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*Initiative on  
Global Migration and  
Human Mobility*

Conference on International Migration and  
Development: Continuing the Dialogue

Legal and Policy Perspectives

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- “Improving the human condition”
- Fellows Program
- Domestic Program
  - Juvenile justice
  - Preserving Rental Housing
- International Program
  - Human Rights and International Justice
  - Conservation and Sustainable Development
  - International Peace and Security
  - Population and Reproductive Health
  - Initiative on Global Migration and Human Mobility

## *MacArthur's Migration Initiative: Context and Niche*

- Global migration in context
  - 200 million migrants worldwide
  - Complex patterns
  - No international governance regime
- MacArthur's value-added
  - Global perspective
  - Research and policy
  - International governance
  - Long-term view

## *Migration Initiative: Goals and Strategy*

- **Goals**
  - Better understand migration as a global phenomenon
  - Improve governance of international migration
  - Maximize the benefits of migration
- **Strategy**
  - Governance
  - Economic Development

## *Migration Initiative*

- **Grantmaking to date (2006-2007):**
  - \$10.5 million over two years
  - 31 grants
- **Grantmaking budget for 2008:**
  - \$6 million

# *Governance – Strategy*

**Principles, Norms,  
and Standards**

**Global and Regional  
Institutions**

**Data**

**National Policy**



# Development – Strategy

Remittances

Brain Drain/  
Labor Mobility



### The Asian Diaspora

Asians have long journeyed far to explore and to trade. But in the past two centuries they have been on the move mainly to seek freer and more prosperous lives. This migration has headed West, especially to the U.S., Canada and Australia. Like newcomers anywhere, they endured severe hardship and prejudice. But many have thrived in their adopted homelands.

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## Diaspora Networks

## *Focus-Country Investments*

- **Mexico:**
  - Red Internacional de Migracion y Desarrollo
  - Survey of remittances in Oaxaca
  - US-Mexico seminars for migration officials (Migration Policy Institute)
  - Central American regional migration governance (Sín Fronteras)
- **Nigeria:**
  - Research on migration of health workers (Federal Ministry of Health: pending approval)
- **Russia:**
  - Reframing migration policy
- **India:**
  - Diaspora's contributions to institutional reform (World Bank Institute: pending approval)

## *Governance – Global Forum*

- **MacArthur Support for GFMD 2007**
  - Total \$441,000
  - Planning the Forum (Office of the UN Secretary General)
  - Organizing the Forum (Belgian Foreign Ministry)
  - Civil society participation (King Baudouin Foundation)
- **MacArthur Support for GFMD 2008**
  - Total \$750,000+ (pending approval)
  - Planning the Forum (UNDESA-pending)
  - Organizing the Forum (Govt. of Philippines-pending)
  - Civil society participation (Ayala Foundation)

## *Global Forum: Issues to Consider*

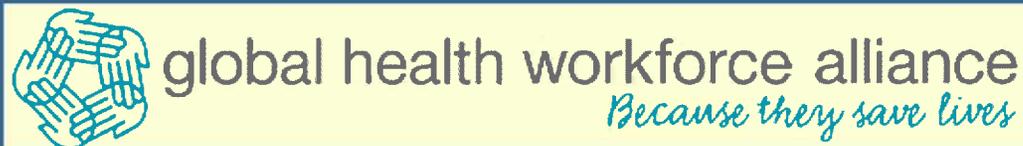
- **2008 GFMD Civil Society Meeting**
  - Increase representation by private sector, development oriented NGOs, migrant-led organizations & trade unions
  - Expand length of meeting
  - Longer period for government-civil society exchange
- **Future Global Forums on Migration and Development (Greece, ...)**
  - Ongoing MacArthur involvement
  - Expand non-governmental funding sources
  - Increase state funding
  - Adequately finance follow-up projects

## *Development – Health worker migration*

- Voluntary standards for US recruiters of foreign trained nurses (AcademyHealth)



- Global Code of Practice for Health Worker Migration (Ethical Globalization Initiative & Global Health Worker Advisory Council)



# Selected Grants 2006-08

## LEADING INSTITUTIONS

- Center for Global Development
- Institute for the Study of International Migration
- Migration Policy Institute
- International Migration Institute, Oxford U.

*Pending approval*



## PROJECT GRANTS

### Governance

*Global Forum 2007*

- UN Secretary General
- Belgian Foreign Ministry
- King Baudouin Foundation

*Global Forum 2008*

- Ayala Foundation
- UN Department of Economic & Social Affairs
- Government of Philippines

### Development

*Grants on Health Worker Migration:*

- Academy Health
- Ethical Globalization Initiative

*Other:*

- Social Science Research Council
- Red Internacional de Migracion y Desarrollo (Mexico)
- OECD Development Centre

## *Future Directions*

- **Key Institutions**
- **Governance**
  - Global Forum
  - Global Forum Follow-Up Projects
  - Regional migration governance
  - Migration Data Initiative
- **Development**
  - Implementing Codes on health worker migration
  - Applied research on remittances
  - Diaspora contributions to development (Africa)

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