



حوار أبوظبي بين الدول الآسيوية المرسلات والمستقبلات للعمالة  
Abu Dhabi Dialogue among the Asian Labor-Sending and Receiving Countries

# Abu Dhabi Dialogue

## High-level Symposium on the Future of Work

*Facilitated by Experts from the International Labour Organisation*

**29 April 2019**

**Serdaal 2 Ball Room, The Westin, Mina Seyahi Beach Resort & Marina,  
Dubai, United Arab Emirates**

*Open to Member and Observer Government Delegations Only*

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### **AGENDA**

0900: **Opening Remarks by H.E. Mr. W.A. Chulananda Perera, Secretary, Ministry of Telecommunications, Foreign Employment and Sports, Government of Sri Lanka, Chair-in-Office, Abu Dhabi Dialogue**

0915: **Session 1: The ILO Global Commission on the Future of Work Report<sup>1</sup>: Work for a Brighter Future**

*Led by Sangheon Lee, Director, Employment Policy Department, ILO*

This session will introduce the Commission's report, with focus on its major recommendations (three pillars of investment: people's capabilities, institutions of work, and decent and sustainable work) which are of particular relevance to the participating countries of ADD. It will be followed by general and broad comments by the participants, which will set the scene for more policy- or action-oriented discussions in Session 2.

0945: **Session 2: Integrating the Three Pillars of Investment into National Policies for a Better Future of Work**

*Led by Sangheon Lee*

This session will invite the participants to discuss strategies and approaches for improving national employment and labour policies in light of the three pillars of investment and share good or promising practices with the symposium. In doing so, the session will develop a common understanding of possible future policy options and how these policies can be operationalized and implemented in different circumstances. ILO's technical expertise

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<sup>1</sup> The Global Commission on the Future of Work Report: <https://bit.ly/2T6T84l>



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will be made available to facilitate the discussion.

1045: *Coffee Break*

1115: **Session 2 (Continued)**

1300: *Lunch at the Blue Orange Restaurant*

1400: **Session 3: Cooperating on the Future of Work in the Abu Dhabi Dialogue's Collaborative Agenda on the Governance of Labour Mobility**

*Led by Michelle Leighton, Chief, Labour Migration Branch, ILO*

This session will focus on how to strengthen the governance of labour mobility in light of the commission report, especially through more effective cooperation and partnership within the region, and between regions. Good practice guidance and examples will be shared. Participants will be invited to discuss specific areas of cooperation, including on skills development / recognition and social protection. ILO's technical expertise will be made available to facilitate the discussion.

1545: *Coffee Break*

1600: **The Way Forward**

*Led by Sangheon Lee and Michelle Leighton*

This session will identify key take-away messages, especially with a view to preparing for the forthcoming Abu Dhabi Dialogue Fifth Ministerial Consultation, and discuss how to continue to elaborate them in the coming months

1700: **Closing**

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1900: **Dinner Hosted by the UAE MoHRE**

Open to all Delegations Attending the High-Level Symposium on The Future of Work on 29 April and the Senior Officials' Meeting on 30 April