



Launch of the report

## How immigrants contribute to Kyrgyzstan's Economy

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### Agenda

09:30 – 10:00	Registration
Welcome and opening	
10:00 – 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>State Secretary Nurlan Sheripov</b>, Chairman a.i., State Migration Service</li><li>• <b>Jaap Ora</b>, Chargé d'Affaires a.i., Delegation of the European Union to the Kyrgyz Republic</li><li>• <b>Bolotbek Orovov</b>, National Coordinator for Kyrgyzstan, ILO</li></ul>
Session I – How immigrants contribute to developing countries' economies: a comparative perspective	
10:30 – 11:15	<p><i>This session introduces the project and presents the project's general findings as well as its policy implications.</i></p> <p>Chair: <b>State Secretary Nurlan Sheripov</b>, State Migration Service</p> <p>Presenter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>David Khoudour</b>, Head, Migration and Skills Unit, OECD Development Centre</li></ul>
11:15 – 11:35	Coffee break

<b>Session II – How do immigrants contribute to the Kyrgyz labour market?</b>	
<b>11:35 – 12:50</b>	<p><i>This session presents evidence on how immigrants integrate into the Kyrgyz labour market and what their impacts on the labour force outcomes of native-born workers are.</i></p> <p>Chair: <b>Bolotbek Orokov</b>, National Coordinator in Kyrgyzstan, ILO</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Theodoor Sparreboom</b>, Chief Technical Advisor, ILO</li> <li>• <b>Kamalbek Karymshakov</b>, Professor, Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University</li> </ul> <p>Discussant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kemelova Asel Duishebekovna</b>, Specialist of the Department of Employment Support, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of the Kyrgyz Republic</li> <li>• <b>Kadyrov Alybek</b>, Chairman, National Confederation of Employers of the Kyrgyz Republic</li> <li>• <b>Jamilia Irsakova</b>, Research Officer, National Institute for Strategic Studies</li> </ul>
<b>12:50-14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>Session III – How do immigrants affect public finance and economic growth in Kyrgyzstan?</b>	
<b>14:00 – 15:00</b>	<p><i>This session discusses how immigration contributes to economic growth and public finance in Kyrgyzstan.</i></p> <p>Chair: <b>Tristan Petterson</b>, Consultant, International Organisation for Migration</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sarah Kups</b>, Economist, OECD Development Centre</li> <li>• <b>Jamilia Jeenbaeva</b>, Senior Expert, Dialecticon LLC</li> </ul>
<b>Session IV – What priorities to enhance the contribution of immigration to development?</b>	
<b>15:00 – 16:15</b>	<p><i>This session represents an opportunity for the participants to develop a plan for specific policy actions within small groups.</i></p> <p>Moderator: OECD/ILO</p>

	<p><u>Small group discussions</u></p> <p>The topic areas are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Measuring immigration flows and immigrant characteristics</i></li> <li>• <i>Assessing and addressing integration gaps and opportunities</i></li> <li>• <i>Shaping immigration policies</i></li> <li>• <i>Incorporating immigration into economic policy planning</i></li> </ul>
<b>16:15 – 16:35</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>Session V – Stakeholder discussions: Moving towards action</b>	
<b>16:35 – 17:35</b>	<p><i>After short reports from the small group discussions, representatives from different ministries discuss their reactions.</i></p> <p>Chair: <b>Bolotbek Orokov</b>, National Coordinator in Kyrgyzstan, ILO</p>
<b>Closing remark</b>	
<b>17:35 – 17:50</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Theodoor Sparreboom</b>, Chief Technical Advisor, ILO</li> <li>• <b>David Khoudour</b>, Head, Migration and Skills Unit, OECD Development Centre</li> </ul>