



THE 11th REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION
24-25 October 2008, Manila, Philippines

"The Right to Development: Migrants' and People's Perspectives and Strategies"

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

23 OCTOBER (Thursday)

Arrival / Registration of RCM Participants

24 OCTOBER (Friday)

- 08:00 – 08:30 **Registration of RCM Participants**
- 08:30 – 09:00 **Welcome Remarks**
- <Ms. Ellen Sana, Chairperson, Executive Committee, Migrant Forum in Asia>
 - <Mr. William Gois, Secretariat, Migrant Forum in Asia>
- 09:00 – 09:30 **Keynote Address: "Development and Migration: Addressing Critical Issues and Ensuring the Rights-Based and People-Centered Framework"**
- < Mr. Luis Alfonso de Alba, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations>
- 09:30 – 09:45 **Civil Society Response and Perspectives**
- < Ms. Gigi Francisco, International Gender & Trade Network (IGTN)>
- 09:45 – 10:00 **Migrants' Response and Perspectives**
- <Syed Saiful Haque, WARBE Foundation>
- 10:00 – 10:45 **Topic 1: "Achieving Rights-Based, People-Centered and Gender-Fair Development: What the Governments Have Committed and What GFMD Can Do"**
- "ICESCR, Right to Development Declaration, Millennium Development Goals and Other Development Commitments: Review and Critique of Government Commitments" <TBA>
 - "Can GFMD promote people-centered development and migrants' empowerment? An Analysis and Critique of Its Roles, Potentials and Limitations" <Colin Rajah, MRI>
- Questions of Clarification**
- 10:45 – 11:00 **BREAK**
- 11:00 – 12:15 **Open Forum**
- 12:15 – 13:15 **LUNCH**
- 13:15 – 13:55 **Topic 2: "Regional Economic, Trade & Development Policies Involving Migrants: Analysis and Critique from a rights-based and gender perspective"**
- "A critique of migrant-related economic and development policies of sending and receiving governments: why these exploit migrants and undermine human development" <Brid Brennan, Transnational Institute>
 - "Factoring Migrants in National Economic, Trade and Development Plans and Policies: Minimum criteria for a rights-based, gender-fair and empowering policies and practices" <Gigi Francisco, IGTN>
- Questions of Clarification**

14:00 – 15:30	Topic 2 Workshops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expected output: key issues, points of consensus, debate and key recommendations; see workshop guidelines
15:30 – 15:45	BREAK
15:45 – 16:00	Report-back from the Workshop
16:00 – 16:50	Open Forum
16:50 – 17:00	Day One Closing Comments / Announcements
18:30 –	WELCOME RECEPTION / DINNER

25 OCTOBER (Saturday)

08:30 – 09:00	Day Two Opening Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energizers, announcements Recap of Day 1
09:00 – 09:45	Topic 3: “Climate Change, Development and Migration: The Nexus, Scenarios and Strategies” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Update from Bangkok: Issues, Agreements, Positions and Strategies from the Bangkok, Climate Change Conference” <TBA> “Where Climate and Borders Meet: What is the Impact of Managed Migration on Climate-Induced Migrant Workers” <Sudhir Chella Rajan, IIT Madras> <p><i>Questions of Clarification</i></p>
09:45 – 10:15	Open Forum
10:15 – 10:30	BREAK
10:30– 11:20	Topic 4: “Migrants’ Remittance and Resources for Development: Potentials, Challenges and Issues” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Use and Control of Remittances for Development: Requirements, Potentials, Dangers and Issues” <TBA , Freedom from Debt Coalition> “Remittance Transfers & Community Re-investment: Roles, Responsibility and Accountability of States and Corporates” <Francis Calpotura, TIGRA> “Resources, Contributions and Potentials of Diasporas and Migrants for Development: Policy Recommendations” <Camilo Perez Bustillo, Center on Migration and Human Rights, Autonomous University of Mexico City> <p><i>Questions of Clarification</i></p>
11:20 - 12:30	Topic 4 Workshops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expected output: key issues, points of consensus, debate and key recommendations; see workshop guidelines
12:30 - 13:30	LUNCH
13:30 – 13:50	Report-back from the Workshops

- 13:50 – 15:20 **Final Plenary Session:**
Review and Summing up of Key Issues, Points of Consensus and Recommendations (from all the workshops)
- 15:20 – 15:40 **Adoption of 11th RCM Declaration**
- 15:40 – 16:00 **Closing**

The RCM participants will join all other Peoples' Global Action (PGA) delegates for the Opening Plenary of the International Conference, <6:00-8:00 PM>, 25 October 2008, Jamie Cardinal Sin Gymnasium, Malate, Manila.

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