Migrants’ Rights: Female Migrants and Domestic Workers

within the framework of
the Africa-EU Migration, Mobility and Employment Partnership (MME)

10th to 11th of May, 2012
Nairobi, Kenya

DRAFT AGENDA

Thursday 10 May

Rationale of day 1
Providing participants with the general background of the meeting and the key issues related to migrants’ rights. Discussion of the legal and institutional frameworks for protecting rights of migrants within regions and countries involved in the MME Partnership.

08:30 – 09:15  Registration

09:30 – 10:00  Opening Remarks, AUC and EU Delegation to Kenya

10:00 – 10:10  Organisation and working arrangements, MME Consortium

10:10 – 11:00  African legal and institutional framework for protecting rights of migrants: key principles and challenges, AUC

11:00 – 11:30  Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:20  European legal and institutional framework for protecting rights of migrants: key principles, EC

12:20 – 13:00  General background on the Rights of Migrants: Key challenges and the needs for the empowerment of migrants, IOM
13:00 – 14:30  LUNCH

14:30 – 15:10  Female migrants and Domestic workers: Main concerns, challenges and initiatives of protection of their rights, *ILO*

*Breakout to Working Groups*

15:30 – 16:30  **Working Groups (WGs)**

**Title of WG A:** *The Protection of Rights of Migrants in the Legal and Institutional Framework: Issues, Challenges and Recommendations*

**Interventions:**
1. Issues facing the diaspora, *Ghana*
2. Challenges and best practices in the protection of migrants’ legal rights, *Portugal*
3. Addressing the specific case of the female migrants and domestics workers, *ITUC*

Experience driven discussions on the main issues and challenges in the protection of migrants’ rights and in the legal and institutional framework; mechanisms for addressing abuse cases and violations of migrants’ rights; and procedures for investigating, tracking complaints and law enforcement; legal assistance to migrants.

Recommendations for clear and comprehensive policies towards addressing violations and securing the protection of migrants’ rights.

*Rapporteur: Consortium*

**Title of WG B:** *The Protection of Social and Economic Rights of Migrants in the Legal and Institutional Framework: Issues, Challenges and Recommendations*

**Interventions:**
1. Experiences and role of the actors, *Rwanda*
2. Experiences and Good practices (specific case of refugees), *Denmark*
3. The human rights approach for protecting migrants’ rights, *OHCHR*
4. Experiences in international cooperation, *ICMPD*
Experience driven discussions on clear and comprehensive migration policies; constitutional and legal guarantees; national references to the Convention for Migrant Workers; mechanisms for acknowledging the social and economic presence of migrant workers; mechanisms for regularising irregular migrant workers; interactions between the State and the private sector; Recommendations for policy responses and cooperation in the protection of migrants’ social and economic rights.

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16:30 – 17:00  Coffee break

17:00 – 17:45  Working Groups (cont’d)

19:30 – 21:30  Welcome Dinner
Friday 11 May

**Rationale of day 2**
The importance of the protection and the economic empowerment of domestic workers and female migrants in contribution to development in their origin and host countries will be discussed and some best practices presented.

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**Title of WG A: Social rights for Domestic Workers and greater opportunities for Decent Work**

Interventions:
1. Migration in the AU Social Policy Framework, AU
2. Migration in the EU Social Policy Framework, Germany
3. Female Migrants and Domestic Workers and Protection: Social Protection Floor Initiative, ILO
4. Domestic Workers problems in Eastern Africa and the needs for greater opportunities for Decent Work, KUDHEIHA

Experience based discussions on social rights of female migrants and domestic workers, including their access to education, health care, welfare insurance and adequate housing for their family; best practices for the integration of migrants’ into the society of the receiving countries; challenges and future opportunities for improving the protection for domestic workers to promote decent work for them. Recommendations for action

*Rapporteur: Consortium*
Title of WG B: Economic Empowerment of Female Migrants in Contribution to Development: Recommendations for action

Interventions

1. Experiences and good practices, COMESA
2. International Best Practices for the Economic Empowerment of Female Migrants and Domestic Workers, ADPC
3. The Kenyan Experience: Public Services International Migration and Women Health and Social Care workers programme, KUDHEIHA

Experience driven discussions on the access to employment for female migrants, discrimination and opportunities for growth in the workplace, career development challenges, opportunities for entrepreneurial minded migrants, and also the challenges, perspectives and positive effects of economic empowerment of female migrants. Recommendations for action

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13:00 – 14:30 LUNCH

14:30 – 15:10 Working Groups (cont’d)

15:10 – 15:40 Presentations by the rapporteurs on the results of the WGs discussions

15:40 – 16:00 Wrap-up Discussions

16:00 – 16:30 Closure by AUC and EU Delegation to Kenya

17:00 – 18:00 Closing Cocktail