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Seminar on

## Migration and the Economic Crisis

Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations, New York, 21 May 2009

Morning	
9:45 AM	Registration
10:00	Welcome and programme overview <i>IOM / UNFPA / UNITAR</i>
SESSION I: HOW DOES THE FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC CRISIS IMPACT INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT? <i>Chair: Mr. Frank Laczko, IOM</i>	
10:15	<u>Issue 1</u> : "Economic Crisis and Migration: Trends and Forecasts" <i>Mr. Demetrios Papademetriou, Migration Policy Institute</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ What are the estimated impacts of the financial crisis on current and future migration trends?</li><li>▶ What can the international community learn from the past financial crises (i.e. the 1970s oil shock and 1990s Asian crisis) in dealing with migration issues?</li></ul>
10:45	<u>Discussants</u> : <i>UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)</i> <i>UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)</i> <i>Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)</i>
11:00	Discussion
11:30	Coffee Break



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SESSION I (CONT'D): HOW DOES THE FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC CRISIS IMPACT INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT?

Chair: Mr. Sanket Mohapatra, World Bank (tbc)

11:45 AM

Issue 2: "Impact on migrants' incomes, remittances and development prospects in countries of origin"

Mr. Mark Hugo Lopez, Associate Director, Pew Hispanic Center

Dr. Peter Quartey, Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER), University of Ghana

- ▶ How are migrants affected by the financial crisis and how do they adapt their remittance-sending behaviours?
- ▶ How does the recession change remittance levels, and what does it mean for the development prospects of countries of origin?
- ▶ What are the socio-economic impacts on receiving households?

12:15 PM

Discussants:

UN Development Programme (UNDP)

UN Children's Fund (UNICEF)

12:30

Discussion

1:00

Lunch Break (Light lunch will be served)

SESSION II: HOW CAN WE MANAGE THE CRISIS: THE ROLE OF LABOUR MIGRATION, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Chair: Dr. Lindsay Lowell, Georgetown University

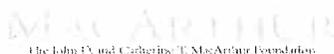
2:00

Issue 4: "Implications for migrant workers, labour markets and migration policies"

Mr. Manolo Abella, former Chief Technical Advisor, ILO-EU Asian Regional Project on Governance of Labour Migration and Senior Research Associate, Centre on Migration Policy and Society (COMPAS), Oxford University

European Commission

- ▶ How does the financial crisis affect job markets and employment opportunities for migrants?
- ▶ How are governments in origin and destination countries reacting to the crisis in terms of labour market and migration policies?
- ▶ What do policy changes aim to accomplish? How do they modify the behaviour of local and migrant workers? How do they affect migration cooperation?
- ▶ What concrete measures can regional and international consultative processes take to resolve conflicts and advance common interests on migration and development? Might this crisis present opportunities for enhanced coordination and cooperation among States?





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2:45 PM	<p><u>Discussants:</u></p> <p><i>International Labour Organization (ILO)</i></p> <p><i>UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)</i></p> <p><i>Regional Commissions</i></p>
3:00	Discussion
3:45	Coffee Break
<p>SESSION II CONT'D : HOW CAN WE MANAGE THE CRISIS: THE ROLE OF MIGRANTS AND CIVIL SOCIETY</p> <p><i>Chair: Dr. Lindsay Lowell, Georgetown University</i></p>	
4:00	<p><u>Issue 5:</u> "Migrants in times of recession: Scapegoats or asset?"</p> <p><i>Mr. Randel Johnson, United States Chamber of Commerce (tbc)</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Lorena Macabuag, Migrant Forum in Asia</i></p> <p><i>Mr. José Francisco Avila, Garifuna Coalition and New Horizons Investment Club (tbc)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ How have the private sector, civil society organizations, and migrant communities responded to the economic downturn and government actions?</li> <li>▶ What concrete actions can these actors take to mitigate negative impacts of the crisis on migrant workers and communities? What concrete actions can migrant organizations take to ensure migrants' rights?</li> <li>▶ What role can migrants and diaspora communities play in overcoming the crisis?</li> </ul>
5:00	<p><u>Discussant:</u></p> <p><i>Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)</i></p>
5:05	Discussion
5:45	<p>Conclusion &amp; Evaluation</p> <p><i>Ms. Sarah Rosengärtner, UNITAR New York</i></p>
6:00	End of Day

