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## INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE ON MIGRATION 2010 MIGRATION AND SOCIAL CHANGE

INTERSESSIONAL WORKSHOP ON

### **SOCIETIES AND IDENTITIES: THE MULTIFACETED IMPACT OF MIGRATION**

19 - 20 July 2010

FINAL AGENDA

19 July 2010 DAY I	
09:00 – 10:00	<i>Registration</i>
10:00 – 10:10	<b>WELCOME REMARKS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>William Lacy Swing</b>, Director General, International Organization for Migration</li></ul>
10:10 – 10:40	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Peggy Levitt</b>, Professor and Chair in Sociology, Wellesley College</li></ul>
10:40 – 11:00	<b>SETTING THE SCENE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>IOM Administration</b></li></ul> <p><i>The purpose of this workshop is for policymakers and practitioners from around the world to analyse and discuss the transformations experienced by their societies as a result of migration. In line with the overarching theme of the International Dialogue on Migration 2010, “Migration and Social Change”, priority will be given to social, political and cultural dimensions, rather than economic ones. The presentation by the IOM Administration will revisit traditional concepts surrounding the interaction between migrants and societies, with the aim of expanding the discussion to broader issues of social and demographic change affecting both societies of origin and destination, and the role of migration in such transformations. It will highlight trends and issues in need of dedicated attention, posing policy-relevant questions to launch the debate.</i></p>

11:00 – 13:00	<p><b><u>Session I:</u> Addressing the complex relationship between migrants and societies</b></p>
	<p><i>How do societies experience change related to migration? How do they come to terms with it? Few societies around the world have ever been or can claim to remain static entities. Social transformations resulting from increasingly complex internal and international mobility, as one among many other drivers, lead many societies to face fundamental questions about identity, belonging and cohesion and seek new means to address them. Many societies are experiencing growing cultural, ethnic and religious diversity, and out-migration in others can induce structural social changes. A diversification of migration patterns means that a growing number of countries around the world grapple with a larger mobile segment of the population. Established countries of immigration, countries that have only recently become important destinations for migrants and origin countries alike are devising new answers in different domains of policymaking to respond to these changes. The goal of this introductory session and of the workshop more generally is to move the debate towards innovative thinking and initiatives at international, national and – importantly – local level to address the complex relationship between migrants and societies.</i></p> <p>The following questions are proposed to guide the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How have new migration trends and dynamics affected social change in your societies?</li> <li>• What are some of the key issues surrounding the social impacts of migration in “old” and “new” countries of immigration? What are the principal social changes experienced by countries of origin as a result of migration?</li> <li>• What kinds of fora can be set up to engage in inclusive discussions with all stakeholders about managing relationships between migrants and their home or host societies?</li> <li>• What kinds of policy- and decision-making at the sub-national level, including at the level of regional and municipal governments, best enhance positive outcomes?</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator: Anil Kumar Kokil</b>, Assistant Director, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Mauritius</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ali El Mhamdi</b>, Director of Consular and Social Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Kingdom of Morocco</li> <li>• <b>Peter van Vliet</b>, Assistant Secretary, Multicultural Affairs Branch, Department of Immigration and Citizenship, Australia</li> </ul> <p><b>General Discussion</b></p>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Afternoon Break</i>

14:00 – 15:00	<p><b><i>Side Event: Information Dissemination and Awareness Raising for Migrants and Receiving Communities</i></b></p> <p>Organized by IOM’s Labour and Facilitated Migration (LFM) Department</p> <p><i>This side event will address the importance of pre- and post-arrival orientation and information dissemination as a means of facilitating the integration of migrants. Bearing in mind that integration is a continuum which starts in the country of origin and continues on through country of destination, several IOM-sponsored activities including the “Nordic Model of Pre-departure Orientation” as well as the role of Migrant Resource Centres will be showcased.</i></p> <p>Please note that the side event will be held in English.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Elizabeth Warn</b>, Labour Migration &amp; Development Specialist, IOM Geneva</li> <li>• <b>Pindie Stephen</b>, Senior Migrant Training Officer, IOM Geneva</li> </ul>
15:00 – 18:00	<p><b><u>Session II: Managing perceptions and misperceptions of migrants and migration</u></b></p>
	<p><i>The image of migrants and migration lies at the heart of any relationship between migrants and societies. The ways in which migrants or indeed returnees are perceived in countries of origin and destination shapes their interactions with societies and the contributions they are able to make. Clearly, there is no “one” image of migrants, just as there is no “one” migration experience. In the more extreme cases migrants are perceived as a threat or as carrying the hopes and expectations of their communities on their shoulders. Yet a more realistic and humane image of migrants is an important basis for a positive migration experience and cohesive relationships between migrants and societies. Governments, the media, migrants themselves and societies at large are involved in and responsible for constructing perceptions of migrants. This session will identify the key actors influencing social perceptions of migrants and migration. It will aim to highlight effective practices to combat racism, discrimination and xenophobia, paying particular attention to initiatives at local and city level.</i></p> <p>The following questions are proposed to guide the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can policymakers, civil society and the media work together to deconstruct “migration myths” and promote a more realistic and positive image of migrants and migration, both in countries of origin and destination?</li> <li>• What are some of the effective practices deployed at national and local levels to effectively counteract racism and xenophobia directed against migrants?</li> <li>• How can governments engage with migrants themselves most effectively to make their voices heard and take their views into account in designing different aspects of social policy affecting them?</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator: Nicolás Marugán Zalba</b>, Director, Spanish Observatory for Racism and Xenophobia, Ministry of Labour and Immigration, Spain</p>

	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nora Perez Vichich</b>, Principal Advisor, Directorate for International Migration, Directorate-General for Consular Services, Ministry of Foreign Relations, International Trade and Culture, Argentina</li> <li>• <b>Chinedu Onyejelem</b>, Editor and Publisher, Metro Eireann Newspaper, Ireland</li> <li>• <b>Sarah Mulley</b>, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Public Policy Research, United Kingdom</li> <li>• <b>Kenneth Wyne Mutuma</b>, Nelson Mandela Foundation Community, South Africa</li> </ul> <p><b>General Discussion</b></p>
	<p><i>End of Day One</i></p>

<b>20 July 2010 DAY II</b>	
<p>10:00 – 12:30</p>	<p><b>Session III: Supporting migrants and their families: migrant women, youth and family in the wider social context</b></p>
	<p><i>Family structures and dynamics can be severely impacted by migration. Family separation, so-called “mixed status” families, or multilingual families to shifts in gender and generational roles or intergenerational conflicts, for instance regarding diverging attitudes between parents and children towards lifestyle questions or identification with the country of origin or destination, are some of today’s realities. In this context it is therefore of vital importance to engage in nuanced analyses of and differentiated responses to the needs of specific groups, in particular women, children, youth, and ageing migrant populations, the latter being a phenomenon increasingly relevant to many countries with a longer migration history. This session will use the family as a prism to discuss broader social issues, including health, gender roles, the needs of children and youth, and integration in host societies. As in other sessions, the focus will be on practical measures undertaken by stakeholders at all levels of society and policymaking.</i></p> <p>The following questions are proposed to guide the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are some of the principal concerns regarding migrant children and youth as well as second and third generations? How can policymakers most effectively target these groups in particular?</li> <li>• In what ways is “caregiving” becoming interlinked across borders, particularly through the migration of women, and what are the social effects and possible policy responses to this phenomenon?</li> <li>• How does migration alter family structures and relationships? What is the role of policymakers in enhancing positive effects and mitigating some of the negative consequences?</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Moderator: Philippe Boncour</b>, Head, International Dialogue on Migration, IOM</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Salvador Berúmen Sandoval</b>, Director of Research, Centre for Migration Studies, National Migration Institute, Mexico</li> <li>• <b>Glenda Watt</b>, Strategy Manager, Corporate Services, City of Edinburgh Council, United Kingdom</li> <li>• <b>Mulayka Laura Enriello</b>, Responsible for Education, Italian Islamic Religious Community (Comunità Religiosa Islamica Italiana CO.RE.IS.)</li> </ul> <p><b>General Discussion</b></p>
12:30 – 13:00	<p><b>MIGRANT’S VOICE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Natasa Marjanovic</b></li> </ul>
13:00 – 14:00	Afternoon Break
14:00 – 15:00	<p><i><b>Side Event: The Role of Youth Organizations in Fostering Participation of Young Migrants</b></i></p> <p>Organized by the European Youth Forum</p> <p><i>This side event aims to explore the barriers to participation faced by young migrants, in particular in youth work. Drawing on the experience of the European Youth Forum in the field of migration and inclusion, the event focuses on possible initiatives to be put in place by both mainstream youth organizations and migrant youth organizations to effectively tackle such challenges.</i></p> <p>Please note that the side event will be held in English.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ben Vanpeperstraete</b>, Board Member, European Youth Forum</li> <li>• <b>Vanessa Moura Pereira</b>, Associação de Melhoramentos e Recreativo do Talude</li> <li>• <b>Samir Biberovic</b>, Amaro Drom e.V.</li> </ul>
15:00 – 17:50	<p><b>Session IV: Enhancing migrants’ contributions to societies: social remittances and other impacts of migration</b></p>
	<p><i>The economic impact of migration has long been at the centre of attention of policymakers, yet migrants also contribute to their respective societies socially, politically and culturally including through the transfer of ideas, knowledge and customs. Although their precise impacts are difficult to determine, less tangible, social remittances, such as innovative ideas and networks, often complement financial remittances to home countries. In countries of destination, too, the effects of the presence of migrants goes far beyond the labour market, including for example an enrichment of the arts and cultural life or contributions at the level of education and research. Discrimination, exclusion from political processes or obstacles such</i></p>

*as the non-recognition of professional qualifications, however, can pose significant challenges to the participation of migrants in society. As many of such contributions are realized at the community or city level, the role of local authorities is particularly pertinent. The objective of this session is to highlight the contributions migrants make to their respective societies and to discuss creative ways to recognize migrants as legitimate agents of social, cultural and political life. Drawing also on the elements discussed during prior sessions, this afternoon's debate will aim to identify some general conclusions about the possibilities of enhancing the positive impact of migrants on home and host societies.*

The following questions are proposed to guide the discussion:

- How can social remittances be defined? What are some of their beneficial and harmful manifestations?
- What practical measures are available to various stakeholders to enhance social contributions and remittances?
- What concrete steps can be taken to enhance migrants' civic participation and inclusion at the local level?
- What is the role of language learning and the educational system in facilitating positive contributions and active participation by migrants in society? What are some of the most effective practices that have been applied in this regard?

**Moderator: Arnon Mantver**, Chair of the Board of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Center for International Migration and Integration, Israel

**Speakers:**

- **Teresita Manzala**, Center Director, National Reintegration Center for Overseas Filipino Workers, Philippines
- **Deo Nkusi**, Advisor, General Directorate for Diaspora Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Rwanda
- **Robert Palmer**, Director, Directorate of Culture and Cultural and Natural Heritage, Council of Europe
- **Florence Laufer**, Migration and Integration Program Manager, United Nations Alliance of Civilisations, and  
**Christine Aghazarm**, Project Officer, Migration Policy and Research Department, IOM (*joint presentation*)

**General Discussion**

17:50 – 18:00	<i>Wrap-up and Closing Remarks</i>
	<i>End of Workshop</i>