



GMPA

Global Migration Policy Associates

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

GMPA QUADRENNIAL REPORT (2015-2018) TO UN ECOSOC

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1. Introduction

(A brief introductory statement recalling organization's name and its geographical coverage).

Global Migration Policy Associates (GMPA) is an international expert network with members and activities in all world regions.

2. Aims and purposes of the organization and its course of action

GMPA members individually and collectively deliver multi-disciplinary research, policy development, expert advisory services, training and advocacy advancing rights- and knowledge-based governance of migration, realisation of human rights for all, and promoting just and sustainable development.

3. Any change that may have had a significant impact

GMPA experienced substantial increase in scope and complexity of projects.

4. Your contribution to the work of the UN

GMPA pursued a strategic multi-disciplinary approach to advance realisation of human rights, sustainable development, and human welfare/well-being, supporting implementation of United Nations normative instruments and policy agendas.

Activity focussed on: application of UN Human Rights Conventions; International Labour Standards; the Sustainable Development Agenda; and the New Urban Agenda. Attention was also directed to health and migration, *cities welcoming migrants*, UN coordination on migration, and development of the Global Compact on Migration.

Accomplishments and products included:

- Ongoing promotion of ratification and domestication by States of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (ICRMW) and ILO Conventions 97 on *migration for employment* and 143 on *migrant workers*.
- Elaboration of the African Union-ILO-IOM-UNECA (Economic Commission for Africa) Joint Labour Migration Programme (JLMP) for Africa, formally *adopted* in January 2015 by African Heads of State and Government, as a comprehensive programme on migration governance.
- Research and co-publication (2016) of a first international analytical report on *cities welcoming migrants and refugees* in cooperation with UNESCO.
- Preparation of a comprehensive matrix on application of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda to migrants, refugees, migration and migration compelling situations. (2016, 2018)

- Preparation of a comprehensive review of protection of rights of migrants and refugees in Europe with reference to UN and ILO conventions, published by Caritas Europa (2016)
- Research and preparation for ILO (in consultation with UNAIDS) of the first global manual on *migration, health, human rights and HIV & AIDS*, launched February 2018.
- Contributing inputs to preparation of the inter-governmental Global Compact on Migration (2017-2018).
- Preparing a first *handbook for cities* on reception, inclusion and integration of migrants and refugees, under UNESCO auspices. (2017-2018; forthcoming 2020)
- Expert advisory briefings to UN human rights Treaty Bodies: Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) and Committee on Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (CMW)
- Co-organizing side-event Panel Dialogues at the Human Rights Council and the Commission on the Status of Women.
- Knowledge-sharing and training activities globally with International Training Center of the ILO (Turin). (2015-2018)
- Research and evaluation of Bilateral Labour Agreements (BLAs) and development of manuals on minimum standards, assessment and good practices consistent with ILO standards, globally and in the Asia region (2015-2018).
- Advisory support to Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) for parliamentary participation in migration governance, particularly ratification of UN and ILO conventions (2015-18).
- Advisory report on international instruments and good practices in labour migration in Asia for the Indonesian Government for revision of migration law in line with ICRMW.
- Research and report on compliance by Sri Lanka with the ICRMW
- Research “Engaging the Diaspora and Migrant Workers for Home Country Development: Diaspora Finance and Remittances” published by Asian Development Bank (ADB), Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), and ILO (2017).
- Preparation of ILO *issues papers* on fair recruitment, migrant protection, and return and reintegration of migrant workers for the Government of India.

5. Your participation in the fora of the UN

GMPA co-organized and/or made expert presentations at:

2015:

- Co-organized side event *Human Rights and Migrant Women*, 59th Session UN Commission on the Status of Women, New York, 11 March.
- Expert participation *Facilitating Migration Management in North and Central Asia*, UN Economic & Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Moscow, April 7-8.
- Co-organizer, Panel-Dialogue “*Migration: Crises of Values and Governance: Human Rights, Social Cohesion, Women, Development*,” 29th Session, UN Human Rights Council, Geneva, 24 June.
- Special briefing for Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD), Geneva, 14 August, on *intersectionality of discrimination against migrants, all forms of racial discrimination, and xenophobia*.

2016:

- Participation at 14th UN Coordination Meeting on Migration, New York, 25-26 February.
- Presentation *a Civil Society Perspective* to Global Migration Group (GMG) Multi-stakeholder Meeting, New York, 25 April.
- Participation at launch of UNESCO-European Coalition of Cities Against Racism-M.V. Vardinoyannis Foundation *Cities Welcoming Refugees and Migrants Initiative*, Paris, 9 May.
- Presentations at *Cities of Welcome, Cities of Transit* conference, UN University Institute for Globalization, Culture & Mobility (UNU-GCM) Barcelona, 14-15 July.

- Expert participation in 2nd Meeting of the ILO Working Group on Labour Migration Statistics, Turin, 15-17 November.
- Presentations at *Athens High Level Meeting on Refugees and Migrants* and *Expert Workshop on Cities Welcoming Migrants*, Athens, 21-23 November co-organised by UNESCO.

2017:

- Expert paper, ADBI-OECD-ILO *Roundtable Labour Migration in Asia*, Manila, 18-19 January.
- Session-Rapporteur in Second Global Consultation on Migration and Health co-organized by IOM and WHO, Colombo, 21-23 February.
- Expert presentation, *4th World Forum on Inter-Cultural Dialogue*, co-organized by UNESCO, Baku, 5-6 May.
- Commentary, OSCE-IOM High Level Panel *International Migrants Day*, Vienna, 18 December

2018:

- Expert presentation NGO Committee on Status of Women Forum *Women and Global Migration*, UN Geneva, 23 February.
- Presentation at UNESCO Conference on *Education for Refugees*, Barcelona 13-14 December.
- Rapporteur and expert presenter, AU-ILO-IOM JLMP conference on training, Casablanca 26-28 September.

6. Your cooperation with UN Bodies

As noted above, GMPA cooperated extensively with ILO and UNESCO.

GMPA engaged with OHCHR, the Human Rights Council, several Special Rapporteurs, and human rights Treaty Bodies CERD and CMW.

GMPA interacted in research, consultative dialogue and in meetings and conferences with ESCAP, IOM, UNAIDS, UNICEF, UNU-GCM, and WHO.

7. Your initiatives taken in support of the MDGs/SDGs

The GMPA *Migration and SDG Matrix* identifies 45 targets across 16 of 17 SDGs, linking migration-development rationales with Sustainable Development Agenda goals and targets, respective implementing actions, measurement indicators, and baseline data sources.

The GMPA-produced ILO-published *Framework for Action on a rights-based approach to migration, health and HIV & AIDS* (2017) contributes to implementation of Sustainable Development Goal on healthy lives and well-being for all, and other SDGs.

The UNESCO-published *Cities Welcoming Refugees and Migrants* (2016) by GMPA features urban governance in implementing *SDG 11 on inclusive and sustainable cities and human settlements* as well as the *New Urban Agenda*.

In 2018, GMPA contributed research to 11 *Caritas* national studies in EU countries on *migration and development* explicitly tying migration to the Sustainable Development Agenda.

Elaboration of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda in global knowledge-sharing and training activities for the International Training Center of the ILO in Turin.

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