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Conclusions

- Intergovernmental dialogue and cooperation on labour migration policy within the region should be developed, in consultation with the private sector and employers, trade unions, the civil society including migrant worker organizations and academia.
- Labour migration policy coherence and inter-ministerial cooperation within the government departments responsible for migration issues should be promoted to avoid adverse effects of policy or policy contradictions.
- The exchange of information among governments on labour migration issues should be facilitated at both bilateral and regional level; cooperation and consultation with receiving countries should be strengthened.
- National capacities and structures for collecting and analysing labour migration data and statistics, including emigration potential in the region need to be improved.
- Labour ministries should actively participate in the formulation of countries' migration policy to ensure that labour and employment policy considerations are taken into account.
- Bilateral and multilateral agreements between destination and origin countries addressing different forms of labour migration, such as seasonal and circular migration should be promoted.
- Diasporas abroad should be mobilized and their skills and networks utilized better for the benefit of the sending countries. Methodologies/tools to better monitor the numbers, profiles and expectations of Diasporas abroad need to be defined.
- Policies to tackle irregular forms of labour migration should be enhanced, including strengthened monitoring of the labour market and possibilities for employers' sanctions as well as legalization programmes in countries of destination.
- Return of highly qualified workers and/or their links with communities of origin i.e. through scientific networks should be actively promoted.
- Research on labour migration issues should be carried out at a regional level and applied to policy formulation.