



**Global Forum on
MIGRATION & DEVELOPMENT**

GFMD Philippines 2008

“Protecting and Empowering Migrants for Development”

Asia-Pacific High-Level Meeting on International Migration and Development

Bangkok, 23 September 2008

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Scope of Presentation

- **What is the GFMD?**
 - Antecedents
 - Nature
- **Preparations for the Philippine hosting of the GFMD**
 - Substantive
 - Administrative
- **Basic Information to Participants**

The High Level Dialogue

- September 14 & 15, 2006: The **first ever high-level UN General Assembly** dialogue on international migration and development
- **Purpose:** to discuss the multi-dimensional aspects of international migration and development in order to identify appropriate ways and means to maximize its development benefits and minimize its negative impacts.
- High-level **participation:** 132 UN Member States participated

Key Conclusions from the HLD

We're all in this together

- Migration is a growing global phenomenon affecting all states whether as countries of origin, destination or transit, or all three.

There is a link between migration and development

- International migration can be a positive force for development in countries of origin and destination. It needs to be mainstreamed into development policies and Poverty Reduction Strategy Programs (PRSPs).

Migrants have human rights

- International migration, development and human rights are interconnected. Respect for migrants' human rights is essential in order to benefit fully from international migration.

International community needs to cooperate at all levels

- National strategies on migration and development should be complemented by strengthened bilateral, regional, and multilateral cooperation

Outcomes of the HLD

- **Realization** that **open and constructive debate** about migration and development at global level between sending and receiving states is **possible**
- Proposal by the UN Secretary General for the states to **continue** the dialogue
- **Agreement** by the states **to convene** a Global Forum on Migration and Development (**GFMD**)

What is the Global Forum?

- **Nature:** voluntary, inter-governmental, non-binding and informal consultative process open to all UN Member States and Observers
- **Purpose:** to address multi-dimensional aspects of migration and its inter-linkages to development
- **Objective:** will not produce negotiated outcomes or normative decisions; instead will aim at practical and action-oriented outcomes
- **Civil Society Day(s)** will bring together civil society and diaspora representatives to discuss Global Forum issues. Meeting results will feed into government debate
- Not part of UN structure, but will **liaise with UN Sec Gen** through his special representative, Mr. Peter Sutherland

Global Forum 1, Brussels, July 2007

- **Belgium** as Chair, **Philippines** as Co-chair
- **Two themes:**
 1. Migration and socio-economic development
 2. Best ways to strengthen the links between migration policies and development policies
- **Participants:** 156 countries, 20 international organizations, 200 civil society stakeholders
- **Future Chairs:**
 - 2009 - Greece
 - 2010 - Argentina
 - 2011 - Spain
 - 2012 - Morocco

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The Preparatory Process

- Hand over from Brussels to Manila, 01 September 2007
- **Steering Group meetings in Geneva:**
 - First Meeting - 15 October 2007
 - Second Meeting - 19 November 2007
 - Third Meeting - 10 March 2008
 - Fourth Meeting - 7 May 2008
 - Fifth Meeting - 15 July 2008
 - Sixth Meeting - 02 September 2008
- **Friends of the Forum Meetings in Geneva**
 - First Meeting - 17 December 2008
 - Second Meeting - 26 May 2008
 - Third Meeting - 04 September 2008

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- **Members of the Troika:** Philippines, Belgium, Greece
- **Members of the Steering Group:**
 - Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Ghana, Greece, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Senegal, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom
- **The Friends of the Forum**

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The Substantive Preparation Process:

- Identification of central theme and the three roundtables themes
- Designation of roundtable coordinators, co-leaders and members
- Development of official working paper for each roundtable
- Designation of panel members

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Three Roundtables organized around a Central Theme

RTD 1: Migration, Development and Human Rights



“Protecting and Empowering Migrants for Development”



RTD 2: Secure, legal migration can achieve stronger development impacts



RTD 3: Policy and institutional coherence and partnerships

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ROUNDTABLE 1 TEAMS:

(Coordinator: Estrella Lajom Roman)

RTD 1.1: *Protecting the rights of migrants – a shared responsibility.*

Co-leaders : Philippines and UAE

Team Members: Argentina, Bangladesh, Canada, Chile, China, Ecuador, Egypt, Indonesia, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan

RTD 1.2: *Empowering migrants and diaspora to contribute to dev't*

Co-leaders : Belgium and El Salvador

Team Members: Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, China, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Italy, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Portugal, Switzerland

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ROUNDTABLE 2 TEAMS:

(Coordinator: Irena Omelaniuk)

RTD 2.1: *Fostering more opportunities for legal migration*

Co-leaders : Bangladesh and Canada

Team Members: Costa Rica, Egypt, India, Mauritius, Morocco, Nicaragua, Philippines, Spain, Sweden, UAE

RTD 2.2: *Managing migration and minimizing the negative impacts of irregular migration*

Co-leaders : Thailand and Australia

Team Members: Brazil, Egypt, France, Greece, Korea, South Africa, The Netherlands, United Kingdom

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Roundtable 3 TEAMS:

(Coordinator: Rolph Jenny)

Roundtable 3: *Policy and institutional coherence and partnerships*

RTD 3.1: Strengthening data and research tools on mig & dev't

Co-leaders : Finland and Argentina

Team Members: Mexico, Morocco, Turkey

RTD 3.2: Policy and instit'l coherence on mig & dev't within Govt

Co-leaders : Switzerland and Indonesia

Team Members: Argentina, Australia, France, Ghana, India, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, United Kingdom, Thailand

RTD 3.3: Reg'l consult'ive processes at the interface of mig & dev't.

Co-leaders : France and Brazil

Team Members: Argentina, Australia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, South Africa, Spain, Thailand, UAE

Manila GFMD Program

- **Expected participants:** from 800 to 1000 participants from UN Member States, international organizations, and civil society.
- **Levels of delegation:** Ministers, Vice-ministers, and policy-makers in migration and development fields
- **Very Important Personalities (VIPs):** Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, UN Sec Gen Ban Ki-moon

Civil Society Days

(October 27 & 28, 2008)

- **Convenor:** Ayala Foundation, Inc.
- **Participants:** 200 International and 30 Local Civil Society Actors
- **Themes:** Same as the government themes.
- **Interface and Submission of Results of Civil Society Days**

Provisional Program

27-28 October 2008 (Mon-Tues) : Civil Society Days

29 October 2008 (Wednesday) : Government Meeting

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| 09:00-13:00 | <p><u>Plenary Session</u> Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Foreign Affairs Secretary Ablerto G. Romulo - UNSG Ban Ki-Moon - Pres. Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, Keynote Speaker <p>Break</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speeches to Launch the General Debate - General debate - Report of the "Civil Society Day" | | |
| 13:00-15:00 | <p>Lunch</p> | | |
| 15:00-18:00 | <p>Round Table 1</p> <p><u>Migration, Development and Human Rights</u></p> <p>RT 1.1 Protecting the Rights of Migrants – A Shared Responsibility</p> <p><i>Venue: Summit Hall C, Delegation Building, PICC</i></p> | <p>Round Table 2</p> <p><u>Secure, Legal Migration can Achieve Stronger Development Impacts</u></p> <p>RT 2.1 Fostering More Opportunities for Legal Migration</p> <p><i>Venue: Summit Hall D, Delegation Building, PICC</i></p> | <p>Round Table 3</p> <p><u>Policy and Institutional Coherence and Partnerships</u></p> <p>RT 3.1 Strengthening Data and Research Tools on Migration and Development</p> <p><i>Venue: Summit Hall E, Delegation Building, PICC</i></p> |

30 October 2008 (Thursday) : Government Meeting (Cont'd)

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| 09:00-12:00 | <p><u>Round Table 1</u></p> <p><u>Migration, Development and Human Rights</u></p> <p>RT 1.2 Empowering Migrants and Diaspora to Contribute to Development</p> <p><i>Venue: Summit Hall C, Delegation Building, PICC</i></p> | <p><u>Round Table 2</u></p> <p><u>Secure, Legal Migration can Achieve Stronger Development Impacts</u></p> <p>RT 2.2 Managing Migration and Minimizing the Negative Impacts of Irregular Migration</p> <p><i>Venue: Summit Hall D, Delegation Building, PICC</i></p> | <p><u>Round Table 3</u></p> <p><u>Policy and Institutional Coherence and Partnerships</u></p> <p>RT 3.2 Policy and Institutional Coherence on Migration and Development within Government</p> <p><i>Venue: Summit Hall E, Delegation Building, PICC</i></p> |
| 12:00-14:00 | Lunch | | |
| 14:00-16:30 | <p>RT 3.3 Regional Consultative Processes at the Interface of Migration and Development</p> <p><i>Venue: Summit Hall C, Delegation Building, PICC</i></p> | <p>Special Session: Future of the Forum</p> <p><i>Venue: Summit Hall D, Delegation Building, PICC</i></p> | |
| 16:30-18:00 | <p><u>Plenary Session</u></p> <p>Reports from Roundtables</p> <p>Future of the Forum and next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Peter Sutherland, UN Secretary General Special Representative for migration and development <p>Final conclusions and recommendations of the Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Usec. Esteban B. Conejos Jr. Executive Director , Philippine GFMD Task Force <p>Statement by the next Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Minister of Interior of the Hellenic Republic. <p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Noli de Castro, Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines | | |

Basic Information for Participants

- Invitation sent out (four ways)
 1. GFMD National Focal Points
 2. Diplomatic Missions in Manila
 3. Geneva Permanent Missions to the UN
 4. New York Permanent Missions to the UN

How to Participate

- Participation: Number of delegates unlimited, provided only three (3) at plenary and only one (1) per Roundtable session).
- **Online Registration**
 - Official Website: www.gfmd2008.org
- Alternatively, the focal point may contact:
 - Department of Foreign Affairs**
 - Contact Person : **Ms. Jocelyn Morales**
 - Telephone No. : **+632 834 3069**
 - Facsimile No. : **+632 834 3071**
 - Email : registration@gfmd2008.org
- Note Verbale **necessary** to obtain security badges

Cost, travel / hotel arrangements

- Participants are responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements.
- Recommended hotels and reservation form is available at www.gfmd2008.org

More information can be found at
www.gfmd2008.org

or email: accommodation@gfmd2008.org

Financial Assistance

- Who may request for financial support?
 1. Each country listed in the first two columns of the **OECD DAC** List
 2. Members of the **African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States**
 3. **Belgium Development Partners**

More information can be found at

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