

# *Movement of People*

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# *Agenda*

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## ***Mobility of Talent to deliver services***

*When supported by appropriate policies, migration can contribute to inclusive and sustainable economic growth and development in both home and host communities.*

***– UN International Migration Report 2015***

# *Scenarios when people move for business*

	Purpose of Travel	Local Benefits	Duration
<b>Business Travel</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Setting up of business</li><li>• Sales &amp; Marketing</li><li>• Review meetings</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Brings in investment</li><li>• Develops market</li></ul>	Up to 30 days
<b>Short Term</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Requirement gathering</li><li>• Deployment of application</li><li>• Testing &amp; Troubleshooting</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meets short term gaps</li><li>• Resolves technical glitches</li></ul>	Up to 90 Days
<b>Long Term</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Development of application</li><li>• Technical support</li><li>• Maintenance of systems</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Setting up of DC</li><li>• Creates ancillary jobs</li></ul>	12 to 36 months

# *Policy Challenges*

Existing options with most member countries only service business travel.

Restrictive policies for long term travel;

- Advertisement requirement
- Very few Permanent Residence options
- No Spousal work permit available

APAC Business Travel Card permits only business activities, not work.

No common work permit to allow free movement within RCEP region

Securing Work Permit takes months (2-4) in few countries

# *Existing models around the world*

## **Business Travel:**

- **Schengen Visa:** Free movement across Schengen States
- **APAC Travel Card:** Free movement across ASEAN countries
- **GCC Visa:** Gulf Corporation Council Visa is valid for one month and can be extended up to three months.

## **Short Term Travel:**

- **ECOWAS Residence Card:** Free movement between 15 member States

## **Long Term Travel:**

- **EU Blue Card:** Ability to work in any country within EU region.
- **MERCOSUR:** A Residence permit for 9 of the Latin American countries
- **E3 Visa & H-1B1 visa:** An US work permit available only for Australians & Singaporeans respectively

# *Way forward*

Introduce common cards; one to support short term travel and another for long term travel.

Set specific standard requirements for both cards across member states.

Should have benefits like faster access/clearance at airports through a pre-clearance mechanism.

The process of issuance can be similar to APAC Travel Card.

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# *Thank You*

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