

Knowledge to lead

Social Integration of Migrants

Preparatory event for the Third Global Forum
of the UN Alliance of Civilizations

18 May 2010, UNHQ, New York, Conference Room E

Information note

It is increasingly recognized today that the integration of migrants requires a process of mutual adaptation between migrant communities and the societies in which they live and participate. Beyond government action facilitating the integration of migrants through adequate legal protections and the extension of public services, all sectors of society face the task of building communities that acknowledge and enable migrants' positive contributions. However, responses may vary and need to be tailored to different migration contexts such as permanent versus temporary and work versus family-related migration.

This half day seminar, organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the MacArthur Foundation, is conceived as a preparatory event for the Third Global Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, to be held in Rio de Janeiro on 27 -29 May 2010. It aims to prepare the delegates of the Permanent Missions to the United Nations in New York for discussing one of the priority areas of the Alliance, namely migration and integration. Moreover, delegates will have the opportunity to listen to a presentation of the joint AoC/IOM "Online Community on Migration and Integration" before its official launch at Global Forum in Rio and cases of best practices.

The event on "Social Integration of Migrants" will take place on 18 May from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in Conference Room E (NLB).

Panellists:

- ▶ Mr. Maurice Crul, Senior Researcher, Institute for Ethnic and Migration Studies, University of Amsterdam
- ▶ Ms. Ratna Omidvar, President, Maytree Foundation, Ottawa
- ▶ Ms. Florence Laufer, Migration and Integration Focal Point, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations
- ▶ Ms. Cristina Aghazarm, Project Officer, International Organization for Migration

Participants: The preparatory event is open to all members of Permanent Missions. UN staff and interested representatives of civil society and the private sector are also welcome to attend.

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