



Launch of the report

How immigrants contribute to Thailand's Economy

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VIE Hotel Bangkok, Thailand
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08:30 – 09:00	Registration
Welcome and opening	
09:00 – 09:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr Vivathana Thanghong, Deputy Permanent Secretary Ministry of LabourMr Jérôme Pons, Head of Cooperation European Union Delegation to ThailandMr Nilim Baruah, Officer-in-Charge for the ILO DWT/CO-Bangkok Senior Migration Specialist
Session I – How immigrants contribute to developing countries' economies	
09:30 – 10:30	Chair: Mr Vivathana Thanghong <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr David Khoudour, OECD Development Centre: <i>Comparative perspective</i>Mr Theo Sparreboom, ILO: <i>Main findings of the study on Thailand</i>
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break
Session II – How do immigrants contribute to the Thai labour market?	
10:45 – 12:00	Chair: Mr Nilim Baruah (ILO) Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Representative from the Ministry of LabourMr Srawooth Paitoonpong, Thailand Development Research InstituteDr Pongthiti Pongsilamane, State Enterprises Workers' Relations ConfederationMs Siriwan Romchatthong, Employers' Confederation of Thailand

12:00-13:15	Lunch
Session III – Immigration and economic growth in Thailand	
13:15 – 14:15	<p>Chair: Donato Colucci (IOM)</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Hyeshin Park, OECD Development Centre • Mr Nattapong Puttanapong, Thammasat University • Ms Jinangoon Rojananan, Senior Advisor in Policy and Plan, NESDB
Session IV – What priorities to enhance the contribution of immigration to development?	
14:15 – 15:15	<p>Small group discussions with moderators from ILO/OECD or others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy implication#1: Data collection and analysis • Policy implication #2: Skills, skills development & skills recognition • Policy implication #3: Mainstreaming immigration in economic policies
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee break
Session V – Stakeholder panel	
15:30 – 16:30	<p>Moderator: Mr Paul Tacon (UN ESCAP)</p> <p>Reporting from small group discussions & general discussion Stakeholder panel</p>
Closing remarks	
16:30 – 17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative from the Ministry of Labour • Mr Theo Sparreboom, ILO • Mr David Khoudour, OECD Development Centre