# Multilateral Framework for Cooperation on Migration and Development.

NGO Committee on MIGRATION

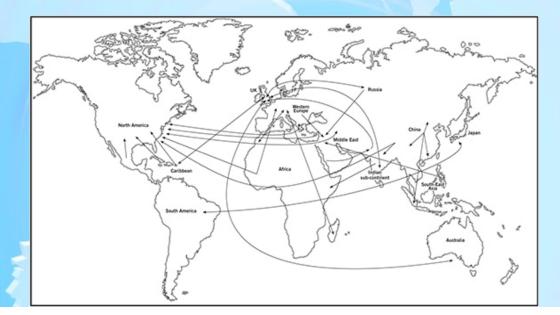
# NGO Committee on Migration (CoNGO Committee since 2007)

- Active in the GFMD process since its inception
- 48 national and international NGOs
- Participants in Dialogues,
  Roundtables, workshops,
  commissions, trainings, debates,
  and symposiums on the issue of migration

### Mission Statement

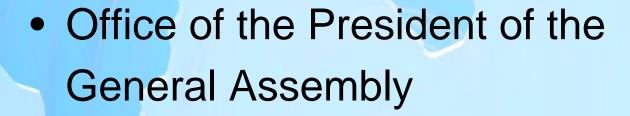
The mission of the NGO Committee on Migration is to:

- encourage the protection of migrants and the
- promotion of their human rights,
- in accordance with the United Nations Charter



### Collaboration with:

- migrants
- NGO networks
- UNDESA
- UNICEF
- UNITAR





# Diverse Groups in Civil Society work at multiple concerns,

- Family Unification
- Recruitment
- Protection
- Human Rights
- Inclusion
- Mixed Populations
- Portability of Certification and Pensions
- Visibility of Women and Children



### With multiple approaches,

- Influencing agendas
- Focusing issues
- Research
- Activism
- Service Providers
- Capacity Building
- Receiving gifts of newcomers
- Diplomacy
- Action-oriented planning



### and Partnerships.

#### What has been helpful:

- Meetings with governments such as national dialogues,
- the "Common Space" of the GFMD
- Interaction with IOM
- Increased openness in stakeholder gatherings
- Increased openness in matters of substance.

# Opportunities and Challenges in Preparations for the 2013 HLD

We welcome current rapprochement on issues such as:

- The human rights of migrants, including undocumented ones;
- Concerns with family fragmentation,
- The vulnerability of women migrant workers; and
- The human dimensions of development, including in the home/sending country, that would make migration a choice, not a necessity

## Opportunities and Challenges in Preparations for the 2013 HLD

At the same time, we are challenged by our differing perspectives on some substantive issues:

- The continuing emphasis of Governments on the utility of migrants for economic development rather than on Governments' responsibilities to fulfill their development obligations;
- The pushback of a number of states on issues like human rights and irregular migration; and
- The lack of will by most Governments, especially of the most industrialized societies, to ratify the Migrant Worker Convention.

## Opportunities and Challenges in Preparations for the 2013 HLD

- GFMDs have given us a preparation
  - We have worked for access both in modalities and substance
  - We have experienced increasing participation
- In each new venue, we must overcome barriers to access

Migration governance requires;

- Structural continuity
- Transparency
- Commitment to Action which includes
  - monitoring of progress
  - agreed upon time frames

It is essential to plan for human rights based post 2015 development policies which include:

- reaching out to diasporas as policy contributors
- Increased attention to good policies and good programmatic practices



We welcome the HLD Roundtable themes:

- 1. Leveraging diaspora contributions for development
- 2. Promoting legal and orderly migration while protecting migrants
- 3. Mainstreaming migration into the development agenda, and
- 4. Strengthening partnerships and cooperation on international migration.

- 1. In the SG Report, we applaud the focus on *concrete* measures.
- We look forward to a dialogue that results in reachable outcomes based on good practices

