

Shaping an equitable post-COVID world: the role of Global South think tanks

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Migration as a 'Win-Win-Win' for the countries of origin, destination and the individual

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In the last century, the world has witnessed great but largely asymmetric economic progress, characterised by widening economic inequality between the developed (Global North) and developing (Global South) world. The COVID-19 pandemic hampered economic activities even further in low-and middle-income countries.

In the aftermath of the pandemic's economic impact, international economic migrants have been one of the most affected groups. Traditionally, by bringing in relevant skills and experience, these migrants helped address labour market challenges in industrialized countries. In return, remittances and technology transfer and skills have helped improve the economies of the South. Already existing polarization and anti-migrant sentiments have only been further entrenched due to the virus. These sentiments, which exist alongside long-standing migration challenges of irregular/illegal migration, portability of skills, and migrant-integration, have made migration particularly contentious in these times.

In this session organised by the Public Affairs Centre, an independent not-for-profit Think Tank in India, we discuss the possible establishment of a global, rule-based framework that would allow safe, humane and efficient migration through a well-developed circular migration programme. We will explore with the panelists how to best facilitate mutualisation of economic gains by both the North and the

South, leading to a global 'democratisation of development' and addressing the essence of the SDGs – Leave No One Behind.

Session moderator

- Peter Taylor, Director of Research at Institute for Development Studies (IDS), Sussex, UK.

Panelists

- Meena Nair, Head of Research at Public Affairs Centre (PAC), India
- Mustafizur Rahman, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh
- Chandima Arambepola, Team Leader - Labour Migration, Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA), Sri Lanka

Session respondents

- Irudaya Rajan, Founder Chairman of the International Institute of Migration and Development, India
- Supriya Roy Chowdhury, Visiting Professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies, India.