



Conference on International Migration and Development:
Continuing the Dialogue – Legal and Policy Perspectives
17 – 18 January 2008, New York

Second Global Forum on Migration and
Development to be held in Manila, Philippines
from 27 – 30 October 2008:

27-28 October - Civil Society Organizations

29-30 October – Intergovernmental Forum

Importance of Migration issues to the Philippines

- An estimated 10% (over 8 million) of the population are working/residing in close to 200 countries and territories
- Top ten country in annual average net migration (UN - DESA)
- One of the top ten migration corridors
- Top twenty country in remittances as % of GDP (WB)
- Top ten remittance receiving country (WB)

Top 10 Countries – Remittance Inflows (World Bank Nov. 2007)

Workers' remittances,
compensation of employees,
and migrant transfers, credit
(US\$ million)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007e	<i>Remittances as a share of GDP, 2006 (%)</i>
India	12,890	14,273	15,736	20,999	18,750	21,293	25,426	27,000	<i>2.8%</i>
Mexico	7,525	10,146	11,029	14,911	18,143	21,917	24,732	25,000	<i>2.9%</i>
China	6,244	8,385	13,012	17,815	19,014	20,337	23,319	25,703	<i>0.9%</i>
Philippines	6,212	6,164	9,735	10,243	11,471	13,566	15,250	17,000	<i>13.0%</i>
France	8,631	9,194	10,353	11,311	12,277	12,306	12,479	12,500	<i>0.6%</i>
Spain	4,517	4,720	5,178	6,072	7,528	7,960	8,863	8,863	<i>0.7%</i>
Belgium	4,005	3,811	4,674	5,871	6,863	7,164	7,220	7,220	<i>1.8%</i>
United Kingdom	3,614	4,825	4,485	5,029	6,350	6,302	6,954	7,000	<i>0.3%</i>
Romania	96	116	143	124	132	4,733	6,707	6,800	<i>5.5%</i>
Germany	3,644	3,933	4,685	5,784	6,560	6,363	6,667	7,000	<i>0.2%</i>



Manila GFMD 2008 Theme “Protecting and Empowering Migrants for Development”

Draft Annotated Roundtable Themes:

RT 1 – Migration, Development and Human Rights

RT 2 – Secure, legal migration can achieve stronger development impacts

RT 3 – Policy and institutional coherence and partnerships

Roundtable One:

‘Migration, Development and Human Rights’

Session 1.1 – Protecting the rights of migrant workers – a shared responsibility

- *How can protection of the rights of migrants enhance their contributions to development?*
- *What are the key elements of effective cooperation between countries on migrant protection?*

Session 1.2 – Empowering migrants and diaspora to contribute to development

- *What are the most effective policies and practices for empowering migrants and diaspora to contribute to development?*
- *How can the development impact of these policies and practices be best assessed, scaled-up and shifted across different countries and regions?*

Roundtable Two:
'Secure, Legal migration can achieve stronger development impacts'

Session 2.1 – Fostering more opportunities for legal migration

- *What makes a temporary labor migration program beneficial for development?*
- *How can developing countries strengthen their capacities to negotiate partnerships and be viable partners on mutually beneficial labor and skills exchange?*

Session 2.2 – Managing irregular migration as a negative factor for development

- *What are the cause - effect links between irregular migration and lower achievement of development goals (both directions)?*
- *What are the capacity-building needs of developing countries to manage irregular migration?*

Roundtable Three:

‘Policy and institutional coherence and partnerships’

Session 3.1 – Strengthening data and research tools to foster policy and institutional coherence

- *Critical gaps in data on the migration-development linkage?*
- *How to link research and analysis most productively with policy making?*
- *Key indicators of the development relevance of migration policies, and the key indicators of migration impacts of development policies?*

Session 3.2 – Regional Consultative Processes (RCPs) at the interface of migration and development

- *How are RCPs effecting change in migration and development policies nationally and in the larger regional economic processes?*
- *What are good practices in integrating development considerations into RCP agendas?*
- *How can RCPs work more closely with the GFMD in mutually reinforcing ways?*



Follow-up on the Brussels GFMD Action Items

- **50 plus items, most intended for national action**
- **Some 12 outcomes for action before GFMD Manila**

Reducing negative development impacts of skilled migration (from RT 1.1)

1. Matrix of Good Practices for COOs and CODs – and jointly – to retain, train and recover skilled health personnel for development.
(UK and Global Health Workforce Alliance)
 2. Further develop Codes of Ethical Conduct for recruiting in the health sector; share lessons from current codes of conduct.
(Global Health Workforce Alliance)
- 2008: evidence towards policy coherence and partnership (RT 3)

Temporary Labor Migration – Contribution to Development (from RT 1.3)

3. Compendium of Good Practice policies on bilateral temporary labor arrangements that can contribute to development.
(OSCE, IOM, ILO for Spain and Morocco)
- 2008: fostering legal opportunities for migration (RT 2)
- Protecting the rights of migrants: a shared responsibility (RT 1)

Role of non-state actors in fostering development – friendly labor migration (from RT 1.3)

4. Feasibility Study of financial intermediation services to allow workers to borrow at market or concessional rates to cover migration expenses.
(Bangladesh, consultant, commercial bank and an IO)
5. Workshop on good recruitment and employment practices; and to set up some benchmarks/criteria
(Bangladesh, int'l expert, UNDP, ILO, APC)
- **2008: Protecting the rights of migrants: a shared responsibility; empowering migrants (economically)
(RT 2)**

Circular migration & sustainable return – sharing opportunities for development (from RT 1.4)

6. Workshop on circular migration (CM) to lay the groundwork for future CM partnerships.
(Mauritius and the EC - July 2008)
7. Independent assessment of the development impacts of skills circulation models MIDA and TOKTEN
(action pending)
 - 2008: Fostering more opportunities for legal migration
 - Bilateral frameworks for managing labor flows to the mutual advantage of all parties (RT 2)

Measuring Migration and Development Impacts (from RT 3.1)

8. Expert Working Group (policy-makers, researchers, et al) to assess & coordinate M&D research priorities.
 9. Brief report on policy lessons from existing research.
 10. Working group between relevant institutions on better data gathering and sharing
(Finland and the IPPR)
- **2008: measurable evidence of the M&D linkages and identifying the knowledge gap towards prioritization of research, and policy coherence (RT 3)**

Coherent Policy Planning & Methodology to link Migration and Development (from RT 3.2)

11. Follow-up Survey of good practices and lessons learned by governments in promoting policy coherence.
(Sweden in discussion with other potential government and non-government partners)
- 2008: strengthening evidence about the institutional infrastructure and environment conducive to coherent policy planning between M&D at the national level (RT 3)

Regional Migration Consultation Processes (from RT 3.4)

12. Consultation among RCP Chairs and Secretariats on Migration and Development to:
 - share best practices
 - establish networks and focal points
 - strengthen 2-way flow with GFMD (IOM and partner governments)
- **2008: strengthen the migration-development links in the agendas of regional consultative processes,**
- **Strengthen networking among the RCPs and between RCPs and the GFMD (RT 3)**



GFMD 2008 – The Way Forward

- Continued consultation – Steering Group and Friends of the Forum
- Information dissemination activities
- Separate Session on the future of GFMD
- Future hosts