

Honourable Chair, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Assalamu Alaikum and good afternoon.

I thank the Government of the United Arab Emirates and the Abu Dhabi Dialogue Secretariat for convening this important forum. It remains a trusted platform for cooperation between labour-sending and receiving countries, guided by our shared commitment to safe, orderly, and ethical labour mobility.

Bangladesh is one of the world's largest labour-sending countries. Our migrant workers contribute not only to Bangladesh's development through remittances but also to the growth and resilience of host economies. However, as in other sending countries, some of our workers continue to face challenges, including deprivation and exploitation. These issues could be taken care of more comprehensively in some of destination countries.

That said, Bangladesh, as a sending country, is not immune to challenges. We acknowledge this and try to improve with our limited capacity. For example, Bangladesh has recently taken steps to ensure safe and transparent migration.

- Bangladesh has introduced a 100 percent digital Overseas Employment Portal to enhance transparency and accountability in recruitment. We encourage receiving countries to promote its use by employers and agents recruiting from Bangladesh.
- we have taken steps to strengthen pre-departure support, overseas welfare services, and reintegration. However, close cooperation with host countries is essential, particularly for grievance redress and access to justice.
- Bangladesh is upgrading skills training in line with international standards and invites receiving countries to collaborate on identifying labour-market needs and recognizing skills.
- We are amending laws and enforcing strong measures against fraudulent recruitment while promoting safe and fair labour-migration systems.

Excellencies,

The future of labour mobility depends on trust, transparency and shared responsibility. I believe that in view of the difference in resource availability, the task of building a safe, fair and orderly labour market should be done on the basis of common but differentiated responsibility. We talk about this principle when we deal with climate change issue but this could equally be applied in ensuring a fair and sustainable labor market.

Let us reaffirm our collective commitment to ethical recruitment, decent work, and human dignity, ensuring that labour mobility remains a force for inclusive growth and shared prosperity.

Thank you.