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STUDY AND CONFERENCE CENTER

**MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT:
PERSPECTIVES FROM
THE SOUTH**

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS



Day	Session	Topic
10 July	Morning 1 9.30-11.00	<p>Opening</p> <p>Welcoming Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rubén Puentes, Representative of Rockefeller Foundation. Raul Delgado-Wise (University of Zacatecas), Aims and methods of work of the Conference. <p>Keynote address: Alejandro Portes (Princeton University) theme: Migration and Development: A Conceptual Review of the Evidence.</p> <p>Discussion.</p>
	Morning 2 11.30-13.00	<p>Theme 1 Comparing the experience of four major migration systems</p> <p>Authors to present 15 minute summaries of regional background papers, circulated in advance to Conference participants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> North America, particularly the dynamics of Mexico – USA migration (Author: Raúl Delgado Wise and Humberto Márquez, Univesidad Autónoma de Zacatecas) Migration from the Middle East and North Africa (especially Turkey and Morocco) to EU member states. Two papers (Authors: Kemal Kirisci, Bogazici University and Gamze Avci, University of Lieden, Turkey and Hein de Haas, University of Oxford) East and Southeast Asia, particularly Philippine migration to destinations in Asia and beyond (Author: Marla Assis, Scalabrini Migration Center) India: labour migration to the Gulf; skilled migration to developed countries (Author: Binod Khadria, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)
	Afternoon 1 14.30-16.00	<p>Theme 1 (Continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper: comparative analysis of the experience of the four migration systems, discussion: presenter: Stephen Castles, University of Oxford. <p>Discussion</p>
	Afternoon 2 16.30-18.00	<p>Theme 1 (Continued)</p> <p>Group discussion to develop key questions from comparison of the migration experiences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants to be divided up into three groups, which go across regional borders. Facilitators to be briefed in advance.

11 July	Morning 1 9.30-11.00	<p>Theme 2 Transnational Connectivity as a Process and its Meaning for Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper: Manolo Abella (formerly ILO): (Working title) successful and unsuccessful examples of migration and development linkages. • Statements by government and civil society representatives. • Discussion
	Morning 2 11.30-13.00	<p>Theme 2 (Continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper: Jorgen Carling (University of Oxford): Interrogating remittances: Core questions for deeper insight and better policies. • Statements by government and civil society representatives. • Discussion
	Afternoon 14.30 onwards	<p>EXCURSION Lake Como</p>
12 July	Morning 1 9.30-11.00	<p>Theme 3 Actors, Empowerment and Levels of Action Strategies and experiences of sending country governments</p> <p>Short presentations by government officials from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mexico • Turkey • Morocco • Philippines • India <p>Discussion</p>
	Morning 2 11.30-13.00	<p>Theme 3 (continued) Building migrant associations and developing civil society action</p> <p>Short presentations by representatives of migrant associations in both sending and receiving countries, from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mexico • Turkey • Morocco • Philippines • India <p>Discussion</p>
	Afternoon 1 14.30-16.00	<p>Theme 3 (continued) Economy and livelihoods Improving livelihood outcomes for migrants and their communities. What governments, migrant associations and civil society can do to improve the situation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The conference will divide into groups for intensive, cross-regional discussions
	Afternoon 2 16.30-18.00	<p>Theme 3 (continued) Empowerment How can civil society organisations and governments work together to improve South-South cooperation and community participation in migration and development planning?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint presentations by government officials and representatives of migrant associations from each region.

13 July	Morning 1 9.30-13.00	<p>OUTCOMES</p> <p>Working towards desired outcomes, such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building networks of communication and collaboration that include government officials, migrant associations, social scientists and other key players. • Developing common problem definitions between governments and civil society of sending countries. • Improving cooperation between governments, migrant associations and other civil society organisations. • Improving research/policy/social action linkages.
	Afternoon 1 14.30-16.00	<p>Closing Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissemination. • Planned publications. • Next steps in the project. • Closing remarks.



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