

# 27TH SESSION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMMES AND FINANCE

## AGENDA ITEM 11

# Sustaining and Scaling Private Sector Engagement to Protect Migrant Workers

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# Session focus

1. IOM's strategic approach to private sector engagement
2. Update on recent initiatives
3. Thematic focus: Labour migration, ethical recruitment and the rights of migrant workers in the global economy

# Context: Why focus on private sector and supply chains?

- Risks and vulnerabilities facing migrant workers: From working hours, wages and occupational safety and health to labour exploitation to trafficking in persons
- Across the global economy: agriculture, manufacturing, services (including domestic work, hospitality, construction, extractives)
- Gaps in existing engagement: Shifting the focus from the workplace to include conditions of recruitment and migration

# Response: IOM's multi-stakeholder partnership approach

Pillar 1: Due diligence, the rights of migrant workers and access to remedy in supply chains

Pillar 2: Enhancing migrant worker voice and empowerment

Pillar 3: Strengthening legal and regulatory frameworks

Pillar 4: Multi-stakeholder platforms to promote shared responsibility and action

# Opportunities for Future Engagement

- Beyond consumer brands: Engaging Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises
- Beyond the global economy: Tackling production for national and local markets
- Prioritizing risk in the informal economy
- COVID-19: Ensuring that business and human rights stay at the centre of supply chain resilience

# Introducing the IRIS Policy Network on Recruitment

- Reinforcing business engagement
- Member State-driven network of policy makers to enhance regulation of recruitment and protection of migrant workers
- Global vehicle for dialogue, identification and sharing of good practice
- Operational support to public authorities: labour inspectors, consular officials, licensing agencies and policy makers

# THANK YOU

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