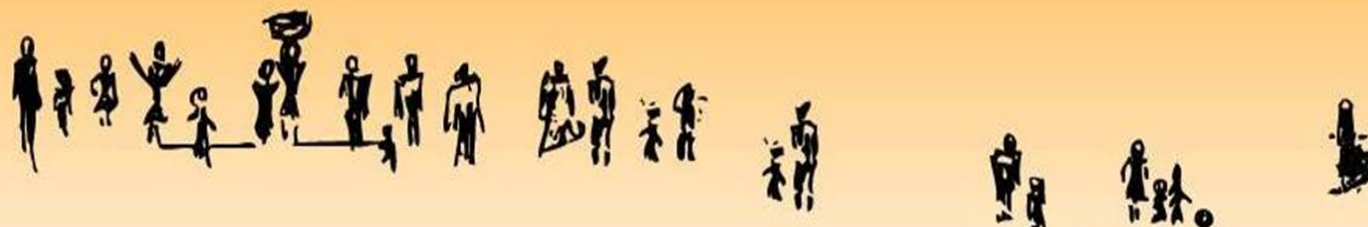


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“Societies and Identities: The Multi-faceted Impact of Migration”

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Geneva



The Alliance of Civilizations:

Improve understanding and cooperation among people across cultures and religions

Advocacy – Bridge Building – Facilitation and Dissemination within a global network of partnerships



The International Organization for Migration:

Works to ensure the orderly and humane management of migration

IOM recognizes the link between migration and economic, social and cultural development



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Migrant integration = key for better intercultural relations

Ever increasing cultural diversity -- a driving force for development and innovation; an opportunity for progress.

Need to address the perceived risks of migration as a threat for stability, prosperity and identity.

Requires building a dynamic relationship between communities.



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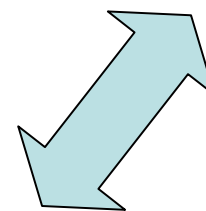
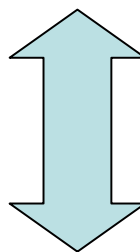
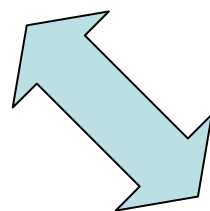


How does IBIS work?

Source of information
on good practices

Virtual space for
exchange and learning

Support coordination & cooperation
between stakeholders



{socio-economic integration} {legal and political integration}

{cultural integration}



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The added value of IBIS:

- Expertise of IOM and UNAOC
- Global reach and Global scope
- Unique international platform
- Wide range of stakeholders – including YOU!



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Featured Practice:

Migrant Routes Program

The Migrant Routes program uses education and training to help community members, workers, educators and students to explore the experiences, challenges and barriers newcomers face when settling in Canada and to help develop and identify ways to build anti-racist, equitable and inclusive spaces for migrants in their new Canadian communities. Migrant Routes workshops do the following: examines the experiences/challenges/barriers that migrants face when joining and becoming a part of Canadian communities including workplaces, schools, organizations, and other social, political and economic institutions; addresses how discrimination and racism can impact migrants through policies and practices; provides the capacity for participants to build their own awareness of the social, economic, political conditions and relations...

IOM International Dialogue on Migration 2010 , Geneva
July 15-22: Contribute Online to the Dialogue!





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Integration practitioners from national and local governments, from international or regional organizations, from civil society, from academic institutions or from the private sector are invited to contribute to this Online Community by submitting their initiative to be posted on the website.

Your good practices can give ideas to other stakeholders – and we hope that you may learn from other initiatives. This Online Community aspires to trigger discussion, exchange and possibly replication – with the appropriate adaptations to specific contexts.

1. Name of the Good Practice:

2. Description of the Good Practice:

Outline of background and objectives, activities, participants, outcomes, evaluation and possible recommendations



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Talking Faiths, a project that uses migration stories as interfaith bridges

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"80 percent of all human mobility is

[SF Wissen](#) is the knowledge platform of SF, the Swiss Television Company. It offers links and archives to some 7000 videos on a variety of topics.

One of the sections is called "Neue Heimat Schweiz" (New Home: Switzerland). It provides a snapshot of different patterns of the integration of "New Swiss" in their host country, and collects videos from the SF programs related to migration and integration.

The reports highlight successful models of social integration, such as a [this story](#) of a Kosovar refugee who became an award-winning cheesemonger, [this video](#) of a Migrant Serb of Bosnia who is now Lieutenant for the Swiss Army, [a report](#) on an social worker from Albanian background, dedicated to the integration of youth from the Balkans, [an interview](#) of a Tamil war refugee engaged in local politics or the [successful example](#) of a Chinese refugee who owns a fashion label in zurich.

[Check all videos](#) (available in Swiss German only... for the time being!)

How useful was this information? Users ratings 4.00 out of 5 ★★★★★

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***"Migration is the oldest action against poverty.
It selects those that most want to help.
What is the perversity in the human soul that
causes people to resist to obvious a good?"
John Kenneth Galbraith, 1979***



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Integration Community

All integration practitioners constitute what we call the Integration Community.

Integration practitioners cannot work alone. To be effective, a "whole of society" approach is needed through multi-stakeholder partnerships which are complementary, create synergies and allow for coordination at all levels. Partnerships between and among stakeholders at the local, national and international levels are crucial for the development of effective integration policies and practices.

Integration practitioners from national and local governments, from international or regional organizations, from civil society, from academic institutions or from the private sector all have an important role to play in the integration of newcomers and the building of inclusive societies.

Governments have a central role in facilitating and supporting the development and implementation of many of these partnerships. Partnerships with the private sector can benefit from the direct interaction of employers with migrants in the workplace. Partnerships with civil



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"We all should know that diversity makes for a

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The Role of Cities in Integration

In particular, Cities are at the front line of integration challenge. Active involvement of local governments in integration enables progress, innovation and development. The experience made by local governments and mayors in managing cultural diversity should feed in to effective policy making at national level

[Inter-Ethnic City: Management and Policies for a Better Integration of Migrants" held at UNHQ on September 28th, 2009](#)

Jointly organized by the Permanent Missions of Italy and Canada, Alliance of Civilizations and International Organization for Migration, the Roundtable examined good practices and processes for better integration at the level of cities as experienced by local administrators, policymakers, civil society organizations and academics. This event showcased practical policies and facilitated networking of representatives of municipalities and other relevant institutions while providing visibility to the issue.

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“The capacity for getting along with our neighbor depends to a large extent on the capacity for getting along with ourselves.”

Eric Hoffer

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Now Launched July 15th: 'Societies and Identities: The Multifaceted Impact of Migration'

On the occasion of [IOM's International Dialogue on Migration \(IDM\) workshop, "Societies and Identities: The Multifaceted Impact of Migration,"](#) in Geneva (July 19th & 20th), the Online Community on Migration and Integration is now hosting a virtual edition of the dialogue (July 15th – July 22nd), allowing experts and practitioners from around the world to engage and discuss the transformations experienced by their societies as a result of migration.

Check out the "IDM" discussion questions below and join a lively debate!

Societies continuously change, adapt and evolve. Social transformations resulting from complex internal and international mobility lead societies to face fundamental questions about identity, belonging and cohesion and seek new means to address them. Many societies experience growing cultural, ethnic and religious diversity, while others face structural social changes due to out-migration. The economic impact of migration has long been at the center of attention of policymakers – but migrants also make social, political and cultural contributions, including through the transfer of ideas, knowledge and customs. Discrimination, exclusion from political processes and other obstacles can however pose significant challenges to the participation of migrants in society. Furthermore, the perceptions about migrants in countries of origin and destination shape their interactions with societies and the contributions they are able to make. It is crucial to engage in a nuanced analysis of and differentiated responses to the needs of specific groups, in particular women, children, youth, and ageing migrant populations.

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Topic: Deconstructing perceptions

[christine](#)


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Deconstructing perceptions

on: July 14, 2010, 22:59

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The image of migrants and migration lies at the heart of any discussion on integration. The way migrants (or even returnees) are perceived in countries of origin and destination shapes their interactions in societies and the contributions they are able to make. As there is no "one" migration experience there is also no "one" image of migrants. However, governments, the media, migrants themselves and society as a whole are involved in and responsible for constructing perceptions of migrants. How can this range of stakeholders work together to deconstruct "migration myths" and promote more realistic and positive images of migrants? What are some effective practices in combating racism and xenophobia directed toward migrants at national and local levels?

[Florence](#)

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Re: Deconstructing perceptions

on: July 19, 2010, 07:39

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Have you noticed that newspapers around the world often mention the migrant origin of people when they are linked to "negative" news stories? But on the contrary the same migrants are described as "brave new citizens" when they are linked to positive news stories... How can journalists overcome this tendency and offer migrants fairer coverage?

[daniel](#)


Member

Posts: 3



Re: Deconstructing perceptions

on: July 19, 2010, 17:31

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i would like to share two ideas. Firstly, journalists should have some formation in this regard. Some universities offer elective courses that deal with the treatment of immigration in the media. Courses on Communication, Migration and Press are very common in Spain: Universities of Malaga, Madrid, Cadiz, etc. NGOs that work in the field of integration such as Andalucia Acoge also offer workshops for journalists.

Secondly, I would like to repeat an idea that Chief Journalist of an important spanish TV Channel said in a conference: there are journalists willing to publish positive news about migration. But, NGOs, immigrants associations, etc. do not know how to "sell" these news. The Media depend of the audience. So, they publish or show what the audience is willing to "buy". Creative new positive stories involving immigrants, presented in an attractive way have to be offered to the media by civil society. That way, journalists willing to offer a positive image of migration will be able to publish them.



Moving ahead & how to partner with us:

- Online interactive dialogue “Societies and Identities: The Multi-faceted Impact of Migration” - *Now! Ideas for the next forum?*
- Host a launching event/workshop on building inclusive and participative societies in your city or country
- Contribute to building the content of the website
- Help us increase and diversify the information available on IBIS

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Thank you!

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