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Concept Note
ILO Knowledge sharing and Strategic planning Workshop
for the implementation of Mutual Recognition of Skills

Background

The ILO-Korea Partnership Project “Towards a Mutual Recognition of Skills in CLM countries 2014-2015” (RAS1451/ROK) is to strengthen the capacity of CLM countries (i.e. Cambodia, Lao PDR and Myanmar) and navigate them in the design and implementation of the mutual recognition of skills (MRS) mechanisms through policy guidelines and directions, so that the three countries will be able to gradually and equitably integrate themselves into the upcoming ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) in 2015.

To achieve this objective, a series of activities have been undertaken such as: three national workshops on the implementation of MRS in Cambodia, Lao PDR and Myanmar with the proactive participation from Thailand; and, designation of an international expert to Cambodia and Lao PDR respectively to compare their selected skills standards and the institutional frameworks with those of Thailand's. Based on these activities, some important outputs were also delivered which include: final action plans for MRS implementation, analysis report and recommendation on the revision of the skills standards and system quality system for mutual recognition with Thailand. As ILO envisages that an operational MRS mechanism is a long-term process, it is important to take stock of the experience learned from the activities as well as the knowledge gained from the outputs, so as to plan for the next phase. This workshop is designed to reflect such needs.

Main Objective

The workshop is organized to review the current implementation in the selected two occupations for MRS and share the experience acquired respectively from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Thailand. The challenges and issues encountered during the implementation will also be addressed in the workshop. Further, the participants will strategize their respective national plans for the next phase of MRS implementation.

Timeline

The workshop will be convened on 29 April 2015.

Approach and participants

The workshop participants will be senior officials from Cambodia, Lao PDR and Myanmar, responsible for the on-going programme on the mutual recognition of skills (MRS) of migrant workers under the goal of ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) 2015. For the three representatives, it is highly recommended that they are representatives of the (1) ASEAN Senior Labour Officials Meeting (SLOM); (2) Skills authority and (3) Task Force of the ASEAN Qualifications Reference Framework (AQRF). The ILO and the International experts who were engaged in the process of the MRS implementation will be the key resource persons.

Expected Outputs

A progress report of the action plan developed for selected occupations/skills; and revised implementation plan for 2015-17 developed by Cambodia, Lao PDR and Myanmar respectively in collaboration with Thailand and other ASEAN Member states.