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**Joint ILO-UN Women
Regional workshop on effective social and economic reintegration of women migrant
workers**

19th- 21st August 2014
Kathmandu Nepal

Day 1, Tuesday 19 August 2014

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

Welcome, overview and logistics

- 9:00- 9:40 **Welcome and opening remarks** – *Government of Nepal, Mr. Bholu Sivakoti Secretary Ministry of Labour and Employment. Mr. Jamie McGoldrick UN Resident Coordinator, Mr. Ramanathan Balakrishnan Deputy Regional Director UN Women, Mr. Jose Assalino Director ILO Nepal*
- 9:40 – 9:50 **Introduction of participants, overview of the workshop aims and structure.**
Mr. Manuel Imson, Senior Programme Officer/Project Coordinator, ILO ASEAN TRIANGLE Project)
- 9:50- 10:00 Group photograph

Session 1: Understanding labour migration, return and migrant's reintegration as applied to women migrant workers

Session Chair: Ms. Sutapa Majumdar, Economic Advisor to Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs, Government of India.

- 10:00-10:45 **Labour migration landscape in Asia – Trends, issues and policy response,** a joint presentation by *Mr. Manuel Imson, Senior Programme Officer/Project Coordinator, ILO ASEAN TRIANGLE Project* and *Ms. Anna Engblom, Chief Technical Advisor, Promoting the Effective Governance of Labour Migration from South Asia, ILO Nepal* (20 minutes)

Presentation on ILO commissioned study on “Reintegration with home community: Perspectives of returnee migrants in Sri Lanka and learning from pilot reintegration project in Sri Lanka” *Ms. Swairee Rupasinghe, National Project Coordinator, Project on Improved Governance on Labour Migration, ILO Sri Lanka* (15 minutes)

Discussion, Questions and Answers (20 minutes)

10:45-11:00 Coffee/Tea



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11:00- 12:00 **Current policies and priorities of women return migrants, Ms. Sharu Shrestha Joshi, Programme Specialist, Women Economic Empowerment Unit, UN Women Nepal (20 minutes)**

Discussion, Questions and Answers (10 minutes)

Presentation on the Evaluation of "Sustaining Gains of Foreign Labour Migration through Protection of Migrant Workers Rights" with special focus on establishing and strengthening returnee women migrant workers' networks. (20 minutes) Dr. Dil Prasad Shrestha, MITRA

Discussion, Questions and Answers (10 minutes)

12:00-1:30 Lunch

Chair: Ms. Anna Engblom, Chief Technical Advisor, Promoting the Effective Governance of Labour Migration from South Asia, ILO Nepal

1:30-3:00 **Panel: legislation, policy and programs to support migrant workers, especially women migrant workers in their return and reintegration (20 minutes per panellist)**

Panellist 1: **Sri Lanka's national program on the reintegration of returnee migrants. Col. Nissanke Wijeratne, Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare, Government of Sri Lanka**

Panellist 2: **The Philippines' national reintegration program, Ms. Eliza C. Lucido, Senior Labour and Employment Officer, Philippines Department of Labour and Employment – National Reintegration Center for Overseas Filipino Workers**

Panellist 3: **Development of Nepal's reintegration strategy Mr. Buddi Bahadur Khadka, Joint Secretary Ministry of Labour and Employment Government of Nepal**

Discussion, Questions and Answers (30 minutes)

3:00 – 3:30 Coffee/Tea

Session 2: Identifying challenges and opportunities in the return and reintegration of women migrant workers

Session chair: Sharu Joshi Shrestha, UN Women

3:30 – 5:00 **Panel on Women's reintegration: Concerns and responses from the perspectives of migrant women workers (20 minutes per panellist)**

Panellist 1: *Ms. Eden See, Director of Hope Workers' Center representing the Migrant Forum in Asia*

Panellist 2: *Ms. Fish Ip, International Domestic Workers Federation (IDWF)*



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Panellist 3: *Ms. Bijaya Rai Shrestha, Director, Pourakhi, Nepali NGO*

Discussion, questions and answers (30 minutes)

6:00-8:00

Reception/ Dinner

Day 2, Wednesday 20 August July 2014

Interaction with returnee women migrant workers

Coordinator: Pourakhi, Local civil society organisation

9:00 – 12:00 Field visit to show economic and social reintegration models

12:30 -1:30 Lunch

Session 3: Increasing the knowledge base through sharing of good practices on gender-sensitive return and reintegration programs

Session Chair: Ms. Swairee Rupasinghe, National Project Coordinator, Project on Improved Governance on Labour Migration, ILO Sri Lanka

1:30-3:00 **Bilateral trade union cooperation to facilitate the return of migrant workers**, *Mr. Ramesh Badal, Secretary Department of Foreign Affair, General Federation of Nepalese Trade Union (GEFONT) (20 minutes)*

Regional model competency standards on domestic workers, *Ms. Ruttiya Bhulaor, Programme Officer for Regional Skills Programme, ILO (20 minutes)*

Enhancing development contributions of migrant workers: Financial education for migrant workers, *Ms. Mai Anunuevo, Executive Director, ATIKHA Overseas Workers, Inc. (20 minutes)*

Discussion, questions and answers (30 minutes)

3:00 – 3:20 Coffee/Tea

Session Chair: Md. Hazrat Ali, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Expatriate Welfare and Overseas Employment, Government of Bangladesh

3:20-4:40 **The role of recruitment agencies in preparing migrant workers for return** *Mr. Kumud Khanal, Second Vice President, Nepal Association of Foreign Employment Agencies (NAFEA) (20 minutes)*

Presentation on UN Women study on remittance, *UN Women (Speaker TBC) (20 minutes)*



Mapping of Service Providers and designing of a comprehensive programme on Return and Reintegration of Women Migrant Workers from Bangladesh. *Ms. Tapati Saha, Programme Coordinator-Economic Security and Rights, UN Women Bangladesh.* (20 minutes).

Discussion, questions and answers (30 minutes)

Day 3, Thursday 21 August 2014

Session 4: Promoting regional partnership and bilateral cooperation

Session Chair: Manuel Imson, Senior Programme Officer/Project Coordinator, ILO ASEAN TRIANGLE Project

9:00 – 9.30 **Regional guidelines on good practices in return and reintegration programs, in the framework of the Korean Employment Permit System,** *Mr. Marianito D. Roque, former Secretary of Labour and Employment, Philippines* (20 minutes)

Discussion, questions and answers (10 minutes)

Session 5: Group work

Session Chair: Joint Chair of ILO Mr. Manuel Imson Senior Programme Officer and UN Women, Mr. Ramanathan Balakrishnan, Deputy Regional Director, UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

9.30 – 10.30 Furthering National policies for effective return and reintegration services for women migrant workers

a. Guide question

10.30 – 11.00 Reporting back

11:00-11:15 Coffee/Tea

11:15 – 12.30 Drafting recommendations on return and reintegration programs for migrant workers, especially women migrant workers

12:00- 13:00 **Closing remarks: Mr. Buddhi Bahadur Khadka, Joint Secretary The Government of Nepal, Ziad Sheikh UN Women Country Representative, Mr. Manuel Imson Senior Programme Officer ILO.**

13:00-14:30 Lunch