

Signed on behalf of European Conference Participating Organisations:

NAME OF ORGANISATION	COUNTRY
11.11.11	Belgium
December 18 & Radio 1812 * (did not cosigned the communiqué)	Belgium
Filipino Association in Denmark	Denmark
RESPECT Network	Europe
Philippine Women's Forum-Babaylan Germany	Germany
Engineers of the Earth	Greece
KASAPI	Greece
DIWATA	Greece
Munting Nayon Cultural School	Greece
AKBAYAN Chapter	Greece
Migrant Rights Center Ireland (MRCI)	Ireland
Comitato Antirazzista Durban Italia (CADI), & member of (Migrants Rights International (MRI)	Italy
AMOME	Morocco
TRUSTED Amsterdam	Netherlands
Commission For Filipino Migrant Workers (CFMW)	Netherlands
RESPECT NL	Netherlands
Transnational Institute (TNI)	Netherlands
Vital Aid Foundation	Netherlands
TRUSTED The Hague	Netherlands
Koop Natin	Netherlands
African Roots Movements	Netherlands
Jesus Christ Foundation	Netherlands
PASALI	Netherlands
Noticias NL	Netherlands
OTRADELA	Netherlands
Ojala	Netherlands
Bayanihan Rotterdam	Netherlands
EMCEMO	Netherlands
Forum of Moroccans in Netherlands	Netherlands
Forum of Moroccans in Amsterdam	Netherlands
Network of Moroccan Demokrats in Netherlands	Netherlands
Shoefshoef	Netherlands
FNV Mondial	Netherlands
UNLAD KABAYAN	Philippines
Geneva Forum for Philippine Concerns	Switzerland
Centro Filipino	Spain
Ugnayan	Sweden
Institute of Race Relations (IRR)	United Kingdom



RECLAIMING TOGETHER THE AGENDA OF MIGRATION, DEVELOPMENT & HUMAN RIGHTS

*Crisis and migration -
is another development possible?*



1-5 NOVEMBER 2009, ATHENS, GREECE

The participation of RESPECT Network, Transnational Migrant Platform
& EWG-PGA and their activities are made possible by:



Workshop 1
RESPECT Session 1

Acting Together for Migrant Domestic Workers Rights in Europe & Globally!
FORUM THEATRE workshop – New tool of organising & Campaigning

November 3, 2009 (Tuesday)

Time: 16.00 – 18.00

Venue: Technopolis, 10 Peiraios Street, Athens

Co-Convenors: RESPECT Network in Europe, CFMW, TRUSTED, Africa Roots Movements, OTRADELA, KALAYAAAN, Justice 4DW, KASAPI, Centro Filipino, TNI, Transnational Migrant Platform (TMP), EWG-PGA.



Forum Theatre or Theatre of the Oppressed was originally developed by the Brazilian artist Augusto Boal and maximises the experiences of the participants and draws on various methods of “Drama” - including storytelling, skits, dialogue and mime.

Objectives:

- How to use Forum theatre as a new tool of organising by participants in the campaign and to be actors of the campaign.
- How Forum Theatre facilitates in empowering MDWs in networking and alliance work.
- How to give MDWs the confidence and the know-how in negotiating their rights.
- The Training workshop also aims to be a learning as well as a “fun” experience.

Media Event :

Press conference - Migrant Domestic Workers (to be confirmed)

November 3, 2009 (Tuesday)

Venue: Technopolis, Athens, Greece

Filipino Event

Community Dialogue with the GFMD delegation of the Philippine government

Convenors: Kasapi, CMA and Platform of Filipino Organisations in Europe

November 3, (Tuesday)

Time: 19.30

Venue: Munting Nayon, 18 Mithymnis, Plateia Amerikis, Athens

**European Conference Memorandum
to the Global Forum on Migration and Development**

A European conference of migrant organisations with 75 participants from 11 countries in Europe convened by the Transnational Migrant Platform (TMP) and the European Working Group (EWG) for the People’s Global Action on Migration, Development and Human Rights 2009 was held between 16th to 18th October 2009 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The conference on the theme *Crisis and Migration – Is Another Development possible?* discussed a range of issues concerning the economic, social and political status of migrants and their families in Europe. Amongst a range of matters we discussed was the forth coming Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) which will be held in Athens, Greece in November 2009.

We note that the Roundtable agenda for the Civil Society Days (CSD) excludes discussion on human rights and migrant rights, something we consider central to any discussion of migration and development. Human rights was included in the 2008 GFMD and the coming November forum should have been the place to build upon that important start.

We also note that the process of selection for participation in the CSD has regressed and is thoroughly undemocratic and non-transparent and has resulted in the total marginalisation of migrants and their organisations.

We therefore reiterate the demands made at the Manila 2008 CSD that the GFMD should be:

- Placed under the auspices of the United Nations and become a UN process where governments can be made responsible and accountable for the protection of migrant rights.
- A substantive, transparent and accessible dialogue on an equal basis between migrants and government representatives.

This conference also calls on each government to:

- Ratify and implement the *UN Convention on the Protection of Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families*, the *UN Refugee Convention (1951)* as well as the *ILO Conventions 97, 143 and ILO Maritime Labour Convention 2006* (seafarers).
- Implement vigorously the *Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)* including its Resolution 26 on the protection of the rights of migrant women workers.
- Work towards the establishment of the proposed ILO Convention on Domestic Work including provisions for migrant domestic workers.
- Stop the use of prison, detention centres and the militarisation of border controls which is symptomatic of the criminalisation of the actual process of migrating and of those who offer humanitarian assistance to migrant individuals.
- Suspend free trade agreements and bilateral investment treaties which are destroying the potential for people based development in the global south.

The Conference in addition calls on each European Union (EU) government to:

- Suspend immediately the implementation of the *European Pact on Immigration and Asylum* and the *EU Return Directive* and begin the process of repealing both.

Amsterdam, 18 October 2009

European Conference Communiqué Crisis and Migration - is Another Development Possible?

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Besides addressing a Memorandum to the forthcoming Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) to be held in Athens, Greece in November 2009, Conference participants also committed themselves to continue the dialogue and cooperation between migrant organisations and networks established in the process of preparation for this conference.

In particular we note that:

- The context of the current global crisis is an opportunity and a challenge to reclaim the agenda of migration, development and human rights.
- We also identify the realities of repression of migrant rights and the increasing racism against migrants and the criminalisation of migrant communities inside and outside Fortress Europe.
- We underline the crucial and important role of migrant communities and movements as central transnational actors in reclaiming the right to a people centred development.

Building on the positive experience of working together in preparing the People's Global Action 2009, we propose to further strengthen our co-operation as a European network beyond this event.

The Convenors of this conference commit to develop concrete joint initiatives and campaigns towards the development of a Pan European migrant network. In particular we will focus on the following events in the political calendar:

- December 10-18, 2009 - International Migrant Rights Day
- March 8, 2010 - International Women's Day
- March 21, 2010 - International Anti-Racism Day
- June 20, 2010 - International Refugee Day

Amsterdam, October 18, 2009



Workshop 2 Migration and Development from the gender and women's rights perspectives

November 4, 2009 (Wednesday)

Time: 14.00 – 15.45

Venue: Technopolis, 10 Peiraios Street, Athens

Co-Convenors: RESPECT Network in Europe, CFMW, Transnational Migrant Platform (TMP), TRUSTED, OTRADELA, OJALA, EMCEMO, Africa Roots Movements, TNI, SMS, Sindicato de Las Trabajadoras Domesticas Colombia, KASAPI, NNIRR, CMA.

Objectives:

- To raise awareness on the gender perspectives of migration and women's rights
- To identify strategies and alternatives to ensure the protection of (women) migrants rights
- To identify and assert the contribution of women migrants as transnational social actors in sustainable development both in their countries of destination and countries of origin
- To see the possibility of putting up an international network of women migrants

Resource persons will speak on:

- CEDAW as instrument for protection of women's rights
- Best practices/examples of women-initiated development projects
- Challenges encountered by migrant women in their migration and integration process in their countries of destination.
- Gender, development and culture.

**WE DEMAND THE PROTECTION OF
MIGRANT WOMEN WORKERS!
YES TO ACTUAL AND SERIOUS IMPLEMENTATION
OF CEDAW & GR 26!**

Workshop 3**4th International Domestic Workers Workshop - Strengthening the global alliance and campaigns of domestic workers****November 4, 2009 (Wednesday)****Time: 16.00 – 18.00****Venue: Technopolis, 10 Peiraios Street, Athens, Greece**

Co-organized by IWG–DW, MRI ADWA and hosted by RESPECT Network in Europe.

The International Working Group for Domestic Workers (IWG-DW) is an network of civil society organizations across the globe working on domestic workers issues. The IWG-DW was set up in October 2008 during the 3rd International Workshop on Domestic Work held in Manila as one of the parallel activities to the 2nd Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), to address in particular the preparation and process of migrant domestic workers participation in the campaign around the ILO DW Convention. The 3rd DW Workshop provided continuity to the first and second workshops on DW held in New York (2006) and Brussels (2007).

The overall aims of the IWG-DW are:

- To facilitate cooperation and information sharing among domestic workers groups and relevant global unions, in order to complement and converge efforts especially in building the international network
- To campaign for the international recognition of domestic work as work
- To campaign for the adoption of the proposed ILO Convention on Domestic work

Specific Objectives during PGA 2009:

Exchanges on impact of crisis on MDWs in different global areas.

- Strategies to consolidate the ILO campaign on the DW Convention – identifying a common call & joint day of Action
- Planning other moments in the Political Calendar

**YES TO HUMAN RIGHTS! NO TO RACISM!
NO TO PRISON CELLS FOR MIGRANTS!**

Workshop 6***Where's the Money for Migrant work?***

Scanning the funding possibilities for projects/activities by and for migrants' issues and concerns

November 5, Thursday**Time: 14.00 – 15.45****Venue: Technopolis, 10 Peiraios Street, Athens**

Co-Convenors: CFMW, RESPECT Network in Europe, SMS, EMCEMO, Transnational Institute (TNI), CMA (tbc), Transnational Migrant Platform (TMP), EWG-PGA.

Objective: To access information/orientation on funding possibilities from experts and resource persons (representatives of development agencies or people with know-how/experience in this sector) and discuss the challenges and opportunities (criteria and policies) facing migrant self-organisations and NGOs involved in migrant work on how to keep their work financially sustainable.

Resource persons:

- Europe – Oxfam/Novib and 11.11.11 Flemish North-South Movement
- North America (NNIRR)
- Latin America (tbc)
- Africa (tbc)
- Asia (tbc)

MIGRANTS DEMAND DIALOGUE OF EQUALITY!

**NO TO FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS &
INVESTMENT TREATIES!
YES TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOUTH!**

Workshop 5

CRISIS and MIGRATION – ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT IS NECESSARY & POSSIBLE
Migrant Movements Response in Europe

November 5, 2009 (Thursday)

Time: 11.00 – 13.00

Venue: Technopolis, 10 Peiraios Street, Athens

Co-Convenors: Transnational Migrant Platform (TMP), Platform of Filipino Migrant Organisations in Europe, Africa Roots Movements, OTRADELA, SMS, TNI, RESPECT Network in Europe, EWG-PGA.

ROUND TABLE FORUM

Migrants as a sector are an important social actor and participant in development in the North and in the South due not only to their remittances but also to the social, political and cultural role both in their countries of origin and destination. With migrants as a catalyst and political actor in the north, and with the aim to participate in and develop a new movement for global justice, we can explore solutions based on mutual commitment.

Objectives:

- To analyse the interface between Global Europe Trade & Investment policy and Fortress Europe Immigration policy
- To identify the impact of these European policies on livelihoods and outmigration from the South and on viable employment in Europe
- To assess the impact of these policies on the human rights, inequality, migrant rights and racism in Europe
- To give a new impulse to the role of migrants and their movements in development in the North and in the South and identify common actions.

Introduction: TWO FACES-SAME COIN

Round Table Forum will be formatted as a facilitated debate

Global Europe Trade & Investment Policy and Fortress Europe Migration Policy (10 Mins)

Migrant Initiatives & Proposals responding to the CRISIS (10 mins)

Open Forum (45 mins)

Strengthening the Migrant Movement in the current context, including the role of migrants in development in the North and in the South.

Towards Joint initiatives & action focused on:

Human Rights & Migrant Rights (Dec 10-18), Migrant Womens' Rights (March 8 Anti-Racism Day (March 21), International Refugee Day (June 20)

Workshop 4

RESPECT Session 2

Acting Together for Migrant Domestic Workers Rights in Europe & Globally!
Strengthening campaign strategies

November 5, 2009 (Thursday)

Time: 09.00 – 11.00

Venue: Technopolis, 10 Peiraios Street, Athens, Greece

Co-Convenors: RESPECT Network in Europe, CFMW, TRUSTED, Africa Roots Movements, OTRADELA, Kalayaan, Justice4DW, KASAPI, Centro Filipino, TNI, TMP, EWG-PGA.

Objectives:

- To give visibility to RESPECT network and its campaign.
- To develop campaign strategies with other migrant networks.
- To exchange good practices in campaigning for the rights of MDWs in Europe.
- To make a joint statement with other Domestic Workers networks in campaigning for the ILO DW convention.
- To develop a sign-on statement campaign for the recognition of DW as a proper work.



**REPEAL OF EU IMMIGRATION & ASYLUM
 PACT! REPEAL OF EU RETURN DIRECTIVE!**

MIGRANT RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS!

MIGRANTS DEMAND DIALOGUE OF EQUALITY!

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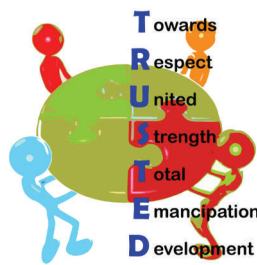
NO TO RACISM! YES TO SOLIDARITY!



Campaigning
for the rights
of migrant
domestic workers
in Europe and
around the world

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YES TO HUMAN RIGHTS! NO TO RACISM! NO TO PRISON CELLS FOR MIGRANTS!



Our demands

1. Recognition of domestic work in the private household as proper work
2. Ensure the protection of our rights as workers, as migrants and as women
3. Immigration status related to our work as migrant domestic workers

RATIFY & IMPLEMENT UN MIGRANT CONVENTION

YES TO OPEN BORDERS!
NO TO MILITARISATION OF BORDERS!

REPEAL OF EU IMMIGRATION & ASYLUMPACT!

REPEAL OF EU RETURN DIRECTIVE!

NO TO FRONTEX!