#### DESIGNING SELECTION SYSTEMS THAT CAN RESPOND TO LABOR MARKET NEEDS



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## **Designing Effective Selection Policies**

- Effective selection policies can:
  - Help meet labor or skills shortages
  - Provide an alternative to the informal economy
  - Foster economic growth
- Selection systems should meet labor market needs and play to the country's strengths



## **Approaches to Select Labor Migrants**

- Governments can opt for a few different approaches to select labor migrants:
  - Hands-off, employer-led approach
  - More proactive, government-led approach, which can include:
    - Labor market test
    - Quotas
    - Shortage occupation list
    - Channels for certain categories of migrants
  - Human-capital-led approach



# **Ongoing Challenges**

- Creating a fast and responsive system
- Assessing labor market needs accurately
- Weighing employer needs against other political priorities
- Protecting the rights of migrant workers
- Adapting to fast-changing labor markets



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