

**Intervention by Nepal on Social Inclusion and Cohesion
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Thank you, Mr. moderator, and distinguished panelists!

The contribution of migrants to multi-dimensional aspects of socio-economic development of the destination and origin countries is being increasingly recognized. This, in our view, implies for increased realization of migrants rights in the destination countries in an inclusive manner in order to empower them for further contribution.

The global community has always benefitted by coming together in dialogue and cooperation and through cross-fertilization of civilizations. Discrimination, xenophobia and exclusion do not go with the ethos of human rights. There is a need to promote respect for multiculturalism, inclusiveness, sanctity of workplace and equality among workers who perform the same work. Ideally speaking, the larger global civilization should be the confluence of several civilizations with their own identities - big and small. Orderly and managed migration positively connects civilizations and fosters creativity and innovation. Any negative narratives and stereotypes attached to migrants and migration should give way to defining standard terminology and their common understanding.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development pledges to leave no one behind. In this respect, the spirit of SDGs and other global frameworks such as Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and the Paris Climate Change Agreement, and in case of LDCs, the Istanbul Programme of Action, should guide our common goals in the field of migration also. Effective mainstreaming of migration issues in bilateral, regional and international sustainable development policies and strategies is long overdue. Managed migration helps in two-way process by benefitting both sending and receiving countries, and sets in motion healthy and fruitful exchanges among the origin, receiving and transit countries on a long-term and lasting basis.

Fighting global inequality and building a peaceful and stable social order requires all-out efforts in forging more cohesive and cooperative society. Global compact on safe, orderly and regular migration should be a vehicle to bring people together in the world of work where social, cultural and political rights as well as economic, educational and health rights, etc. are respected without discrimination. Nepal attaches importance to the equitable health care access to migrants in all situations as they form an important part of the human capital that actively contributes to nation-building and sustainable development.

Thank you!