Global Challenges to Migration after COVID-19

T20 Task Force:
TF10 - Migration

Speakers:
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Session description:
Migration is a structural and multifaceted phenomenon. It poses challenges and presents opportunities in contexts of origin as well as destination. It puts to test multilateral coordination. The pandemic, by exacerbating underlying social and economic challenges, generates additional implications for migration trends and governance. These are just some of the reasons why migration must be part of discussions on how global governance in a post-COVID context can foster inclusive and sustainable solutions. The inclusive recovery plan and the people-centered agenda laid out by the Italian presidency of the G20 will have to make multi-layered migration governance one of its focal points.

The Task Force 10 on Migration of the Think Tank20, chaired by Istituto Affari Internazionali, aims to provide policy-makers with innovative solutions tackling many of these challenges, from the role of migration in development in a context marked by the wide-ranging effects of the global pandemic, to the integration of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees, and their access to social protection as well as basic rights and services, like health and education.

This session aims in particular to bring together views from Europe and the Global South on policy solutions that can effectively tackle the challenges and unlock the opportunities presented by migration, as part of a wider process geared towards fostering a people-centered and sustainable social and economic development model. Given the interconnected nature of the phenomenon, the session will also discuss inter-linkages with policy areas beyond migration.

In particular, the speakers will focus on two sets of questions:
1) Drawing on the lessons learned during the pandemic, what is the way forward for ensuring inclusive social protection systems and improving migrants’, asylum seekers’ and refugees’ access to basic rights and services?

2) How to positively link migration with an inclusive and sustainable recovery and reconstruction process in the post-COVID context?