

**DECLARATION FROM THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON
MIGRATION AND PEACE (IN NEW YORK CITY)**

**Human Security, Human Development and International Governance of Migration:
A Statement by Participating Governments and Civil Society Organizations at the
Local, National and International Levels**

The participants in the Fourth International Forum on Migration and Peace, held in New York City on June 20 and 21, 2013; its convenor, the Scalabrini International Migration Network; its co-organizer, the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations; its consultant, the Mayor's Office on Immigration Affairs of New York; its sponsors, the Center for Migration Studies of New York (CMS), the New York Law School, the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, the Humanity-Without-Borders Foundation, Western Union, the Marin Media Group, the Scalabrini Communication Center; the Missionaries of Saint Charles, Scalabrinians; Government institutions, foundations and civil society organizations that collaborated in organizing the Forum; as well as other participating institutions and individuals that participated in this event;

In continuation of the process that began in 2009 in Antigua, Guatemala, where we considered the theme, *Borders, Walls or Bridges?*, continuing in 2010 in Bogotá, Colombia, where we discussed, *New Perspectives on Citizenship and Democracy* and in 2011 in Mexico City, where we took up *Safe International Migration*;

In recognition of the potential of migration to contribute to human security and human development, and to promote the common good and peaceful coexistence of all people;

Considering that:

1. The inherent dignity and rights of every human being – regardless of their immigration status – should be promoted and respected by all governments, civil society organizations and international organizations;
2. Human insecurity and lack of development, along with social instability, inequality, economic disparities, natural disasters, armed conflicts, and institutional and political weaknesses, are the main causes of forced international migration;
3. Notwithstanding, the significant contribution of migrants to the development of sending and receiving countries, negative and misguided perceptions of migration are being used to justify and implement restrictive policies and legal barriers to international migration;
4. Despite comprehensive legal frameworks and extensive institutional responses, most migrants are at risk of abuse, exploitation, violence and discrimination;
5. The different initiatives promoted by the international community to address relevant aspects of international migration and development, such as the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), regional processes and other cooperation initiatives, reflect the progressive acknowledgement of the limits of a strictly national approach to migration governance and the importance of international cooperation between governments and of collaboration with civil society representatives in order

to foster coherent, comprehensive and rights-based governance of migration at national, bilateral and international levels;

6. Migrants are actively involved in generating conditions for human and sustainable development and are key actors in promoting international peaceful coexistence, by becoming bridges of communication and intercultural exchange, as well as contributors to the economic, political, social and cultural development of both host and origin communities;

We commit ourselves to:

7. Promoting a shift in the perception of international migration from a threat to an opportunity;
8. Developing a coherent and comprehensive approach to international migration which honors human security and development and which affords migration a prominent role in the United Nations post-2015 development agenda;
9. Directing our joint efforts to tackle the root causes of forced migration, including eradication of poverty, creation of decent jobs, and promotion of human security and human development;
10. Promoting concrete actions – by a joint effort and with a sense of shared responsibility among political and social actors – to help eradicate all forms of violence that cause migration and violence against migrants, as well as all forms of racism, xenophobia, discrimination, and abuse in societies of migrant origin, transit, and destination;
11. Contributing with governments, international organizations and civil society organizations to create synergies between migration policies and development processes, in order to maximize the development benefits of international migration both in the sending and receiving countries;
12. Promoting the respect of human, political, economic, social and cultural rights of migrants and their families, regardless of their migration status;
13. Urging governments at local, national and international levels to commit themselves to defining and implementing public policies and programs on migration that will protect the dignity and rights of migrants and their families and to ensure the safety of migrants;
14. Highlighting the opportunity presented by the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development (HLD) to give political guidance to the United Nations System in addressing international migration through a comprehensive, coherent and balanced approach with a person-centered focus;
15. Ensuring a substantive and meaningful result from the HLD that demonstrates the commitment of the UN Member States to integrate the issue of international migration into the post-2015 development agenda.

**IV INTERNATIONAL FORUM
ON MIGRATION AND PEACE: PROGRAM**

Human Security, Human Development and International Governance on Migration:
The Commitment of Governments and Civil Society Organizations
at Local, National and International Levels

Thursday, June 20, 2013

Program:

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From	To	Agenda	Moderator
9:00	10:00	Registration	
10:00	11:30	Welcoming of the Forum 1. Anthony W. Crowell, Dean and President of New York Law School 2. Mercedes del Carmen Guillén Vicente, Assistant Secretary for Population, Migration and Religious Affairs of Mexico 3. Alfredo Gonçalves, First Councilor and Vicar General, Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo, Scalabrinians	
		Opening Remarks of the Forum 1. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of New York City 2. Jan Eliasson, United Nations Deputy Secretary-General 3. Nicholas DiMarzio, Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn	Leonir Chiarello, Executive Director of Scalabrini International Migration Network (SIMN)
11:00	11:30	Coffe break	
11:30	1:00	Panel – Economic Security and Social Security: The Challenges of Inequality and Social and Economic Integration of Migrants 1. Luis Fernando Carrera, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala 2. Fatima Shama, Commissioner, Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs, New York	Mario Hernández, Director of Public Affairs, Western Union

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		3. Olaf Jacob, Coordinator for South America, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung 4. Maria Tangonan, Kairos Youth Coordinator, The Filipino Pastoral Ministry	
1:00	2:30	Lunch	
2:30	4:00	Panel – Human Security, Human Development and Human Rights: Trends and Challenges for International Migration Policies 1. Mercedes del Carmen Guillén Vicente, Assistant Secretary for Population, Migration and Religious Affairs of Mexico 2. Emilio Álvarez Icaza, Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights 3. Donald Kerwin, Executive Director of the Center for Migration Studies of New York (CMS) 4. Colleen Thouez, Senior Research and Training Advisor, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) 5. Ilma Paixão, General Manager, Langer Broadcasting Group. Special Invitee of SIMN and the NGO Committee on Migration	Ruti Teitel , Co-Director of The Institute for Global Law, Justice & Policy, New York Law School
4:00	4:30	Coffe break	
4:30	6:00	Panel – South-South and South-North Migration: Policies and Civil Society Participation 1. Paulo Sérgio de Almeida, President of the National Immigration Council, Labor Ministry of Brazil 2. Jorge Martínez, Researcher at the Population Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) 3. Gabriela Rodríguez, Director of Centro Internacional para los Derechos Humanos	Fr. Flor Maria Rigoni , , Director, Casa del Migrante Albergue Belén, Tapachula, Chiapas, México

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		<p>de los Migrantes (CIDEHUM) - Costa Rica, Former United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants</p> <p>4. Lelio Mármora, Director of Instituto de Políticas de Migraciones y Asilo (IPMA), Argentina</p> <p>5. Nimbe González, Director, Department of Social Services, Casa del Migrante Tapachula, Chiapas, Mexico</p>	
		June 22, 2013	
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9:00	10:30	<p>Panel – North-North and North-South Migration: Migration Policies and Civil Society Participation</p> <p>1. Joseph Chamie, Former Director of United Nations Population Division</p> <p>2. Charles Wheeler, Director of National Legal Center for Immigrants, Catholic Legal Immigration Network</p> <p>3. Sara Campos, Independent Writer and Consultant, Former Staff Attorney with the National Immigration Law Center and Director of the Asylum Program for the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights in San Francisco</p> <p>4. Cecilia Imaz, Professor-Researcher, National University of Mexico</p>	<p>Austin T. Fragomen Jr., Partner Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, LLP</p>
10:30	11:00	Coffee break	
11:00	12:30	<p>Panel – Toward an International Governance of Migration: Citizenship and the Inclusion of Migrants</p> <p>1. Mårten Grunditz, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Sweden to</p>	<p>Bela Hovy, Chief of Migration Section Population Division (DESA)</p>

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		<p>the United Nations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Yanerit Morgan, Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations3. Michele Klein Solomon, Permanent Observer of the International Organization for Migration to the United Nations4. Fatima Shama, Commissioner, Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, New York5. John Bingham, Coordinator of Civil Society Days of the Global Forum on Migration and Development	
12:30	1:00	Closing Remarks	