**Panel 4: International Platform on Health Worker Migration**

**Background**

Of the Ten Recommendations from the UN High-Level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth (UN COMHEEG), recommendation no. 9 is *to “Advance international recognition of health workers’ qualifications to optimize skills use, increase the benefits from and reduce the negative effects of health worker migration, and safeguard migrants’ rights.”* This is supported by an immediate action by March 2018, of the *‘’establishment of an international platform on health worker mobility”* through an interagency cooperation between the ILO, OECD and the WHO (A70/18).

Furthermore, within the UN, negotiations towards a Global Compact on Migration are taking place between February and July 2018. The Global Compact, among others, speaks of ’fostering the benefits of migration, including labour migration, of which the concept of “Global Skills Partnerships” (GSP)” is being introduced and has a high uptake among member states.

In a nutshell, the GSPs are bilateral public-private partnerships to source skills from developing countries (countries of origin) in order to address the skills shortage in developed countries (countries of destination). There are many variations being modelled to distribute the benefits of the GSP between origin and destination countries and the workers, but the primary sector being identified for piloting is the health sector, i.e. nursing.

The panel discussion will seek to increase participants’ understanding of the GSP, particularly in the health sector, generate debate that will help inform PSI’s analysis and engagement in relation to the GSP, the international platform on health worker mobility and the UN Global Compact on Migration. A resource person will be invited from the WHO or the ILO to present the initiatives being undertaken towards piloting the GSP in the health sector, in the context of these global processes.

**Panellists:**

Genevieve GENCIANOS, PSI Migration Programme Coordinator (to present a brief background on the global processes)

Ibadat DHILLON (to present the interagency cooperation on the platform and their initiatives around the GSP).

Herbert BECK, Ver.di (perspective from Ver.di)

**Background information on the GSP:**

<https://www.cgdev.org/sites/default/files/clemens%20global%20skill%20partnerships%20cgd%20web.pdf>

<http://www.oecd.org/dev/development-posts-global-skill-partnerships-a-proposal-for-technical-training-in-a-mobile-world.htm>

**On the UN Global Compact on Migration:**

<http://refugeesmigrants.un.org/migration-compact>

<http://www.world-psi.org/en/psi-contributions-thematic-consultations-towards-global-compact-migration-2018>