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Sixth Webinar. Is migration the solution to youth employment strains? A closer look at trends, determinants and impact on labour market and growth.

Date and time

June 29th 2018, 10:30 am Eastern Caribbean time. Connection will be available starting at 9:00am. Register and log into the VPNYEE platform here by following this [weblink](#).¹ We invite you to register as soon as possible and avoid last minute registration.

Background

The Virtual Policy Network on Youth Education and Employment (VPNYEE) was developed within the context of the Caribbean Countries implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals 2030, and more specifically within the UN United Nations Multi-Country Sustainable Development Framework in the Caribbean. Convened by ILO, UNESCO along with CARICOM and the Caribbean Employers' Confederation (CEC) the network aims at ensuring youth employment is at the centre the national policy discourse, through intensified learning and promotion of well-informed and evidence based practices.

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The idea behind the webinar is to provide the latest trends and causal factors behind (youth) migration from the Caribbean and determine whether the phenomenon represents an opportunity or a threat for labour market balance. Presenters will shed light on the impact of migration on the general growth trajectory and labour market in the Caribbean countries. Diaspora's main push and pull factors will complement the presented findings. Presenters will also look at existing policies and their main implications for migration and youth labour market.

The three quick presentations will be followed by an expanded Q & A session allowing to answer questions from the web based audience.

Agenda

10:30am -10:45am. *Welcoming remarks and update on VPNYEE web platform.* Diego Rei, ILO Office for the Caribbean.

10:45am -11:10am. "Outmigration from the Caribbean. Latest trends and main determinants" Michela Macchiavello, Senior Regional Specialist on Labour Migration and Human Development. This presentation will present an overview of the Caribbean region's features and its most recent migration trends. Specifically, it will present extra regional (mainly to the USA and Europe) migration flows, including North-South migration, South-South migration and irregular migration flows. It will also briefly touch upon abuses and exploitation of migrants, brain drain and migration and climate change.

11:10am-11:30am. "Labour market imbalances, intra Caribbean migration and the impact of CVQ" Rosa-Mae Whittier, Patricia McPherson, Wanya Illes CARICOM Secretariat.

11:30am-11:45am. "Push and pull factors for Caribbean migration to the USA. What has changed for new generations? Findings from a qualitative study" Mala Joka, Sociologist.

12:00am-12:15pm. Web chat based Q & A session with presenters.

12:15pm-12:20pm. Concluding remarks and next phases of the Virtual Policy Network. VPNYEE Conveners.

¹ Also available at:

<https://teamsnet.unesco.org/Lists/Request%20Account%20sdg4msdf/NewForm.aspx?Source=https%3A%2F%2Fteamsnet%2Eunesco%2Eorg%2FLists%2FRequest%2520Account%2520sdg4msdf%2FAllItems%2Easpx&RootFolder=>

Presenters

Michela Macchiavello works as the Senior Regional Thematic Specialist for Labour Migration and Human Development at the Regional Office of the International Organization for Migration, IOM, in San Jose, Costa Rica. She is responsible for North and Central America and the Caribbean regions. In her previous posts, Michela specialized in the provision of assistance to vulnerable migrants, especially victims of trafficking in crisis and non-crisis settings, globally. She also worked on issues related to Immigration and Border Management in the Caribbean; the training of peace support personnel for Legon University in Ghana; refugee issues in Uganda and as a Research Associate for the Refugees Studies Centre, University of Oxford.

Rosa-Mae Whittier has served as the Free Movement and Labour Officer with the CARICOM Secretariat since April 2016. In this capacity she works on issues related to the CSME regimes for the movement of persons and the regional labour market. Rosa-Mae has been working in the area of labour market policy and research for almost ten years. She has an MSc in Development Studies from the University of Glasgow and a BSc in Economics from the University of Camaguey.

Mala Jokhan teaches in the Sociology (undergraduate) and Child, Adolescent and Youth Studies (graduate) Programmes at the University of the West Indies (UWI), Open Campus, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago. She is a research associate on the Rights of Children and Youth Partnership (RCYP) Project: Immigration Dynamics (Caribbean-Canadian Immigration); a Ryerson University and UWI, Mona and St. Augustine, collaboration. She holds a Ph.D. in Social Policy with a specialization in migration, family, childhood and cultural studies from the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES), UWI, St. Augustine. Her research interests include transnational migration and globalization; unemployment, poverty and social wellbeing; childhood and youth; family and caregiving; children of migrants; immigrant youth (identity and adaptation); Caribbean ethnicity and culture; Caribbean diaspora; environmental migrants; immigration policies, parent-child separation and reunification; human trafficking; anti-trafficking policy development and interventions; social policy formulation and reform.