

## Mainstreaming Migration into Development Planning

*'Assessing the Evidence, Continuing the Dialogue'*

Migration matters for development. With more than 214 million persons today living outside of their countries of birth, worldwide recorded remittance flows are estimated to have exceeded \$483 billion in 2011, of which developing countries received \$351 billion -- twice as much as official aid and nearly two-thirds of foreign direct investment. However, these figures constitute only part of the story: they do not include informal or unrecorded remittances as well as "social remittances" in the form of the skills, knowledge and networks that migrants contribute to their countries of origin. Nor do they include the economic, social and cultural contributions that they make to their host countries.

Since the 2006 *UN General Assembly High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development*, real efforts have been made to mainstream migration into development planning. The recognition that there is a link between migration and development has spread, as evidenced, amongst others, through the *Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)* and most recently the launch of the Global Migration Group's (GMG) *Handbook on Mainstreaming Migration into Development Planning*. Governments are starting to implement practical initiatives in this area and to exchange their experiences, including through recent and upcoming meetings such as the October 2011 *GFMD Mainstreaming Migration into Strategic Policy Development Workshop* in Moldova, and an informal meeting of pilot countries currently undertaking migration mainstreaming exercises with support from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the GMG working group (WG) on mainstreaming migration into development planning, held in April 2012 in Geneva. A workshop on mainstreaming migration into *local* development planning is also scheduled to be organized in June 2012 by SDC, for the Government of Switzerland, hosted by the Government of Mauritius, Chair of the 2012 GFMD, and also supported by the GMG WG.

Yet, while there has been increasing global recognition of the relationship between migration and development, this recognition is just now being translated into concrete, practical research, programs and policy measures designed to maximize the positive effects of migration for development and minimize potential negative consequences. The challenges range from practical data issues to more complex analytical questions of how one isolates and measures the impact of migration as a variable affecting local and global development goals. Moreover, the relationship of migration to climate change, population and development-related objectives requires dedicated attention, particularly as the international community begins its reflections on what will eventually constitute the post-2015 development agenda.



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It is for these reasons that the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Center for Migration Studies (CMS), in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the SDC, are holding a two-day conference in New York to continue the dialogue on facilitating the mainstreaming of migration into development planning at national and global levels.

This off-site ‘retreat’ promises a frank and informed exchange amongst a range of stakeholders, including governments, UN and other international organizations and civil society experts and organizations. It will help bridge the gap between the 2011 May UN General Assembly (UNGA) *Informal Thematic Debate on International Migration and Development* and the 2013 second UNGA *High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development*.

Continuing a substantive dialogue about mainstreaming migration into development is thus both topical and timely. Migration’s relationship with development needs to be objectively defined, understood and reflected in both migration and development policies. Marking over five years since the first High-Level Dialogue, this joint conference is intended to ‘assess the evidence and continue the dialogue’ for the benefit of states and migrants who, in one way or another, contribute not only to local and national but also to global development.

## AGENDA

### Monday, 7 May

9:30 – 10:00 **Registration**

10:00 – 11:30 **Opening**

- **Welcoming remarks Laura Thompson**, Deputy Director General, International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- **Welcoming remarks Donald Kerwin**, Executive Director, Center for Migration Studies (CMS)

**Keynote Address:**



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11:30 – 13:00	<b>Panel I. Data, Migration Profiles and How to Evaluate Migration's Impact on Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– <b>Moderator, Ellen Percy Kraly</b>, Editor, International Migration Review</li><li>– <b>Bela Hovy</b>, Chief, Migration Section, Population Division, UN-DESA</li><li>– <b>Amy Muedin</b>, Programme Specialist, Permanent Observer Office, IOM</li><li>– <b>Laurent De Boeck</b>, Director, African, Caribbean and Pacific Observatory on Migration</li><li>– <b>Prosper PD Asima</b>, Head, Policy, Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Unit, Ghana Immigration Service</li></ul>
13:00 – 15:00	<b>Break</b>
15:00 – 16:15	<b>Panel II. First experiences in using the Global Migration Group Handbook on Mainstreaming Migration into Development Planning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– <b>Moderator: Shantanu Mukherjee, UNDP and Md. Shahidul Haque, IOM</b>, co-chairs of the GMG working group on mainstreaming migration in development planning</li><li>– <b>Beata Godenzi</b>, Head of the Global Programme Migration and Development, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation</li><li>– <b>Toni-Shae Freckleton</b>, Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ)</li><li>– <b>Daria Goncareova</b>, First Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Moldova</li></ul>
16:15 – 16:30	<b>Afternoon Tea and Coffee</b>





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16:30 – 18:00	<p><b>Panel III. Diaspora engagement, Economic and Social Remittances</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Moderator: Kathleen Newland</b>, Director, Migration Policy Institute</li> <li>– <b>Juan Jose Garcia</b>, Vice Minister for Salvadorans Abroad, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, El Salvador</li> <li>– <b>Barbara Span</b>, Vice President of Global Public Policy, Western Union</li> <li>– <b>Abdirahman Ahmed Mohamed</b>, Migration for Development in Africa (MIDA)</li> <li>– <b>Anjali Banthia</b>, Senior Associate, Women’s World Banking</li> </ul>
18:30 – 20:30	<p><b>Reception sponsored by Colgate University to be held at the Office of the Permanent Observer of IOM</b></p>

<b>Tuesday, 8 May</b>	
09:30 – 09:45	<p><b>Recap of Day One, Continuing to Day Two</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Michele Klein Solomon, Permanent Observer, IOM</li> </ul>
9:45 – 11:00	<p><b>Panel IV. Getting the Fundamentals Right for Adaptive National Migration Governance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Moderator: Ann Pawliczko</b>, Adviser, Emerging Population Issue, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)</li> <li>– <b>Mafruha Sultana</b>, Joint Secretary, Additional Director General, Bureau of Manpower Employment &amp; Training, Government of Bangladesh</li> <li>– <b>Dr. Howard Duncan</b>, Executive Head, Metropolis Project, Carleton University</li> <li>– <b>Sonia Plaza</b>, World Bank, Senior Economist, Migration and Remittances Team, Development Prospects Group</li> <li>– <b>M. Shahidul Haque</b>, Director of International Cooperation and Partnerships, IOM</li> </ul>
11:00 – 11:30	<p><b>Morning Tea and Coffee</b></p>



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- 11:30 – 13:00 **Panel V. Integration of Migrants for Development**
- **Moderator: Natasha Iskander**, New York University
  - **Fatima Shama**, New York City Commissioner for Immigrant Affairs
  - **Dr. Federico Villegas Beltran**, Director of Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Argentina
  - **Marc Scheuer**, Director, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations
  - **Syed Saiful Haque**, Chairman, Welfare Association for the Rights of Bangladeshi Emigrants (WARBE) Development Foundation, Bangladesh
- 13:00 – 15:00 **Break**
- 15:00 – 17:00 **Panel VI. Integrating Migration into Initiatives for Development: The Way Forward**
- **Moderator: Ambassador Mourad Benmehidi**, Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations
  - **Salomon Samen**, representing Ali Mansoor, Chair of the Global Forum on Migration and Development, Government of Mauritius
  - **Ambassador Luis Alfonso De Alba**, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations
  - **Michael Clemens**, Center for Global Development
  - **Thomas Stelzer**, Assistant Secretary General, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)
- 17:00 – 17:30 **Wrap-Up**
- Closing remarks **Donald Kerwin**, Executive Director, CMS
  - Closing remarks **Laura Thompson**, Deputy Director General, IOM



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