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Forum “Migration and Development in the Americas: Toward Implementation of the 2030 Agenda”

Date: Friday, May 6, 2016 - 9:30 a.m.
Place: Hall of the Americas, OAS Main Building

Objective

To provide an opportunity for officials from OAS member countries, representatives of international organizations, and civil society to hold a dialogue in order to analyze and discuss how migration and development interrelate with each other, recognize migrants and their families as potential agents of development, examine the challenges that implementing the goals and targets of the 2030 development agenda will pose for the region in terms of migration, and look at the possible role of the OAS in meeting the SDGs in the relation to migration.

Rationale

Migration is becoming an increasingly important issue on national, regional, and multilateral agendas because of its demographic, economic, social, cultural, and even political implications for countries of origin, transit, destination, and return.

The situation calls for a coherent, holistic, and balanced approach to the issue. Such an approach should be based on recognition of and respect for the dignity and human rights of migrants, regardless of their immigration status; take into consideration the causes and effects of migration, as well as the challenges and opportunities it presents; and acknowledge the individual and collective potential of migrants and their families as agents of development.

Promoting participation, cooperation, and partnership-building among governments, the private sector, international organizations, academia, and civil society is a means to ensure consistency and maximum effectiveness of policies in enhancing the positive impacts of migration on development in the region's countries and addressing their challenges.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development strengthens the human rights-based approach, the gender perspective, and differentiated treatment for vulnerable groups. In the area of international migration, the Agenda sets goals that will require not only cooperation for their follow-up and evaluation, but also instruments and mechanisms to assist the region's states in meeting them. It also entails coming up with arrangements to facilitate safe, regular, and orderly migration that envisage differentiated treatment for migrant women and minors.

Structure

The forum will be divided into three panel discussions, each lasting one hour, on the following topics: “The Migration-Development Relationship: Migrants and Their Families As Potential Agents of Development”; “Migration and Development Finance: A Partnership for Prosperity, Best Practices and Institutional Innovation in Migration Management”; and “Migration and Sustainable Development in the Americas: Challenges in Implementing the 2030 Agenda in Relation to Migration.”