Leveraging migration in the agricultural sector

International migration plays a central role for rural development, not only in reducing the pressure in an overcrowded agricultural labour market, but also in ensuring that the physical and financial capital are fed back into it, securing food sources, economic linkages and providing jobs to those who stay back, thus diversifying their incomes and reducing poverty.

PTA and GKS invite colleagues to participate in the seventh event in the GPEF series, welcoming Mr David Khoudour, Head, and Mr Jason Gagnon, Economist of the Migration and Skills Unit at the OECD Development Centre, who will engage in open discussions with IFAD colleagues and Member States representatives and discuss how sectoral policies and programmes on agriculture and rural development can have a relevant impact on migration, and vice versa. They will present some highlights of a new OECD research which sought to provide policy makers with evidence of the importance of integrating migration into development strategies and fostering coherence across sectoral policies.