

Country Statement: Pakistan

Excellences, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

It gives me immense pleasure to share that the Government of Pakistan, Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, is currently onto operationalizing Target 10.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals 2030 in the form of a mini-global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration, which is currently in hand.

Consequently, Pakistan is working on its first ever National Emigration and Welfare Policy for Overseas Pakistanis with the following objectives:

- To promote safe, orderly and regular migration.
- To address the irregularities and exploitation in the process of emigration.
- To develop mechanism for analyzing international labor market trends and competencies in demand at the countries of destination.
- To facilitate and motivate foreign remittances through formal channels and provide guidelines for productive use.
- To provide sustainable tools for welfare of overseas Pakistanis and their families back home.

The National Emigration Policy is designed to cover certain thematic areas which are:

- a) Labor emigration and protection of migrant workers
- b) Global market trends and skills development.
- c) Welfare of emigrant workers and overseas Pakistanis.
- d) Promotion of remittances through legal channels.
- e) Reintegration of returning migrant workers.

We believe that formulation of National Emigration Policy would facilitate Pakistan to align its stance with the on-going negotiations on UN's Global Compact on safe, orderly, and regular Migration. We also have a firm belief that the more we create pathways to safe, orderly and regular migration, the more we see decline in irregular migration, which is a win-win situation for the countries of origin and the countries of destination.

Thank you!