIT International University Vietnam (2007-2015), and is Honorary member of the Central and Eastern European Chamber of Commerce (CEEC) in Vietnam.

Mr. Ukrish Kanchanaketu is the Advisor to the Board of the Employers' Confederation of Thailand. Mr. Kanchanaketu is a Human Resources Executive who has led Human Resources management for Thai Bridgestone Company, Kimberly-Clark Thailand, and Bangkok Air Catering Company. He previously served as Acting Director of the Employers' Confederation of Thailand and as President and Consultant for DM Consultants Company, Ltd. Mr. Kanchanaketu is also an Advisor to the Human Resources Management and Business Organizations club, which includes over 200 business member organizations.

FACILITATORS

Mr. Alfredo Perdiguero is the Director of the Regional Cooperation and Operations Coordination Division in the Southeast Asia Department of Asian Development Bank. He has worked in Southeast Asia for the last 20 years and has broad exposure, deep knowledge and extensive work with ADB on regional cooperation and integration issues in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the Brunei Darussalam-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA), the Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle (IMT-GT), and the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS). Mr. Perdiguero also acts as the administrator of the ASEAN Infrastructure Fund, the largest initiative of the ASEAN in its history based on the member countries' funding contributions.

Prior to joining ADB, Mr. Perdiguero was an economist in the European Union Delegation in South Africa. He also worked as a trade specialist in the Spanish Embassy in Egypt and in several NGOs in Latin America. His career spans the private sector, the government and the academe.

Ms. Anna Olsen is the Technical Specialist with the TRIANGLE in ASEAN programme implemented by the International Labour Organization. TRIANGLE in ASEAN aims to ensure that the benefits of labour migration are equally realized by men and women migrant workers, employers, and governments.