



NGO Committee on Migration

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2013 HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUE ON MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION

In preparation for the upcoming UNGA HLD 2013 at UNHQ, our NGO Committee on Migration has held intensive discussions with our member organizations and Civil Society (CS) partners, and the CS Coordinator's Office; as well as informal consultations with Member States and UN entities, including DESA/Migration, IOM, OHCHR and NGLS.

As plans for the organization of the HLD2013 begin in earnest, and the UNGA Second Committee prepares to take up the HLD2013 modalities, our Committee urges consideration of the following recommendations, many of which have also been made by our partner organizations, in their contributed papers to the DESA Coordination Meeting on M & D in February 2012 and elsewhere.

FORWARD FROM 2006

- The focus of the HLD2013 must be on **outcomes** (not just a Chair's Report, as was the case at the HLD 2006).
- Civil Society must be represented **in all of its diversity, in far greater numbers** than in 2006, and participate in the proceedings as partners at the table with the rest of the international community.

OUTCOMES

- Outcomes require structural continuity, transparency, and accountability; systematic application of UN human rights based procedures and protocols; and actions which are agreed upon as binding – including monitoring of progress within agreed upon time frames.
- Outcomes would be greatly enhanced by cooperation among GMG entities on migration and development matters, and a fund for joint projects, as recommended by the Global Commission on International Migration (GCIM) in 2005.

CS PRESENCE*

In addition to the CS Day(s) prior to the States Members' meetings, we urge:

- The inclusion of CS representatives at the States' Round Tables (RTs), as well as the use of CS Resource persons to contribute to the background papers;
- Presence of CS representatives at the States Members' plenaries;
- Participation of CS representatives in future workshop collaborations with States Members both on themes and processes;

*See our Committee's attached proposals on *Modalities for Effective Civil Society Participation in the UN 2013 High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development*, March 1, 2012

- Joint informal dialogues with set topics and participants between States representatives and CS representatives.

TOPICS

Topics that have been repeatedly urged by our Committee and its partners include:

Labor Migration:

- Implementation of portable justice, especially in the context of Temporary Worker Recruitment Programs;

Development:

- Fulfillment of the international community's development commitments, including the MDGs, to make migration a choice;
- Creation of a set of development indicators;
- Measures to ensure migrant participation in shaping development policies

Protection:

- Addressing migration through political support and utilization of the Migrant Worker Convention and ILO Conventions as frameworks and guides to deliberations at the HLD 2013 and beyond; .
- Preservation/restoration of migrant family unity; focus on the protection of child migrants, especially those who migrate on their own;
- Addressing existing problematic migrant enforcement mechanisms, including detention and deportation policies, from a human rights perspective;
- Creation and implementation of policies to protect third country migrants and mixed populations

HLD 2013 Linkages

- Construction of HLD – GFMD linkages of processes and outcomes;
- Strengthening HLD linkages to other global commitments and follow-up processes, including the World Conference on Women, the World Conference on Racism, Financing for Development, Rio+20, and the Millennium Development Goals.
- Strengthening HLD linkages to regional processes and outcomes.

We look forward to continued collaboration with Civil Society, States Members, and UN entities, to shape and participate in an HLD that will spur collaboration among all stakeholders to protect and enhance the human rights of migrants and their families in a world increasingly on the move.**

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** List of supporting organizations available on request..