LOOKING BEYOND EMERGENCIES:
Creating opportunities in migrant sourcing and transiting countries

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DESCRIPTION
Europe is witnessing its greatest refugee crisis since the end of World War II. But beyond the headlines, we are seeing an ever increasing number of people seeking better livelihoods in other countries, often in neighbouring developing countries. Emergency responses are vital, but they do little to address the root causes of rising migration flows.

This round table will explore measures to significantly increase economic and employment opportunities for people in migrant-sourcing and in migrant-transiting countries, also taking into account the estimated need to create 600 million new jobs by 2030 just to keep pace with the growth of the global working-age population.

The number of citizens from developing countries and transition economies living and working abroad has risen from 139 million to almost 200 million in 2015, equivalent to a 43%-increase over a period of 15 years. The result is that many of those countries have large diasporas, which can potentially contribute to the development of their countries of origin. The possible instruments needed to leverage the benefits of growing diasporas for development will also be discussed at the round table.

KEY ISSUES

• What type of support will be desirable as effective mechanism to enable the necessary structural changes in the domestic economies of migrant-sourcing countries? What are the specific interventions needed to boost growth and employment?

• Aiming at increasing the economic contribution of the diaspora to home country development, what are the strategies that would best channel workers’ remittances into financing fixed investment in new domestic productive capacities?
What are the policies that would best enable developing countries to harness and mobilize the extensive flows of knowledge, technology transfer, and business networks originating from the diaspora that can contribute to upgrading productive capacities in the countries of origin, thus contributing to employment creation?

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