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Regional training and peer-to-peer knowledge-sharing event on strengthening labour migration statistics for countries in EHoA

The International Labour Organization (ILO), through the Better Regional Migration Management (BRMM) programme, funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) is organising a regional training and peer-to-peer knowledge-sharing event on strengthening labour migration statistics for countries in EHoA from 21 - 25 October 2024 at Ramada Resorts, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania. This event aims to address the pressing need for reliable labour migration statistics in the East and Horn of Africa (EHoA) region, enhancing the capacity of national institutions to produce data in line with international standards.

The workshop will bring together 37 participants, including senior officials from the Ministries of Labour, National Statistics Offices (NSOs), and representatives from employers' and workers' organizations from Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Uganda, and Tanzania as well as representatives from the African Union (AU), the East African Community (EAC), and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) will be in attendance. Participants will share insights and learn from one another on practical experiences in labour migration statistics and facilitate regional cooperation.

As the East and Horn of Africa continue to experience an increasing rate of international migration, the need for comprehensive labour migration data has become more critical than ever. Accurate data is essential to inform policymaking and ensure effective governance of migration, benefiting both migrant workers and countries of origin and destination. The region is home to 357 million people, with the highest number of migrant populations across Africa, making the collection and analysis of migration statistics a priority for national and regional development.

“Labour statistics are crucial for guiding policies and improving worker well-being, ensuring accurate data for informed decision-making.”

- Rafael Diez de Medina, Director Department of Statistics and Chief Statistician, ILO



The training will provide participants with a thorough understanding of international guidelines on labour migration statistics, facilitate practical sessions on the use of ILO and AU data tools, and promote regional cooperation in the collection and analysis of migration data. The participants will also engage in discussions on how to design and analyse population and housing census data, create strategies for improving the production of labour migration statistics, and implement Labour Market Information Systems (LMIS).

The training is expected to have a lasting impact on the region by enhancing the ability of national institutions to produce accurate, timely, and reliable migration data. This will ultimately contribute to more informed policymaking, better protection for migrant workers, and improved governance of migration flows across the region.

The workshop, which will take place in a hybrid format, will feature both in-person and virtual sessions, allowing for a broader exchange of knowledge and expertise. It is a part of the ILO Better Regional Migration Management (BRMM) Programme's ongoing efforts to support labour migration governance and strengthen regional cooperation on migration-related issues in the East and Horn of Africa.

Where: Ramada Resorts, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania

When: 21 - 25 October 2024

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