

PHILIPPINES

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Mr Moderator,

From the various interventions since yesterday, it seems clear that there is a growing consensus on the importance of taking into account the local/subnational governments, as they are often at the **frontline** of dealing with the challenges and opportunities at the ground level that arise from the migration phenomenon.

We would like to suggest that we think about **2 categories** of actionable commitments: and (2)

Category 1: those (national) commitments that **CANNOT** be successfully implemented WITHOUT strong support and cooperation from local/sub-national governments;

With respect to the first category, the PHILIPPINES recommends:

- **Preparation of migrants** for integration at work and in the community, through conducting pre-departure and post-arrival orientations. These activities are best done at the local level, close to migrant communities/families, and with the support of local governments.
- Ensuring **integrity of civil documents**, with specific focus on local civil registry.
- Cooperation of the sub-national government on **crisis management** and crisis preparedness, including the **repatriation** of migrants.
- Facilitation of the **reintegration** of return migrants at the local level, making sure that they are employable in their home community, are provided security, and social protection, among others.

Category 2: those that **CAN** be implemented by local/sub-national governments, even WITHOUT WAITING for action at the national level.

With respect to the second category, the PHILIPPINES recommends

- The establishment of **multi-stakeholder mechanisms** to ensure coherence and complementarity of policies.
- Respect of migrants' human rights by improving access to **basic social services** (including health, education and justice among others), where local governments often play a key role in provision.
- LGUs can also play a leading role in improving availability of **migration related data** by introducing or improving local data collection systems.
- Sharing of Local Government Units (**LGUs**) **best practices** through networking/communities of practice.

Thank you Mr Moderator!