



GMPA

Global Migration Policy Associates

An international research, policy development, advisory services and advocacy group

About GMPA

Global Migration Policy Associates is an independent global expert group established in 2011 in Geneva with *consultative status* to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC) since 2015. GMPA is a dynamic space and place for ongoing rights-based, multidisciplinary, participatory research, policy development, advisory services, training-teaching, and knowledge- and values-based advocacy. It generates knowledge and analysis for a broad international articulation, promotion and realization of the *rights-based approach*. GMPA Associates and Affiliates are recognized academic and practitioner experts from countries in all world regions with rich experience in spheres of migration-related research, policy and governance. GMPA members reflect diverse academic and practical disciplines addressing multiple aspects of migration.



GMPA office at the historic 18th Century *Villa Masaryk* next to Place des Nations and UN Palais des Nations in Geneva.

GMPA COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGES

We represent and give life to a rights-based agenda rooted in advocacy, practice and the experience of migration worldwide, emphasizing migrants as human beings first and foremost. We uphold human rights, social justice, non-discrimination, equality of treatment, and democratic participation as defining principles. We promote leadership and action by government, social partners, civil society and migrant communities.

Our comparative advantage derives from: competence and ability to conduct policy research and advisory services from a global perspective; cross cutting approaches combining research with policy and practice; global knowledge to deliver sound analysis, advice and programmes; breadth and diversity addressing all areas of migration; and regional expertise on Africa, North and Latin America, Asia, the Caribbean, Eurasia, Europe, and Middle East.

About GMPA work

In 2023:

- Preparation of **national migration profiles** for Balkan Countries: **Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, & Serbia**, prepared for International Trade Union Confederation *Recruitment Advisor*.
- Writing a **Practical Manual on Admission and Post-Admission Migration Policies and Tools: Guidance for SADC main Countries of Destination** of migrant workers for the ILO-IOM SAMM-Southern Africa Migration Management project.
- Finalization of: **Handbook on Cities Welcoming Migrants and Refugees: Rights, Inclusion, Integration, Sustainability**.
- Expert resourcing of **international training courses on migration** by ITCILO - International Training Centre of the ILO.
- Providing briefing papers and expert contributions at regional and international conferences, forums and other events.

In 2022:

GMPA activity included co-producing a joint special issue on global migration of the peer-reviewed **RTE academic-scientific journal**, preparing **migration profiles of Eurasian countries**; serving as shadow rapporteur and scribe for a **global parliamentary conference**; conducting **trainings** on labour migration at ITC-ILO in Turin, on human rights and labour standards for IGAD countries in Uganda, and training in Asia and Africa on Bilateral Labour Agreements (BLAs); presenting an expert conference paper on **Eurasian regional migration**; and ongoing research on multiple migration topics: **cities and migration, discrimination, COVID impact on migrants, global migration assessments**, etc.

The **impact** and contributions of GMPA activity and publications in 2022-23:

- Building the global knowledge base on international migration and rights-based governance of migration;
- Elaborating tripartite constituent-oriented documentation and policy and action guidance on national situations and on *rights-based BLAs*;
- Developing training and practical application materials for African and Asian countries' migration legislation and policy, including on BLA implementation.
- Assisting to shape outcomes of international conferences as well as standards-based governance: legislation, policy and practical responses assuring human and labour rights protections, social justice, and equality of treatment for all;
- Providing practical training and user-friendly materials to government and social partner policy makers and actors.



2022 Key Products:

- Special Issue **Global Migration Challenges and Remedies: An interdisciplinary review** of the open access academic-scientific journal RTE –Revista Tecnológica ESPOL, Polytechnic University of Ecuador (Guayaquil) March 2022. 222 pages. Patrick Taran *Guest Editor* with RTE Editor-in-Chief Nayeth Idalid Solórzano Alcivar. GMPA Associates and Affiliates authored articles and did peer reviews. <http://www.rte.espol.edu.ec/index.php/tecnologica/issue/view/40/34>
- Research and revision of the draft **Handbook on Cities Welcoming Migrants and Refugees: Rights, Inclusion, Integration, Sustainability**, a first comprehensive manual for cities, covering all relevant aspects concerning migrants in cities, in collaboration with UNESCO and ECCAR - European Coalition of Cities Against Racism. Journal Article on research work: **Comprehensive study of cities welcoming migrants and refugees**: <http://www.rte.espol.edu.ec/index.php/tecnologica/article/view/919>
- Comprehensive **national migration profiles** on 8 East Europe and Eurasia countries: **Moldova, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan**. Content covered history, recruitment, conditions of employment, statistical data, legislation, etc. Prepared under ITUC auspices for RecruitAdvisor web platform.



GMPA supported the proceedings and successful outcome of the **Global Parliamentary Conference on refugees and migration**, Istanbul, 20-21 June 2022, organized by the **Inter-Parliamentary Union - IPU** and the **Grand National Assembly of Türkiye**, the first global parliamentary conference on refugees and forced migration. 300 parliamentarians participated including speakers of parliaments from nearly 50 countries as well as officials of international and regional organizations. GMPA President **Patrick Taran** was speaker, session moderator, and shadow rapporteur; Research Associate **Denielle Amparado** was conference scribe. Rapporteur's report at: <https://www.ipu.org/file/%2014655/download>

Photo Session II Global Parliamentary Conference, Istanbul, June 20, 2022. (L to R): Seref Malkoc, Chief Ombudsman, Türkiye; Patrick Taran, President, GMPA (session moderator); Akiyo Afouda, Human Rights Officer, IPU; Dr. Fatima Diallo, Deputy Chair, UN Committee on Rights of Migrant Workers; Gerard Karl Waite, Chief of Mission, IOM, Türkiye. Photo Credit: *Serhat Çağdaş-Anadolu Agency*.

2021 Flagship Products:

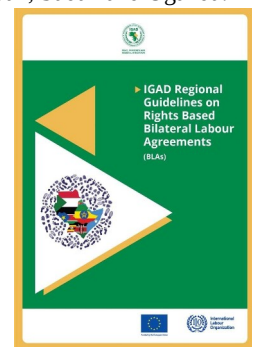
- **AU (African Union) Guidelines on Bilateral Labour Agreements** prepared by GMPA under joint AU and ILO auspices, entailing a year's equivalent full-time professional work by members of the GMPA expert specialist team. The AU Guidelines on BLAs were adopted by the AU Specialised Technical Committee (STC) on Social Development, Labour and Employment in April 2022. https://au.int/sites/default/files/newsevents/workingdocuments/41106-wd-GUIDELINES_ON_DEVELOPING_BILATERAL_LABOUR_AGREEMENTS_BLA-ENGLISH_0.pdf
- Research and article on COVID and migrants: **COVID-19, Migrants, Refugees, Mobile Workers: Global Assessment and Action Agenda**. Published in RTE Journal in 2022: <http://www.rte.espol.edu.ec/index.php/tecnologica/article/view/889>

2020 Flagship Products:

For IGAD–Intergovernmental Authority on Development, members Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda:



- **Background Report: IGAD Regional Guidelines on Rights-Based Bilateral Labour Agreements (BLAs)**. Patrick Taran and Piyasiri Wickramasekara, assisted by Olga Kadysheva and Marubini Muswede. ILO-IGAD, 2021. <https://igad.int/download/igad-regional-guidelines-on-rights-based-bilateral-labour-agreements-blas/>
- **IGAD Regional Guidelines on Rights-Based Bilateral Labour Agreements (BLAs)**. IGAD- Intergovernmental Authority for Development. Adopted by the IGAD Member States' Ministers of Labour and Employment in 2021. <https://igad.int/download/igad-regional-guidelines-on-rights-based-bilateral-labour-agreements-blas/> (Also available in French)



Salient Evaluations done in 2018-2019:

- Mid-term Evaluation of **EU-Africa MMD–migration and mobility for development cooperation partnership**; ICMPD implementation.
- Evaluation finale du programme **MEET Africa- Mobilisation Européenne pour l'Entrepreneuriat en Afrique** for Expertise France.
- Evaluation of ILO-ITC migration activities, online at: https://www.itcilo.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Final%20Evaluation%20Report%20ITCilo%20Migration%20Activities%202017-18%20GMPA%20CLEAR%205Aug19_1.pdf

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