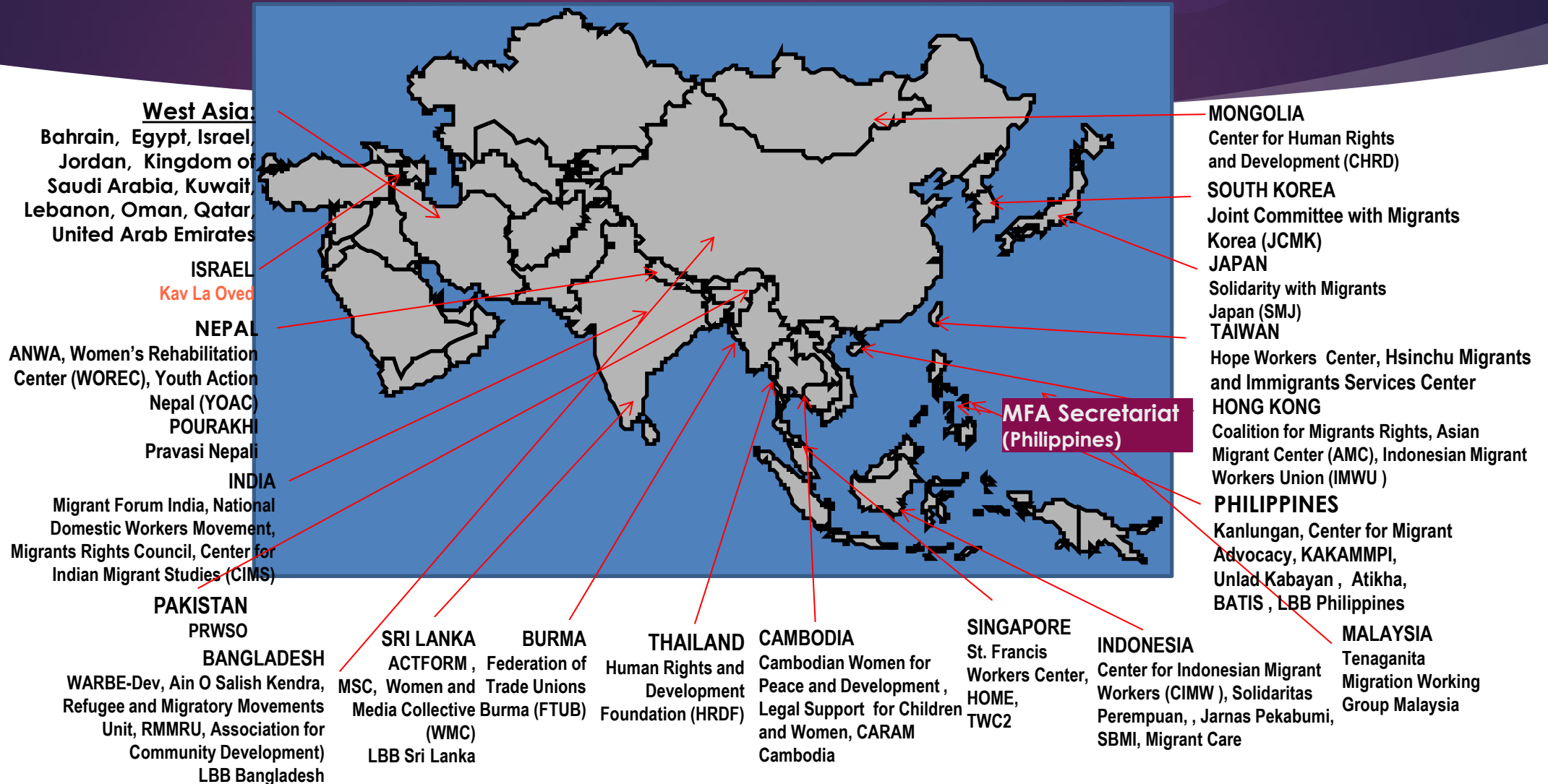


Mobilizing Migrant Community and Civil Society Voices in Advocating for the Rights of Migrant Workers

Migrant Forum in Asia
ADVANCING MIGRANTS' STRUGGLE FOR RIGHTS AND JUSTICE



200+ members in 17 countries / areas and 50 partners in West Asia



Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)

- ▶ Came out of the recommendations of the UN High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development in 2006
- ▶ Informal, non-binding, voluntary and government-led process
- ▶ Organized annually with country of destination and origin hosting alternately
- ▶ Civil Society Component:
 - ▶ Previous Structure: 1 day CSO meeting with select CSOs presenting results to the governments
 - ▶ Current structure: 2 days CSO discussions and with 1 day government common space

Previous GFMDs

- ▶ **July 2007 – 1st GFMD, Brussels, Belgium**, Theme: Examine the impact of migration on social economic development in terms of human capital development and labour mobility on the one hand and the contribution of migrant resources on the other hand.
- ▶ **October 2008 – 2nd GFMD, Manila, Philippines**, Theme: Protecting and Empowering Migrants for Development. The goal of the second GFMD was to emphasize the human aspects of migration and protection of migrants.
- ▶ **November 2009 – 3rd GFMD, Athens Greece**. Theme: Integrating Migration Policies into Development Strategies for the Benefit of All.

Previous GFMDs

- ▶ **November 2010 – 4th GFMD, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico** Theme: Partnerships for Migration and Human Development – Shared Prosperity, shared responsibility.
- ▶ **December 2011 – 5th GFMD, Geneva, Switzerland**, Theme: Taking Action on Migration and Development-Coherence Capacity and Cooperation.
- ▶ **November 2012 – 6th GFMD, Port Louis Mauritius**, Theme: Enhancing the Human Development of Migrants and their contribution to the Development of Communities and States.
- ▶ **May 2014 – 7th GFMD, Stockholm, Sweden** Theme: Unlocking the potential of migration for inclusive development
- ▶ **October 2015 – 8th GFMD, Istanbul, Turkey**, Theme: “Strengthening Partnerships: Human Mobility for Sustainable Development.”

10-12 December 2016 – 9th GFMD, Dhaka Bangladesh

- ▶ Theme: *“Migration that works for Sustainable Development of All: Towards a Transformative Migration Agenda”*
 - ▶ Economics of migration and development
 - ▶ Roundtable 1.1. Lowering the costs of migration
 - ▶ Roundtable 1.2. Connectivity and migration (people to people contact)
 - ▶ Sociology of migration and development
 - ▶ Roundtable 2.1. Migration, diversity and harmonious societies
 - ▶ Roundtable 2.2 Protection of migrants in all situations
 - ▶ Governance of migration and development
 - ▶ Roundtable 3.1 Migrants in crises: conflict, climate change and natural disasters
 - ▶ Roundtable 3.2 Institutions and processes for safe, orderly and regular migration

GFMD Civil Society Days 8-10 December 2016

- ▶ 8-9 December CSO Days of the GFMD
- ▶ 10 December, Common Space with governments
- ▶ Participants have to register and a selection committee comprised of the members of the International Steering Committee of the CSO days will decide who will participate in the CSO days
- ▶ Program is determined by the International Committee
- ▶ Current Secretariat is the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC)
- ▶ Results of the CSO days are presented by the Chairperson to Governments

Why CSOs Need to Engage

- ▶ **Currently the only annual inter-governmental process that looks at international migration**
- ▶ **GFMD discussions impact the policy environment on migration at the global level**
- ▶ **Monitor the deliberations and discussions of governments that will impact national and regional policies**
- ▶ **Opportunity for advocacy through the common space with Governments**
- ▶ **Opportunity for networking and collaboration with global CSOs**

CSO 5 Year 8 Points Agenda

1. Regulating the migrant labour recruitment industry
2. Guaranteeing the labour rights of migrants.
3. Addressing protection needs of migrants stranded in distress,
4. Addressing vulnerabilities, rights and empowerment of women and children in the context of human mobility
5. Ensuring migrants' and migration's rightful place on the post-2015 development agenda (i.e. in the "next generation" of Millennium Development Goals)
6. Engaging migrants and diaspora as entrepreneurs, social investors and policy advocates in development
7. Promoting the implementation of national legislation reflecting international standards regarding migrants and their families (in particular with regards to enforcement policies, social protection and due process)
8. Redefining the interactions of international mechanisms for migrants' rights protection

Peoples Global Action on Migration Development and Human Rights

- ▶ Independent CSO parallel event to the UNHLD and the GFMD .
- ▶ Discussions focus on human rights as the basis for development and explores, from a rights-based perspective, the full range of issues involved in migration
- ▶ Started in 2006 as the Global Community Dialogue on Migration Development and Human Rights, a CSO parallel event to the 1st UN High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development
- ▶ Continued in 2007 as the CSO parallel event to the 1st Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)



December 2016, Dhaka, Bangladesh

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PGA History and Themes

- ▶ **Manila (2008): Mobilizing Migrant Community & Civil Society Voices for the Second GFMD**
- ▶ **Athens (2009): The Economic Crisis and its Impacts on Migrants**
- ▶ **Mexico City (2010): Migrants' Rights are Human Rights**
- ▶ **Geneva (2011): Undocumented Migrants: A call for Regularization**
- ▶ **Port Louis (2012): No PGA but had an African Caucus**
- ▶ **New York (2013): Power, People, Communities: Building Bridges Across Borders for migrant rights and human rights**
- ▶ **Stockholm (2014): The Global Economy in Crisis: Bringing Migrants Rights to Development and Crisis Situations**

Peoples Global Action and Networking Building

- ▶ The PGA has led to the establishment of important regional, global and thematic networks of migrants rights organization:
- ▶ Pan-African Network in Defense of Migrants Rights – started as the African caucus of the PGA in 2008 in Manila, Philippines
- ▶ Women and Global Migration Working Group – started as the Women’s Caucus of the PGA in 2011 in Geneva, Switzerland. Since 2011 has grown as one of the key women migrants rights organizations that aims to strengthen gender analysis within the migrant rights movement globally and to lift up the particular concerns of migrant women within the global women’s movement.

Peoples Global Action and Network Building

- ▶ Global Open Working Group on Labour Migration and Recruitment – came out of a series of discussions and workshops on recruitment reform in the PGA and the CSO days of the GFMD. Is now a global network campaigning to reform the recruitment industry. Takes the lead in the discussions on recruitment reform in the CSO days of the GFMD. Currently has more than a hundred members from across the globe supporting the recruitment reform campaign.

PGA Dhaka Bangladesh 6-10 December 2016

- ▶ **Theme: Mobilized and On the Move: Migrants Changing the World!**
- ▶ **Thematic Tracks:**
 - ▶ 1. Climate change and migration
 - ▶ 2. Gender and migration
 - ▶ 3. Xenophobia and racism
 - ▶ 4. Labour Migration and Recruitment Reform
 - ▶ 5. Mixed Migration
 - ▶ 6. Borders and Detention

How to Participate?

- ▶ www.dhaka.peoplesglobalaction.org
- ▶ Online Forums on themes of the GFMD
- ▶ Migration and connectivity:
▶ <http://dhaka.peoplesglobalaction.org/forums/topic/migration-and-connectivity-2/>
- ▶ Migrants in Crisis:
▶ <http://dhaka.peoplesglobalaction.org/forums/topic/migrants-in-crisis-2/>
- ▶ Temporary Labour Migration Programs:
▶ <http://dhaka.peoplesglobalaction.org/forums/topic/temporary-labour-migration-programs/>
- ▶ Potential Migration Impacts of TPP:
<http://dhaka.peoplesglobalaction.org/forums/topic/potential-migration-impacts-of-tpp/>

Areas for collaboration and engagement

- ▶ Organizing sessions and workshops in preparation to the PGA
- ▶ Organizing online consultations prior to the PGA
- ▶ Mobilize for the GFMD and PGA to organize workshop sessions / side event

Areas for collaboration

- ▶ **Organizing of Workshops and Consultations on Rights of Migrant Domestic Workers**
 - ▶ **Standard Contract for Migrant Domestic Workers: How to collectively lobby for adoption of standard contract for migrant domestic workers in bilateral agreements, multilateral agreements**
 - ▶ **Access to redress for migrant domestic workers: assisting migrant domestic workers in distress, access to justice for migrant domestic workers**
 - ▶ **Shelters and providing assistance to migrant workers in Distress**
- ▶ **Lobbying for ratification and adoption of ILO Convention 189 on domestic work**
- ▶ **ASEAN engagement: collective engagement to call for the adoption of the ASEAN Framework Instrument on the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers**



Thank You!

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