

PHILIPPINES

GCM Thematic Consultation 6

Panel III: Recognition of Skills and Qualification and Relevant Measures

Mister Moderator,

The Philippines once more highlights that in addressing irregular migration and promoting regular pathways to migration it is necessary to uphold the principle of shared responsibility for countries of origin, transit and destination.

The Philippines acknowledges that the recognition of skills and qualifications are ways not only to promote regular migration, but also to address migrant workers' vulnerability to deskilling and brain waste.

In cooperation with public and private enterprises, a dedicated agency¹ in the Philippines conducts competency assessment and skills certification of workers to enhance productivity and to allow them to secure gainful employment in domestic and overseas labor markets.

We also have entered into bilateral agreements for skills matching and pre-deployment training, including language training, in order to ensure job fit in overseas employment and to promote social and labor market inclusion for Filipino overseas workers.

The Philippines values the involvement of the private employment sector and the trade unions in ensuring the success of the global skill partnership. With our country's experience in both highly skilled and low skilled partnership, involving the private sector, we believe the Global Skills Partnership should not be limited only to the migration of skilled workers.

The Philippines recommends that the global compact on safe, orderly and regular migration should:

1. Provide opportunities for skills upgrading and development in destination countries;
2. Promote recognition of skills and professional qualifications through mutual recognition agreements at the bilateral, regional and multilateral levels;

¹ TESDA – Technical Education and Skills Development Authority

3. Encourage and support the development and strengthening of national qualification frameworks of member states;
4. Promote migrant mobility in internal markets, especially in low skilled and temporary positions particularly affecting women migrant workers; and
5. Maximize the contribution of IOM, ILO and other Geneva based GMG member agencies that have expertise on skills and qualifications recognition and related matters.

Thank you Mister Moderator.