

Migration and Decent Work Dialogue

IOM Namibia: The International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration (MoHAI) were invited to present at the Public Dialogue on Migration and Decent Work, hosted by the Labour Resource and Research Institute (LaRRi) and the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung on 11 April 2017.

Ms. Wendy Hilongwa, IOM's Project Assistant for the Labour Migration Project, presented the relevant findings of the Migration Profile for Namibia that was launched by the Minister for Home Affairs and Immigration, Hon. Pendukeni Iivula-Ithana, in June 2016. She also participated in the following panel discussion.

On behalf of the MoHAI, Mr. Nehemia Nghisekwa, the Director for Immigration and Border Management, spoke to the public about GRN's approach and policies with regard to migration and labour migration.

The LaRRi, a Namibia-based research and education institute, and the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, a

private, cultural non-profit institution, organized the dialogue to discuss migration and labour needs between government, NGOs, civil society, students, academia and the public at large.

Presentations focused on the global migration trends and the migration patterns in Namibia.

IOM not only informed the public about its current activities in the area of labour migration, such as supporting GRN in the development of a comprehensive labour migration policy, but also about its future priorities such as the fostering of South-South labour mobility arrangements and the strengthening of the protection mechanisms for migrant workers and their families in southern Africa.

The invitation to the dialogue came at a time when increasing visibility of migration and development projects for the agency was a top priority. The agency would also like to contribute to strengthening the understanding of the migration phenomenon in Namibia and to contribute to a positive migration narrative, aligning its work to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



IOM's Labour Migration Project Assistant, Ms. Wendy Hilongwa, speaking at the Public Dialogue on Migration and Decent Work. IOM Namibia