

*Multilateral Framework
for Cooperation on
Migration and
Development.*



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
- Office of the President of the General Assembly



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





Towards the HLD and Beyond

Migration governance requires;

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

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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



Towards the HLD and Beyond

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.

Towards the HLD and Beyond

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

