





Then in 2006 we began changing the laws; reforming Sponsorship, giving due rights and protection to migrants, and educating the host people.

We did so through the Economic Crisis of 2008/2009, we continued despite the troublesome times of 2011, and the oil crisis of 2014, we knew reform was not going to be easy.. and that there would never be the

Ultimately, we took the leap of faith in 2017 by introducing the first of its kind system that allows a migrant to live and work in Bahrain without a sponsor, without a specific employer, and without a specific job.. Holders of the New Flexi Permit are the masters of their own fate; they can work anywhere and with anyone, demand their own wages, and unleash their potential, regardless of their skill level or                      regardless of where they come from, or what job they will perform, and for as long as they want.

Temporary migration has never seen anything like this; this is not a permanent Immigration scheme, yet it opens doors of hope for

migrants to reap the fruits of their labour and truly be a member of our society.

By empowering the migrants, we levitated hardship, gave them access to justice, but more importantly gave them a choice.

The new system also gives the economy full access to all kinds of talent, full time or part time, long term or ad hoc, unhindered by a truly unrestricted and open labour market.

That was less than 18 months ago; today the scheme went from a pilot to mainstream, where regular AND irregular migrants can avail of it, available to PhD holders and Domestic Workers alike, with tens of thousands migrants availing of it thus far, and more are lining up daily to join.

Therefore, and beyond rhetoric, we believe that the Global Compact for Migration is a testimony; it can be a testimony to our collective humanity, or a testimony to the lack of.

Bahrain chooses to believe in humanity..

Bahrain chooses to recognize the principals of the Global Compact for Migration, because they reflect our values.

Mr. Chairman,

The Kingdom of Bahrain -in good faith- embraces the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration as a non-legally binding document.. yet a morally binding set of values.

Thank you