



# GMPA

**Global Migration Policy Associates**

*An International research, policy development,  
advisory services and advocacy group*

## **ACTIVITY SUMMARY REPORT 2014**

### **What is GMPA?**

The *raison d'être* for Global Migration Policy Associates is to support, encourage and generate knowledge and analysis for a broad-based international defence of the rights-based approach. This during an epoch in which an instrumental cost-benefit logic of social analysis, of "human resource management" and of migration management has become predominant, including among those who consider themselves humanitarian in their worldview.

GMPA comprises a unique cooperative network among a score of preeminent migration experts across all regions of the world. Members reflect a number of academic and practical disciplines addressing the multiple aspects and impacts of migration. Its members possess knowledge, experience and commitment to human rights necessary to challenge the rationale that exclusion is the collateral cost for national and international development.

GMPA seeks to "think outside the box", reminding colleagues at every level of government and civil society that migration and migrants don't have to be *managed* in a relentlessly exploitative way.

In order to 'make a difference' in this context, GMPA is focused on defining a strategic agenda, articulating an analysis and knowledge base independent of the dominant framework, and supporting partner mobilization around common, strategic activities and actions.

### **GMPA's comparative advantage**

*GMPA represents and gives life to a rights-based agenda rooted in advocacy, practice and the experiences of migrants worldwide. We give emphasis to migrants as human beings first and foremost, addressing discrimination and equality of treatment for all migrants and immigrants. We offer alternatives to emphasis on migrants as "agents of development" who are praised for their utilitarian value but encouraged to trade away universal rights in exchange for presumed development gains. We uphold human rights, democratic approaches and social justice as defining principles for migration whether temporary or permanent, and promote leadership and action by government, civil society and migrant communities.*

### **GMPA's three main assets**

- 1. An emerging collective analysis built on worldwide knowledge and experience** that Associates bring from all regions of the world, from multiple disciplines and from diverse academic, social, professional and practical experiences ranging from 'grass roots' to world-class universities to international organizations.
- 2. Capability to do research, provide advisory services, teach courses, co-organize events**, etc. from global, rights-based, multi-disciplinary approaches.
- 3. Ability to reach a broad global constituency:** with 4,000 contacts in governments, international organizations, social partners, civil society, academia and migrant communities worldwide.

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## **What GMPA does**

Organizing and support public events, symposiums, conferences and workshops where GMPA is identified as sponsor or cosponsor.

Conducting research activity, advisory services, policy development, technical cooperation projects, training courses and other actions initiated by GMPA and/or proposed to, solicited by and contracted with GMPA as organization or to GMPA Associates in a GMPA capacity.

Direction is provided by the GMPA Coordinating Team comprising five officers in 2014: Patrick Taran (President), Nicola Piper and Piyasiri Wickramasekara (Vice-Presidents), Lisa Simeone (Secretary) and Abdelhamid El Jamri (Member at Large).

## **What GMPA did in 2014**

2014 was the third year of operations for Global Migration Policy Associates (GMPA). GMPA activity built on considerable work in 2012 and 2013 combining research, advisory services and conference activities with development of the GMPA secretariat, website and communications.

GMPA organized significant workshops at three major international conferences in 2014, notably the *Rhodes Forum 'Dialogue of Civilizations'* in September, the *ECE Regional Beijing + 20 Review NGO Forum* in Geneva, and the *International Metropolis conference* in Milan in November.

Several GMPA Associates were involved in conducting major research projects, regional migration programme development, regional training seminars as well as co-authoring and editing a major Global Migration Group book on youth and migration. GMPA Associates were invited in their member capacity to present keynote speeches at several regional conferences on migration related topics.

Feature Activity summaries are provided on following pages. A detailed account of 2014 Activity and Products lists the publications and papers by Associates in GMPA capacity, shows activities organized or co-organized by GMPA and identifies international events and meetings in which Associates participated in representing the organization.

## **GMPA FEATURE ACTIVITES 2014**

### **ECE regional *Beijing + 20 Review* NGO Forum «Round Table» on Human Rights and Migrant Women co-organized by GMPA and NGO-CSW Geneva Palais des Nations, Geneva 4 November 2014**



**Photos: (left) Round table speakers & co-moderators (L to R):** Nunu Kidane, Monica Cristea, Colette Samoya, Joyce Jett, Patrick Taran, Gloria Moreno-Fontes, Krishna Ahooja Patel, **(right):** audience/participants Photos by Olga Kadysheva/GMPA

***'Veterans' tell us this was the largest event on migrant women held at the UN in Geneva in the last 26 years, likely the largest ever, with a total of 100 participants!***

The session program and content constituted a comprehensive values- and evidence- based review of conditions, challenges and issues facing migrant women across the 56 country ECE 'region.' The panel speakers represented a broad range of experience and perspective with backgrounds in Africa, Asia and the Americas as well as Europe and, in particular, experience in organizing with migrant women.

This session provided an understanding of the condition of migrant women in the legal and social context of the ECE region while also demanding recognition of migrant women as central to the conversation about women's rights. Migrant and displaced women have emerged as a population group of critical concern in recent years and will likely be more so in the future. Women and girls make up 51% of total migration in the ECE region with higher percentages in some countries. All 12 areas of critical concern in the Beijing Platform for Action apply to migrant and displaced women, although severe gaps in implementation remain, particularly for migrant women in irregular situations.

Speakers and participants raised a series of concerns relating to the welfare of migrant women, refugees, asylum seekers, minorities, victims of trafficking, and displaced women. Key areas of concern range from equality and participation in economic and social life to discrimination at all stages of migration. Issues of continuing concern include integration into host cultures and labour markets, access to social protection and healthcare, and an increasing debate about government policy on sex work, especially as it pertains to trafficking of women and girls. Discussion also included reference to legal empowerment and rights literacy of migrant women, access to education and training, and self-organization of migrant women for the purpose of advocacy and collective bargaining efforts.

The session attracted many activists involved with migrant women's issues as well as other women and men activists, academics, international organization officials concerned with migrant women and their issues. Panelist and participant contributions identified a set of concise, clear and comprehensive recommendations that were taken verbatim into the NGO-CSW Forum report.

First and foremost, that we must reframe the discourse around migrant women. Human rights are women's rights and women's rights are inherently migrant women's rights. Migrant women face a battle on two fronts: equality with men and equality with native born women.

We do migrant women a great injustice when we reduce them to their legal status, their victimhood, or their contribution to economic development. We should celebrate the knowledge, expertise and experience migrant women bring to all Member States. In order to provide a context that allows equal access to the full experience of life in the ECE region, Member States have a responsibility to formulate gender -sensitive, rights-based policy on the basis of equality and non-discrimination.

International law provides the region with international instruments that protect the rights of migrant women. It is not a lack of rules the region suffers, but lack of implementation due to political will.

Human rights are women's rights which are inherently migrant women's rights. States should ratify key international conventions on migration, develop domestic law and policy that reflect the rights based framework upon which these conventions and standards are built, and ensure that mechanism are in place to uphold and enforce such standards.

The overall NGO Forum Summary Report and Recommendations were presented to the UN ECE intergovernmental conference on 6-7 November. The report from the ECE intergovernmental meeting contained a number of references and recommendations regarding migrant women: This NGO session and its recommendations contributed to obtaining those references in the draft ECE conclusions.

#### Speakers

**Krishna Ahooja Patel**, International Representative, Women's International League for Peace & Freedom

**Monica Cristea**, Board Member, European Network of Migrant Women (Stockholm)

**Nunu Kidane**, Director, Priority Africa Network/PanAfrican Network in Defense of Migrants Rights

**Gloria Moreno-Fontes**, Migration Specialist, International Labour Office (Geneva)

**Patrick Taran**, President, Global Migration Policy Associates

#### Panel Co-moderators

**Joyce Jett**, NGO CSW Working Group on migrant/displaced women, Geneva,

**Colette Samoya**, NGO CSW Working Group on migrant/displaced women

#### Rapporteurs

**Dylan Terry**, Global Migration Policy Associates

**Katherine Youtz**, Global Migration Policy Associates

#### Resource/Organizing Team

**Rachel Babecoff**, International Council of Jewish Women

**Dinara Gozalova**, Geneva School of Diplomacy/GMPA

**Olga Kadysheva**, Financial University of the Russian Federation/GMPA

#### **Weblinks:**

- Detailed program of the Round-table: <http://beijing20.ngocsw-geneva.ch/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/13-RTPProgram-Migrant-Women.pdf>
- Forum Program: <http://beijing20.ngocsw-geneva.ch/provisional-program/>
- Outcome Document: Declaration & Recommendations: <http://beijing20.ngocsw-geneva.ch/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Geneva-NGO-Forum-Beijing-20-Outcome-document.pdf>
- Final Report: [http://beijing20.ngocsw-geneva.ch/wordpress/wp-content/NGO\\_CSW\\_Geneva\\_Report\\_final.pdf](http://beijing20.ngocsw-geneva.ch/wordpress/wp-content/NGO_CSW_Geneva_Report_final.pdf)

# INTERNATIONAL METROPOLIS CONFERENCE 2014:

## GLOBAL MIGRATION POLICY WORKSHOPS

Milan, Italy,  
6 November 2014

### LABOUR MIGRATION GOVERNANCE: NEW INITIATIVES IN POLICY AND PRACTICE



**Photo: Workshop speakers** (L to R): Katherine Youtz, Alain Desmond, Patrick Taran Photo by Olga Kadysheva/GMPA

International labour and skills mobility is the defining feature of migration today, driven by globalization, technological change and evolving demographics. Despite comprehensive normative, policy and institutional frameworks set in place over the last century, governance of labour migration is widely characterized by absence of protection for migrant workers, counterproductive policies and control by institutions lacking relevant competencies. Nonetheless, innovative and effective responses are emerging; this workshop highlights several.

#### Presenters:

- **Alain Desmond** (European Inter-University Center for Human Rights and Democratization)  
*Normative migration governance instruments and the role of civil society in promoting them: the case of ICRMW.*
- **Katherine Youtz** (Paris School of International Affairs - Sciences Po; GMPA)  
*Nigeria and international migration: mapping international commitment in domestic law and policy.*
- **Olga Kadysheva** (Financial University Under the Government of the Russian Federation; GMPA)  
*New and old policy responses to labour migration in Russia.*
- **Patrick Taran** (Global Migration Policy Associates)  
*The AU-ILO-IOM-ECA Africa labour migration governance and programme.*

**MIGRATION IN MENA:  
BUSINESS AS USUAL OR NEW OPENINGS FOR DECENT TREATMENT?**

Milan, Italy, 6 November 2014



**Photos: Workshop speakers** (L to R): Dylan Terry, Piyasiri Wickramasekara, Ray Jureidini Photo by Olga Kadysheva/GMPA

Migration is the zone of contention over whether development in MENA countries will continue to rely on abusive exploitation of foreign workers or whether real changes in policy and practice evolve. The panorama across the region spells continuing abuse and exploitation for millions of migrants. While “nationalization” of employment is proclaimed as solution, no State in the Gulf region can get far in reducing dependency on foreign labour. This workshop proposes a tour of conditions, crises and new developments to identify ways forward on law, policy, human rights and labour migration governance.

**Presenters:**

- **Ray Jureidini** (Hamad Bin Khalifa University)  
*Labour recruitment charges from Asia to the Gulf: the origins of corruption, forced labour, debt bondage and trafficking.*
- **Dylan Terry** (Paris School of International Affairs - Sciences Po; GMPA)  
*Palestinian Rights to Work in Lebanon: Advances and Gaps.*
- **Piyasiri Wickramasekara** (Global Migration Policy Associates)  
*Migration governance challenge in a middle income country: the Jordanian experience.*
- **Patrick Taran** (Global Migration Policy Associates)  
*MENA migrations: upheavals, disintegrating states, dependency on foreign labour, whither governance?*

## XII RHODES FORUM DIALOGUE OF CIVILIZATIONS

### WORKSHOP: MIGRATION: REBUILDING THE WORLD, CHALLENGING CIVILIZATIONS

27 September 2014, Rhodes, Greece



**Photos: Workshop speakers, co-moderators and co-organisers: (L to R):**

*Photo left:* Julia Florinskaya, Zhanna Zayonchkovskaya, Olga Vorobyeva.

*Center photo:* Olga Kadysheva, Patrick Taran, Lidia Grafova, Andrei Korobkov.

*Photo right:* Lisa Simeone, Jayshree Sengupta

Photos: WPF Dialogue of Civilizations

The *migration workshop* at the Rhodes Forum addressed human mobility as a major global phenomena and a significant vector of dialogue among peoples, nations and civilizations worldwide. Nine experts from diverse realities of Canada, India, Moldova, Portugal, the Russian Federation and the USA presented data, analysis and practical examples on contemporary migration challenges and governance responses. The animated exchange focused on three themes: mobility of labor and skills to maintain viable economies, lessons learned on integration of migrants for social cohesion, and effective responses to the mass refugee influx from the Ukraine into Russia.

The dialogue highlighted that migration today is mainly international labour and skills mobility which is increasingly necessary to maintain productive work forces and viable economies in industrialized countries due to evolution of technology, changes in the organization of work, and demographic decline of work forces in many countries. Reports on evolution of policy in the United States, recent legislative developments in the Russian Federation, and experiences from Bangladesh, India and Nepal helped identify global policy challenges and viable response measures.

Particular attention was focused on governance measures to protect and assist the estimated influx of 800,000 Ukrainians into Russia since June of this year. Discussants identified options for providing legal status for Ukrainians in refugee-like situations. Others enumerated the policy agenda of measures to facilitate integration of migrants based on successful experiences in Europe and USA.

The workshop concluded that the dialogue on migration and its effective governance in context of intensified international and intercultural tensions is an ongoing work in progress and that it will remain an integral component on the agenda of dialogue of civilizations-- at local and national levels as well as globally.

The workshop was co-moderated by **Lidia Grafova**, President, International Public Association "Forum of Migration Organizations (Russian Federation) and **Patrick Taran**, President, GMPA.

Expert **speakers** included: **Jana Costachi** (Moldova), **Julia Florinskaya** (Russian Federation), **Pedro Gois** (Portugal), **Andrei Korobkov** (USA), **Jayshree Sengupta** (India), **Lisa Simeone** (USA), **Ray Taras** (Canada), **Olga Vorobyeva** (RF), **Zhanna Zayonchkovskaya** (RF). **Olga Kadysheva** (RF) was co-organizer.

The program of the Forum and the outline of the workshop is available at:

<https://docplayer.net/29791866-Rhodes-forum-september-25-29-2014-contents.html>

# **GMPA ACTIVITIES 2014**

## **I. Research Activities**

### **1) Comprehensive normative review of Nigeria national legislation and policy on migration**

One of two major GMPA conducted research project of 2014 was the year-long **comprehensive review of Nigeria national legislation and policy regarding domestication of relevant international conventions on migration governance and the five ECOWAS Protocols** relating to free movement, rights of residence and establishment and free movement of services/service providers. The research was conducted under IOM auspices with ILO cooperation supported by an EU cooperation project grant. Patrick Taran and GMPA Research Associate Katherine Youtz conducted the research.

The instruments concerned were the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (ratified by Nigeria), ILO C-97 On Migration for Employment, ILO C-143 on Migrant Workers, ILO C-181 on Private Employment Agencies, ILO C-189 Concerning Decent Work for Domestic Workers, as well as the ECOWAS Protocols on Free Movement of Persons, Residence and Establishment.

The pioneering research effort involved obtaining texts and interpretations of more than 50 different congressional acts and laws across most categories of law as well as national policy documents; reading some 1,100 pages of Nigeria national legislation as well as the Constitution; creating an analytical matrix to comparatively examine legislation across each of the more than 170 articles in the 5 international normative instruments as well as the 60 or so provisions in the five ECOWAS protocols; conducting stakeholder input and review discussions with experts from some 20 different government agencies, social partner organisations and civil society actors; and engaging in a final validation consultation with national stakeholders prior to publication and dissemination of the reports. The four published reports are listed below under publications.

The research outcome contributed to: improved national legislation in conformity with both ratified and not yet ratified international conventions; to strengthening Nigeria implementation of the ECOWAS protocols; to formulating proposals for ratification of ILO C-143 and C189; and to advancing Cabinet level consideration of the then-draft national Nigeria labour migration policy (adopted by the Federal Executive Council in 2017).

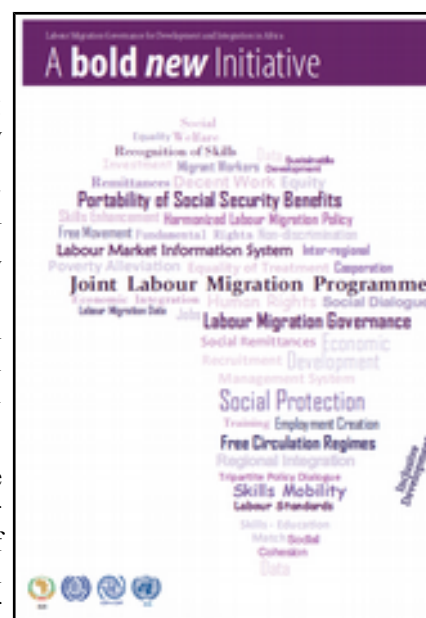
### **2) Drafting the JLMP for Integration and Development in Africa**

The other major GMPA project in 2014 (continuing from 2013) was preparing the terms of reference, background documents, initial program activity proposal and a detailed budget for a 4 year €26 million initial phase of the *AU-ILO-IOM-ECA Joint Labour Migration Programme for Development and Integration in Africa (JLMP)*. The work was conducted under joint ILO-AU auspices and involved extensive inputs, consultations and validation by tripartite constituents and 7 regional economic communities across Africa. Broad stakeholder consultations took place over a two year period at an Extraordinary Session of the AU Labour and Social Affairs Commission meeting in Windhoek, Namibia and at a regional conference on migration in Kigale, Rwanda as well as at the African Union center in Addis Ababa.

The AU-ILO-IOM-ECA Joint Programme on Labour Migration Governance for Development and Integration (the Joint Labour Migration Programme or JLMP) in Africa was formally adopted in January 2015 by African Heads of State and Government as a comprehensive programme on labour migration governance for the region. Its strategy focuses on intra-African labour migration and supports achievement of the First 2023 Ten Year Plan of the AU's Agenda 2063 and of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Weblinks on JLMP:

- [https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---africa/---ro-abidjan/documents/genericdocument/wcms\\_402370.pdf](https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---africa/---ro-abidjan/documents/genericdocument/wcms_402370.pdf)
- <https://ethiopia.iom.int/sites/default/files/JLMP%20Infosheet%20.pdf>





3) Research by Piyasiri Wickramasekara and drafting of the report for the ILO Labour Migration Branch on *Bilateral Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding on Migration of Low Skilled Workers* (published in 2015)

4) Research by Piyasiri Wickramasekara and preparation of article ‘*South Asian migration to the Gulf: a safety valve or a development strategy?*’ for *Migration and Development* journal (submitted in March 2015, published online June 2015, in print journal in 2016)

## II. Papers & Publications by Associates & Affiliates in GMPA capacity

A considerable number of research studies, reports, papers and conference addresses were prepared by Associates in 2014. A number of research projects were nominatively contracted to Associates by UN and other international and regional organizations (ILO, IOM, UNICEF, AU/ILO Africa), academic institutions, and regional expert bodies (GDISC General Directorates of Immigration Services Council, SASPEN-Southern Africa Social Protection Experts Network).

### a) Books and scientific/research reports:



*Youth and Migration, Challenges and Opportunities*. UNICEF/Global Migration Group (GMG) online book. New York, 2014. 200+pages. Patrick Taran co-editor with Jeronimo Cortina and Alison Raphael; Patrick Taran authored/co-authored Chapter 3: *Youth and International Migration : Role and relevance for social protection*; Chapter 5: *Youth-Migration-Employment. Burning issues for governance, development and cohesion*; and Chapter 16: *Strengthening Participation by Young Migrants*.  
<http://www.globalmigrationgroup.org/migrationandyouth>

Photo: cover image Chapter 15 [https://globalmigrationgroup.org/system/files/18\\_Chapter\\_15.pdf](https://globalmigrationgroup.org/system/files/18_Chapter_15.pdf)

*Comprehensive Review of Nigeria Legislation and Policy Pertaining to Migration Regarding the International Convention on Rights of Migrant Workers, ILO C-97 On Migration for Employment and ILO C-143 on Migrant Workers*. International Organization for Migration (IOM). Abuja, 2014. 78 pages. Author researchers: Patrick Taran and Katherine Youtz, GMPA.

[https://publications.iom.int/system/files/pdf/migrant\\_workers.pdf](https://publications.iom.int/system/files/pdf/migrant_workers.pdf)

*Review of Nigerian Legislation and Policy Regarding ILO Convention 189 Concerning Decent Work for Domestic Workers*. International Organization for Migration (IOM). Abuja, 2014. 32 pages. Author researchers: Patrick Taran and Katherine Youtz, GMPA.

[https://publications.iom.int/system/files/pdf/domestic\\_workers.pdf](https://publications.iom.int/system/files/pdf/domestic_workers.pdf)

*Review of Nigerian Legislation and Policy Regarding ILO Convention 181 on Private Employment Agencies*. International Organization for Migration (IOM). Abuja, 2014. 26 pages. Author researchers: Patrick Taran and Katherine Youtz, GMPA.

[https://publications.iom.int/system/files/pdf/private\\_employment\\_agencies.pdf](https://publications.iom.int/system/files/pdf/private_employment_agencies.pdf)



*Review of Nigerian Legislation Policy in View of the ECOWAS Protocols on Free Movement of Persons, Residence and Establishment*. International Organization for Migration (IOM). Abuja, 2014. 66 pages. Author researchers: Patrick Taran and Katherine Youtz, GMPA. [https://publications.iom.int/system/files/pdf/ecowas\\_protocol.pdf](https://publications.iom.int/system/files/pdf/ecowas_protocol.pdf)

Piyasiri Wickramasekara. *Regulation of the recruitment process and reduction of migration costs: Comparative analysis of South Asia* - in: ILO (Ed.), *Promoting cooperation for safe migration and decent work*, ILO Country Office for Bangladesh, International Labour Organization, Dhaka, pp.33-87. [https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed\\_protect/---protrav/---migrant/documents/publication/wcms\\_248857.pdf](https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_protect/---protrav/---migrant/documents/publication/wcms_248857.pdf)

## b) Articles & Briefing papers:

1. *International Migration, Human Rights, Development & Governance. Current State of Affairs: A Global Overview*. Briefing Paper by Patrick Taran for the Global Unions Forum: "Migration: a decent work issue". Geneva, 16-18 June 2014. <http://www.globalmigrationpolicy.org/articles/humanRights/GlobalUnionForum%20Global%20Migration%20context%20Brief%20Taran-GMPA%2016Jun2014.pdf>
2. *Migrants rights, International Conventions and the Rights Based Approach under Assault*. Discussion paper by Patrick Taran for the EIUC Global Seminar «The International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families». Venice, 28 July 2014. <http://globalmigrationpolicy.org/articles/humanRights/Venice%20EIUC%20Seminar%20on%20ICRMW%20-TARAN%2028-7-14.pdf>
3. *A Brief on Migration and Social Dialogue* prepared by Patrick Taran for the ILO -ITC International Training Center Academy on Social Dialogue, Turin, September 2014.
4. *The Crux of the Matter: International Migration, Rights, Social Protection & Governance: Key challenges to our common future*. Keynote address by Patrick Taran at the SASPEN-FES (Southern Africa Social Protection Experts Network and the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Foundation) conference Social protection of migrants in Southern Africa, Johannesburg, 29-30 October 2014. <http://www.globalmigrationpolicy.org/articles/social%20security/SASPEN%20Keynote%20Global%20Labour%20Migration-Social%20Protection%20TARAN%20fulltext%2029oct14.pdf> (Address subsequently published as SASPEN Brief No. 1/2015. [www.saspens.org/brief/SASPEN-brief\\_2015-1\\_Patrick-Taran\\_Extending-Social-Security-to-Migrants-in-Southern-Africa.pdf](http://www.saspens.org/brief/SASPEN-brief_2015-1_Patrick-Taran_Extending-Social-Security-to-Migrants-in-Southern-Africa.pdf) )

## c) Papers at the International Metropolis conference on migration in Milan, November 2014:

1. *Labour recruitment charges from Asia to the Gulf: the origins of corruption, forced labour, debt bondage and trafficking*. Ray Jureidini.
2. *Palestinian Rights to Work in Lebanon: Advances and Gaps*. Dylan Terry.
3. *Migration governance challenge in a middle income country: the Jordanian experience*. Piyasiri Wickramasekara.
4. *MENA migrations: upheavals, disintegrating states, dependency on foreign labour, whither governance?* Patrick Taran
5. *Nigeria and international migration: mapping international commitment in domestic law and policy*. Katherine Youtz.
6. *New and old policy responses to labour migration in Russia*. Olga Kadysheva.
7. *The AU-ILO-IOM-ECA Africa labour migration governance and programme*. Patrick Taran.

## d) Other media:

- Video-interview with Patrick Taran about migration challenges, 12<sup>th</sup> Rhodes Forum *Dialogue of Civilizations*, Rhodes, Greece, September 2014: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VfGVTg4FrVs&list=PLF1usGzxawcwhnoALBgTN1bEW7kjOffmr&index=62>
- *Women's Rights: A Power to Create Change*. Opening plenary presentation by Patrick Taran at the Geneva NGO Forum Beijing+20 UNECE Regional Review, UN Palais des Nations, Geneva, 3 November. Video-recording at: <http://beijing20.ngocsw-geneva.ch/videos/womens-rights-a-power-to-create-change/>

## III. Advisory Services

*A Contribution to Evaluating the EU Stockholm Programme Regarding Migration*. A detailed analytical assessment of the implementation of the *Stockholm Programme* framework for EU action on the issues of citizenship, justice, security, asylum, immigration and visa policy for the period 2010–2014, adopted by the European Council in December 2009. The GMPA contribution was submitted 21 January 2014 to the Stockholm Programme evaluation process conducted under auspices of EU DG HOME. Prepared by Patrick Taran, in consultation with GMPA Associates and friends. <http://www.globalmigrationpolicy.org/articles/governance/Stockholm%20Programme%20migration%20evaluation%20GMPA%20contribution%2021%20Jan%202014.pdf>

#### IV. Conferences, Symposiums, Workshops: GMPA organized or co-organized

1. GMPA Associate Nicola Piper co-organized a **workshop on social protection** of migrants at the *Peoples' Global Action (PGA) on Migration, Development and Human Rights*, held 9-11 May in Stockholm.
2. **International Migration Workshop** “*Migration: Rebuilding the World, Challenging Civilizations*” at **Rhodes Forum Dialogue of Civilizations**, Rhodes, 27 September 2014. GMPA formulated the design of the workshop, identified participant experts; Associates prepared and presented three research papers, presented opening address, co-chaired sessions, provided note-taking and prepared the summary report of proceedings. The program of the Forum and the outline of the workshop is available at: <https://docplayer.net/29791866-Rhodes-forum-september-25-29-2014-contents.html>
3. **Session on Human Rights and Migrant Women at the ECE Regional Beijing + 20 Review NGO Forum** in Geneva. GMPA formulated the design and content of the panel session, identified and lined up participant presenters, provided guidance to speakers. GMPA staff prepared discussion inputs and prepared the final report. Speakers were Nunu Kidane, Monica Cristea, Patrick Taran, Gloria Moreno-Fontes, Krishna Ahooja Patel; co-moderators were Joyce Jett and Colette Samoya. Among the panel were 2 GMPA Associates, a candidate Associate and 2 candidate Affiliates. With over 100 participants it was the largest event ever on, by, for and among migrant women at the UN in Geneva. (See detail in ‘featured event’ above.)
4. **Two workshops at the 2014 International Metropolis conference on migration** in Milan, November 5-6. GMPA formulated design and content of the workshops, identified and lined up participant presenters, provided guidance to speakers. Associates and candidate Affiliates prepared and presented eight research presentations.

#### V. Participation in International Conferences, Scientific and Academic Meetings

1. Patrick Taran, GMPA President, gave a plenary address “*Current State of Affairs: A Global Overview*” at the *Peoples' Global Action (PGA) on Migration, Development and Human Rights*, held 9-11 May 2014 in Stockholm.
2. Global campus **awareness raising event and conference on the UN Migrant Workers Convention**, Venice, Italy, 28 July 2014. Organised by European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation (EIUC). GMPA Associates **Pablo Ceriani, Don Flynn, Nicola Piper, Patrick Taran** made presentations and contributed to panel discussions about regional perspectives and experience with the Convention, obstacles to ratification of the Convention and strategies to advance ratifications.
3. Formulated and co-organized with the NGO Committee on the Status of Women (Geneva) and prepared the agenda, content and participation of the «**Round Table**» on **Human Rights and Migrant Women** at the Geneva NGO Forum Beijing+20 UNECE Regional Review.
4. Participated in and led a session of the annual **IOM Civil Society consultations** in Geneva in September.
5. GMPA Vice-President Piyasiri Wickramasekara spoke at **Technical Workshop on Review of Bilateral Agreements on Low-skilled Labour Migration**, organised by the ILO Labour Migration Branch and KNOMAD, held 1-2 December in Kathmandu, Nepal. Piyasiri Wickramasekara made a presentation at Session I: *Elaboration of ILO-KNOMAD research programme on bilateral agreements and Memoranda of Understanding: Research design and methodology*, and was Chairperson at Session II: *Major findings of ILO-KNOMAD research on bilateral agreements and Memoranda of Understanding*.



Photo: Session II speakers

(L to R): Justin Simeone (consultant, KNOMAD), L. K. Ruhunage (Consultant, ILO), Piyasiri Wickramasekara (GMPA), Liberty Casco (Deputy Administrator, POEA, Philippines), Tiziana Ruberto (Italy)

Photo: ILO/KNOMAD

## **VI. Expert Support to Networking activities**

GMPA Officers and staff:

- Participated in Meetings of the IGO-CSO inter-agency **Steering Committee for the Global Campaign** on the Migrants Rights Conventions, Geneva (April, June, September).
- Participated in **PGA NGO International Committee** conference calls and provided substantive written inputs to prepare the «People's Global Action on Migration» (**PGA**) programme Stockholm, May 2014, preceding the Stockholm 2014 GFMD meeting and its *civil society days*.
- Olga Kadysheva assisted in the Russian translation of the **Geneva NGO Forum Beijing+20 UN ECE Regional Review Outcome Document: Declaration & Recommendations**. <http://beijing20.ngocsw-geneva.ch/>

## **VII. GMPA Operational Support Activity 2014**

### **Membership**

1. Re-initiated **communications and coordination** with Associates (all regions)
2. Prepared and conducted an **Annual Assembly** (session in September, virtual followup and member vote in November).
3. Identified and obtained member consent on **new Associate and Affiliate** candidates

### **Governance**

1. **Coordinating Team meetings** were held January by Skype, July in Venice, September in Rhodes and December by Skype.
2. Informal Meetings with several **Advisory Council** participants
3. Prepared context and organizational assessments for Assembly/members
4. Established **GMPA activity planning for 2014** and new activity plan and schedule for 2015
5. Prepared **financial and activity reports for 2013**

### **Secretariat**

1. Provided support and arrangements, materials and logistics for member-driven activities.
2. Supported GMPA research and project activity
3. Assisted the executive coordination function of the Coordinating Team
4. Further organized the documentation center
5. Carried out administrative tasks.

### **Staff**

1. Research Associate interns during the year were: **Rakesh Krishnan**, Geneva School of Diplomacy (continuing from 2013); **Dylan Terry** and **Katie Youtz**, Masters degree candidates at Sciences Po, Paris (July to December); and **Dinara Gozalova**, Geneva School of Diplomacy.
  2. **Olga Kadysheva** provided staff support for projects and research (June-August).
  3. **Patrick Taran** provided executive functions ad interim.
  4. **Piyasiri Wickramasekara** provided occasional executive support.
- All staff activity was provided on a non-remunerated voluntary basis.*

### **Communications and advocacy**

1. Posted new documentation and activity updates on **GMPA website**
2. Expanded and corrected **contact data base** (over 5,000 entries at end 2014)
3. Solicited **member information and papers** for website posting

### **Official & Diplomatic Affairs**

1. Prepared and submitted application for **ECOSOC NGO accreditation**.
2. Consulted Geneva Cantonal liaison office re ongoing **NGO registration status**

## VIII. Organizational Challenges Ahead

GMPA experience shows the limitations of building a programme and organization on volunteer-based staffing coupled with minimal engagement of some members; most of the substantive organizational work is deferred to one core Associate. Enthusiastic and capable interns have provided staff support since 2013, but, no matter how qualified and professional they may be, their work as staff is strictly short-term. Generating greater organizational involvement by other Associates is essential for GMPA to move forward.

Much of the research and training work of member Associates *de facto* associated with GMPA is invited and contracted to individuals rather than formally to GMPA, as is most advisory and consulting work offered by international institutions, governments and other entities. Stringent institutional requirements for contracting organizations as service providers generally mean preference for contracting with individual experts as consultants. De-coupling individually contracted activity of Associates conducted in name of GMPA, despite stated organizational linkage, subjects it to characterization as «doing very little».

GMPA has built an extensively consulted website providing a large 'data base' of research, publications and policy papers on a broad range of migration related topics. Website hosting data has shown that the website consistently gets over ten thousand hits per month, and downloads of documents surpass one thousand per month, a substantial count for a never-promoted website. However, updating the website and continuing to post new documents requires significant time and effort. While the secretariat was able to assign capable interns over part of year to regularly post and update, no one has assured this function on a permanent basis, leaving the site outdated and therefore less relevant over periods of time.

Significant demand for research, policy advice and consultation activities directed at and substantially influencing policy and practice of governments, international organizations and regional inter-governmental bodies is manifestly evident. However, GMPA has not had capacity to do 'resource mobilization' with its minimal staff time over-committed to current projects and activity. Nor have any other Associates taken initiative to identify, followup on and prepare applications for potential funded activity.

In only three years, GMPA has established itself organizationally as an international independent expert network with a formal non-governmental identify; it has produced significant products and results, it has organized successful events as a part of global conferences and processes and it achieved wide visibility, name recognition and standing. This was accomplished in a period when all but two other international migrants rights-specific civil society organizations disappeared –in part due to resource starvation. Nonetheless, GMPA credibility and viability is called into question by some actors because it has not received significant external organizational funding. However, the absence of resource support occurs as funding and support to many human rights organizations and policy activist civil society organizations is declining. Furthermore, foundations and governments that have provided support to migration activity by civil society and academia have made explicit indications that they are not interested in funding activity – or organizations – supporting/advocating in promotion of normative instruments on migrants rights.

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