232 million international migrants worldwide. Half of them are workers. Yet the Ministries of Labour and social partners have limited influence in shaping migration policies.

Today, migration flows are evenly distributed between South-North, South-South & North-North. 48% are women and between the ages of 28% 20-34 years.

Discrimination and labour abuses are unacceptably common. The recruitment industry is poorly regulated.

Migration can be an enabler for economic growth and human development. Remittances are at least three times as high as foreign aid to developing countries. But right now there is an unequal distribution of costs and dividends.

Setting an ILO agenda for fair migration:

- Making migration a choice and not a necessity, by creating decent work in countries of origin.
- Respecting the human rights, including labour rights, of all migrants.
- Ensuring fair recruitment and equal treatment of migrant workers to prevent exploitation and level the playing field with nationals.
- Forging stronger linkages between employment and labour migration policies.
- Having Ministries of Labour, trade unions and employers' organisations involved in policy making on migration.
- Fostering genuine cooperation between countries and within regions.