



GMPA

Global Migration Policy Associates

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

PROGRAMME & ACTIVITY **SUMMARY REPORT 2012**

2012 was the 'start-up' and first full year of operations for GMPA. GMPA activity in 2012 combined formal research, advisory services and conference activities with set-up of GMPA communications, secretariat, membership, and advisory council functions as well as obtaining official registration of GMPA as an international non-governmental organization under provisions of the Swiss Civil Code.

GMPA organized and/or cosponsored several formal events, symposiums and expert meetings in 2012. A large portion of GMPA associated activity that first year was research and advisory services assignments contracted directly to individual Associates in their expert capacities while identified with GMPA or GMPA affiliation.

Our operational model, alluded to in the deliberately chosen name "Associates" is that of law firms and other formal associations comprising a number of member professionals who take on and work their own cases in their own name as well as taking on case-work in name of the Association, individually or in teams. As with other such associations, GMPA as a whole also takes on projects, assignments, and/or case work.

Association of individual Associates activity with GMPA is based on member discretion and identification. It is assumed that the profile, quality and responsibility of each Associate permit deferring to individual member judgement regarding which projects, speaking engagements, research papers, etc they wish to take on in name of GMPA. A considerable number of activities listed on this 2012 activity report are those where GMPA Associates explicitly identified or 'signed' as a GMPA member. Names of members who implemented the respective activities listed in this report can be provided upon request.

Public events, symposiums, conferences and workshops where GMPA is identified as sponsor or cosponsor are jointly agreed to by a majority of the GMPA Coordinating Team comprising the five officers: Patrick Taran (President), Nicola Piper, and Piyasiri Wickramasekara (Vice Presidents), Lisa Simeone (Secretary) and Abdelhamid El Jamri (Member at Large).

GMPA activities conducted, initiated or completed during 2012 are listed on pages 2 and 3. Operational activities are noted on page 4 of this brief summary report.

The very modest GMPA budget, expenditure and income details are provided in a separate document.

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GMPA & ASSOCIATES' GMPA ACTIVITIES 2012

Conducted, initiated and/or completed January to December 2012

I. Research

1. Second draft, revision, edit global assessment discrimination against migrant workers – ILO
2. Survey on Crisis, migration & precarious work in Europe – published by ITC-ACTRAV
3. Contribution of 6 papers to DIIFS (Doha) on circular migration, family migration, Asia situation
4. Research for DCA (Dan-Church Aid) on migrant rights advocacy
5. Research report on Decent work, youth and migration in Asia- for ILO MIGRANT
6. Review bilateral MOUs of India with Gulf countries & Malaysia – study conducted for Migrant Forum in Asia (MFA)
7. Contribution of chapter on Migration Regimes and Their Implications for Family Unity and Integrity for the volume: Panizonn et al (eds), 'Promoting international labour mobility: Migrants, states and markets, World Trade Institute, Bern, and Palgrave Publishing (forthcoming).
8. Preparation of employment and migration report for ILO Employment Sector
9. Initiated research for report on discrimination against migrant workers in CIS/Eurasia countries.

II. Advisory Services

1. Designed program and process, identified expert participants, co-managed, and prepared notes for 1st Global Symposium on family, migration and dignity 28-30 March in Doha (January to March)
2. Prepared Framework Guidance Document extending social security to migrant workers in Eurasia for ISSA/Working Group Migrant Workers in Eurasia (January to May)
3. Drafted proposal for 3 year governance advisory project on Qatar migration policy & administration (April)
4. Assessed ECOWAS (Economic Community of West African States) regional migration issues, reviewed and proposed modifications to IOM-ILO-ICMPD labour migration TC project document and budget to enhance conformity with ECOWAS defined agenda and concerns. (November)
5. Professional consultancy services to ILO ROAP, Bangkok, for preparing a project proposal for funding by the European Commission, 2012: "Promoting the Effective Governance of Labour Migration from South Asia through Actions on Labour Market Information, Protection during Recruitment and Employment, Skills, and Development Impact"

III. Conferences, Symposiums, Workshops: GMPA organized or co-organized

1. 1st ***Global Symposium on Family, Migration and Dignity***, Doha, 28-30 March 2012, organized and sponsored by the Doha International Institute on Family and Development (with support from the Qatar Foundation). GMPA Associates participated in design and preparation of Symposium, identifying participant experts, preparing and presenting six research papers, presenting opening address, note-taking and preparing draft report of proceedings.

2. **Global Migration Policy Symposium: *Migration, Family and Human Rights***, 24 April, Geneva; held at OHCHR premises in conjunction with session of the UN Committee on Migrant Workers, 24 April. Fully GMPA organized.
3. **Global Migration Policy Symposium: *Discrimination & Xenophobia; Recasting perceptions of migrants***; Palais des Nations, Geneva, 20 June. Cosponsored with Graduate Institute of Geneva, Programme for the Study of Global Migration. GMPA was responsible for organization and logistical arrangements and two presentations; there were 80 participants, a high number for a UN 'side' event.
4. **OHCHR-GMPA expert seminar on global governance of migration**, 27 September, Geneva. GMPA Associates participated fully together with OHCHR colleagues in design and preparation of seminar, identifying participant experts, preparing and presenting the background paper, presenting discussion points, note-taking and preparing draft report of proceedings.
5. **Three seminar-workshops at the *World Social Forum on Migration*** in Manila, November, respectively on *global migration issues and trends*, *migrants human and labour rights challenges*, and *defining approaches to migration governance*. GMPA organized these, GMPA Associates and other experts presented papers or prepared remarks in each; some 80, 60 and 40 participants attended.

IV. Expert Support to Academic, Professional Training, and Organizational/Network activities

Listed by event, sponsor and month, where GMPA expertise was provided as speakers, lecturers, resource persons and contribution of paper or papers. In some cases, Associates contributed to programme design.

1. Workshop *Gender and Migration in Asia*, Danish Church Aid, Bangkok (January)
2. GCSP-IIHL-IOM High Level Seminar *Climate Change, Environment and Migration*, Geneva (February)
3. CARAM Asia Consultation Workshop on *Migrant Rights Activism*, Kuala Lumpur, (April)
4. UN Thematic working group launch: Report on International Migration in South & South West Asia, Dhaka, Bangladesh (April)
5. TEAM EU-supported project conference on *trade unions, migration, integration*, Barcelona, (May)
6. World Council of Churches-Pacific Conference of Churches-Brot/Welt Consultation *Climate Change Displacement & Human Rights*, Bossey, Switzerland (May)
7. EPSU-Southern Europe public services unions migrant services project summation conference: Marseille (18-19 May)
8. The *Hague Process Hearing* on refugee and migration policy, NL (June)
9. Conference: *Gender & Migration in SE Asia*, Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Ho Chi Minh City (June)
10. Geneva Center for Security Policy (GCSP) *Course on New Issues in Security Policy* (June)
11. PICUM (Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migration) *workshop on international instruments*, Brussels, 15 June
12. PICUM Annual Membership Assembly, Brussels, 16 June.
13. EMN (European Migration Network) conference *Migration and Development*, Oslo (June)

14. Graduate Institute Summer School course, lecturer on migration, Geneva (June)
15. IDHEAP (Institute of High-level Studies on Public Administration) course lecturer, Lausanne (June)
16. Resource person at Labour Migration Academy, ILO International Training Centre, Turin; sessions on: Role of Diaspora, Roundtable on Temporary Labour Migration, Irregular Migration, and Youth Employment and Migration, 9 -12 July.
17. Resource person at *India National Consultation Workshop on Facilitating Safe and Legal Migration and Preventing Irregular Migration*, 5-6 September, New Delhi
18. *Actions Solidaires* Seminar, press briefing, and staff training on migration, Lomé, Togo, (September)
19. *Global Coalition on Migration* organizing consultation, Tema/Accra, Ghana (September)
20. PANiDMR (Pan African Network in Defense of Migrants Rights) conference, Tema, Ghana (September)
21. *UNECE work sessions migration statistics*, 16-19 October, Geneva; invited and contributed to discussions as independent expert
22. *World Public Forum Dialogue of Civilizations*, expert opening presentation at Round Table on international migration, Rhodes, Greece (3-6 October)
23. Speaker at MRCI (Migrants Rights Center in Ireland) seminar; lecturing at Maynooth University of Ireland, Dublin, (9-12 October)
24. *European Migration Network* regional seminar and training, featured speaker, Budapest (15-17 October)
25. *Expert Group Meeting on Population Dynamics and the Post-2015 Development Agenda*, 19-20 November 2012, New York – nominated by ILO as external expert
26. PICUM- et al *National Seminar on labour migration and migrant protection*, Nicosia, Cyprus: 21-22 November – panel speaker
27. *Global Coalition on Migration* organizing and planning meeting, Manila, 1-2 December

GMPA OPERATIONAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY 2012

V. Membership

1. Identified and recruited new Associates (Africa, Eurasia, MENA region)
2. Established Advisory Council, identified and invited participants
3. Identified Affiliate members

VI. Governance

1. Coordinating Team meeting held March 29-30 in Doha
2. Meetings with Advisory Council participants, Brussels & Geneva: June and September

3. Informal Annual membership Assembly session held during WSFM in Manila. November
4. Established GMPA Program and Budget 2012, English & French editions
5. Prepared financial and activity reports for 2011 and 2012

VII. Secretariat

1. Researched and submitted applications for Office space rental
2. Obtained and signed rental agreement for office at Villa Masaryk, 11 Avenue de la Paix, 1202 Geneva ; office located in a listed historic property owned by the State of Geneva, located directly across street from entrance to the Palais de Nations UN premises.
3. Set up office facilities and documentation center
4. Established GMPA bank account at Banque Cantonale de Genève
5. Telephone (+41 22 733 8927) and internet connection arranged.

VIII. Staff

1. Established executive function and activity with Coordinating Team members based in Geneva
2. Recruited and supervised intern

IX. Communications and advocacy

1. Arranged professional designer for GMPA website and logo
2. Prepared texts for GMPA website navigation and topical theme pages
3. Solicited member information and papers for website posting
4. Posted material on draft website
5. GMPA Website uploaded and put online: <http://www.globalmigrationpolicy.org/>

X. Official & Diplomatic Affairs

1. Prepared and presented documents to State of Geneva for official GMPA registration (January)
2. Obtained official legal registration under Swiss law for GMPA as international non-governmental organization with headquarters in Geneva (February)
3. Researched information and criteria regarding GMPA application for observer status to EU-FRA, ILO, IOM, UN-ECOSOC.
4. GMPA was invited and accepted to affiliate with the Global Coalition on Migration (September)

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