



## **Administrative Circular**

# **International Conference on Gender, Migration and Development: Seizing Opportunities, Upholding Rights **(ICGMD '08)****

**25-26 September 2008**  
Hotel Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila  
CCP Complex Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City,  
1300 MANILA, PHILIPPINES

**Manila, Philippines**

(As of 24 July 2008)



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## 1. PURPOSE

This document provides instructional aide for the administrative, logistical and general information for the International Conference on Gender, Migration and Development (ICGMD '08), to be held in the City of Manila, Philippines from Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of September 2008 at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila.

## 2. PROGRAM

The Program for the ICGMD '08 is included in **Annex A**.

## 3. ICGMD '08 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE CONTACTS

The ICGMD '08 Organizing Committee is in charge of all **thematic, administrative and logistical arrangements**, including registration, accommodation, transportation, documentation, facilities and substantive matters.

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#### 4. CONFERENCE VENUE

The venue for the ICGMD '08 is in Hotel Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila..  
Address: CCP Complex Roxas Boulevard , Pasay City , 1300 MANILA,  
PHILIPPINES  
Phone: (+632) 551 5555 or (+632) 551 5610  
E-Mail: smconvention@sofitelmanila.com

#### 5. REGISTRATION PROCESS

There will be **NO REGISTRATION FEE** for the conference.

There are three options for registration – online, fax and email. Deadline of Registration is on **August 30, 2008**.

All application will be subjected to selection and first-come-first-serve basis. Applicants shall be informed through email. Please see **Annex B** for the Registration Form template.

##### 5.1 On-line Registration

Visit the ICGMD '08 website [www.icgmd.info](http://www.icgmd.info) then fill-out the Registration Form.

##### 5.2 Fax

Fill out the registration form and fax it to ICGMD 2008 at fax number (+632) 736 4449.

##### 5.3 Email Application

Send duly accomplished registration form to [icgmd2008@yahoo.com](mailto:icgmd2008@yahoo.com).

#### 6. CONFERENCE PACKETS AND ID BADGE

Participants can and claim their conference packets and ID badge beginning 24 September 2008 at 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

ID badges **should be worn at all times** during the conference and will be required for entry to all venues and meeting areas.

## 7. ACCOMMODATION

There are suggested hotels for delegates attending the ICGMD '08, a complete list with contact points and hotel rates is provided in **Annex C**.

Delegates are requested to reserve, guarantee and arrange payment of their rooms at these hotels not later than **05 September 2008**.

## 8. ARRIVAL AND ENTRY FORMALITIES

**Travel expenses, i.e. airfare and local transport, will be shouldered by the participants.**

### 8.1 Guidelines on the Entry of Temporary Visitors to the Philippines

Please notify us about your flight details and confirmation by **05 September 2008**.

Nationals from 144 countries (for complete list see **Annex D**) who are traveling to the Philippines for business and tourism purposes are allowed to enter the Philippines without visas for a stay not exceeding twenty-one **(21) days**, provided they hold valid tickets for their return journey to port of origin or next port of destination and their passports valid for a period of at least six (6) months beyond the contemplated period of stay. However, Immigration Officers at ports of entry may exercise their discretion to admit holders of passports valid for at least sixty (60) days beyond the intended period of stay.

The following passport holders are allowed to enter the Philippines without a visa for a stay not exceeding fifty-nine **(59) days**:

- Holders of Brazil passports; and
- Holders of Israel passports

The following passport holders are allowed to enter the Philippines without a visa for a stay not exceeding seven **(7) days**:

- Holders of Hong Kong Special Administrative (SAR) passports
- Holders of British National Overseas (BNO) passports
- Holders of Portuguese Passports issued in Macao
- Holders of Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) passports

Further inquiries on Visa may be addressed to:

*Department of Foreign Affairs, Visa Division*

*Website: [www.dfa.gov.ph](http://www.dfa.gov.ph)*

*Tel: (632) 834-4854, (632) 834-3707, and (632) 834-4810*

*Address: 2330 Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City or to any Philippine Embassy or Consulate Abroad*

## **8.2 Airport Departure Tax**

An airport departure tax of \$17.05 or **Php 750** per person is required and should be paid for in cash by all passengers departing Ninoy Aquino International Airport and Centennial Airport for international flights. This tax is payable only at special tellers inside the airport.

## **9. TRANSPORTATION**

### **10.1 Shuttle for Delegates**

There will be **NO AIRPORT PICK-UP ARRANGEMENTS** upon your arrival and departure. The following are the transportation options from the airport:

- Airport Taxi Service: available at the arrival area at PhP 500.00 per way.
- Metered Taxi Service: available at the arrival and departure areas with flag down rate at PhP 70.00 and PhP 4.00 per 300 meters for the succeeding distances
- Airport Pick-up Service: may be arranged with all the hotels listed in **Annex C** upon booking, please ask the booking officer for this service.

Please indicate your preferred pick-up service when you book in your respective hotels.

## **10. DOCUMENT REPRODUCTION AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **10.1 Paper for Parallel Sessions**

A separate circular is issued for paper presenters. Participants who wish to present a session paper can request this circular via email at **icgmd2008@yahoo.com**. Paper presentations shall undergo critiquing and selection process. Kindly refer to the programme for the thematic divisions for parallel sessions.

### **10.2 Documentation Center**

A Documentation Center will be available at the Sofitel Secretariat Desk and will be open daily from 7:30am to 7.30pm.

### **10.3 Document Distribution**

Documents for sessions will be collated in the reference kits and will be available upon arrival. All paper presentations are available in English, French and Spanish versions. Please indicate in your preferred language in the application form.

### **11. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE CONFERENCE**

English will be the official language for ICGMD '08.

### **12. MEDICAL SERVICES**

Basic first aid will be available at the meeting venue. An ambulance will also be located outside the venue.

Should delegates require referral to a specialist medical doctor or hospital, the cost of this service will be borne by the delegate.

All delegates are strongly advised to obtain international health insurance coverage before they travel to the Philippines.

Delegates who have a medical condition should bring their doctor prescribed medication.

### **13. DIETARY REQUIREMENTS**

All meals and snacks will be served at the conference venue, a variety of continental dishes will be available. Please indicate in the application form if you have any special dietary requirements.

### **14. DRESS CODE**

The dress code for all the meetings is business smart casual, unless otherwise announced. Participants are also requested to bring a national attire for the welcome dinner.

**15. COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION**  
(Please refer also to the DOT Pamphlet in your Kit)

**15.1 Climate and Weather**

The general climate of the Philippine archipelago is tropical and maritime, though September is part of the rainy season in the Philippines. The average temperature ranges from 25.5 °C to 28.8 °C (77.9 °F to 83.84 °F).

**15.2 Local currency**

The Philippine currency is known as “Peso or Philippine Peso” (PhP). Philippine Peso coins have the following denominations: 5 cents, 10 cents, 25 cents, 1 Peso, 5 Pesos and 10 Pesos. Currency notes are issued in denominations of 20, 50, 100, 200, 500 and 1,000 Peso Bills.

Regarding currency exchange, foreign currencies can be exchanged at banks and moneychangers. Approximately 1US\$ is equivalent to 44.00 Pesos (as of June 2008). Master Card and Visa credit cards are also honored at most hotels and shops, please ask the hotel or shop personnel for the availability of this facility before purchasing or availing services. Available ATMs include Cirrus and Maestro.

**15.3 Time**

Local Time: Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) +8

**15.4 Electricity and Water**

Electric current in the Philippines is 220 volts. Should you need 110-volt electric current, kindly ask the hotel accommodation staff for availability.

It is advised to drink filtered/bottled water in the Philippines. Ice in drinks is generally safe in good standard hotels and restaurants, but it is best to avoid it on street stalls or in country areas.

**15.5 Phone services**

Long distance calls can be made from hotel rooms and international public phones. Pre-paid phone cards are available at nearby shops. Please note that all charges for personal phone calls made in the hotel rooms are the responsibility of the delegates.

**15.6 Tipping**

A 5-10% tip is always appreciated.

## **15.7 Business Hours**

Generally, banks open Monday to Friday from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm, except for banks located in malls which closes at 7:00pm. Shopping malls are open from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm during weekdays and from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm on weekends. The location map in page 4 indicates the nearest business areas around the conference venue.



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**SESSION**

**SPEAKER**

<b>Day 0</b>	<b>24 September</b>	
	<b>Davao Function Room</b>	
5:00 pm	Speaker's Orientation	
6:30	Reception Dinner for Speakers, Moderators and Organizers	<b>Honorable Secretary Marianito D. Roque</b> <i>Philippine Department of Labor and Employment</i>
<b>Day 1</b>	<b>25 September</b>	
	<b>Luzon Ballroom</b>	
	Opening Ceremonies	
9:00 am	National Anthem	
9:05	Welcome Remarks	<b>Chairperson Myrna T. Yao</b> <i>National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW) Philippines</i>
9:20	Conference Objectives	<b>Ms. Sylvia Lichauco-de Leon</b> <i>Lola Grande Foundation for Women and Children, Inc. (LGF) Philippines</i>
	Introduction of the Keynote Speaker	<b>Chairperson Myrna T. Yao</b> <i>NCRFW Philippines</i>
9:30	Keynote Address	<b>H.E. Delia Domingo-Albert</b> <i>Philippine Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany Former Secretary of the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs Former Chair of UN Security Council</i>
	<b>Conference Overview</b>	
	<b>Luzon Ballroom</b>	
	<b>Moderator</b>	<b>Ms. Suneeta Mukhejee</b> <i>UNFPA Philippines</i>
9:50	Overview Paper on Migration, Gender Equality and Development	<b>Ms. Gloria Fontes Moreno-Chammartin</b> <i>International Labour Organization (ILO) Geneva</i>
10:10	Overview Paper on CEDAW and Migration	<b>Dr. Jean D'Cunha</b> <i>United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) ESEARO</i>
10:30	Overview Paper on CRC, Gender and Migration	<b>Ms. Vanessa Tobin</b> <i>UNICEF Manila</i>
<b>10:50</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
	<b>Mindanao Ballroom</b>	



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**Regional Discussions**

**Luzon Ballroom**

**Moderator**

**Advocate Sultana Kamal**

*Ain-O-Salish Kendra Bangladesh*

11:00	South Asia	<b>Ms. Renu Rajbhandari</b> <i>Women's Rehabilitation Center Nepal</i>
11:05	Europe	<b>Ms. Michele Levoy</b> <i>Platform for International Cooperation of Undocumented Migrants Workers (PICUM) Belgium</i>
11:10	Americas	<b>Dr. Dorchen Leidholdt</b> <i>Center for Battered Women's Legal Services, Sanctuary for Families USA</i>
11:15	Pacific	<b>Ms. Elizabeth Cox</b> <i>UNIFEM Fiji</i>
11:20	Africa	<b>Ms. Ndioro Ndiaye</b> <i>International Organization for Migration (IOM)</i>
11:25	Middle East	<b>Ms. Afaf Jabiri</b> <i>UNIFEM Jordan</i>
<b>12:00</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b> <b>Mindanao Ballroom</b>	<b>Ms. Lori Forman</b> <i>Microsoft Philippines</i>

**PARALLEL SESSIONS 1 "The Gender Dimension of the Social Costs and Benefits of Migration: Issues, Challenges and the Way Forward"**

**Session 1.1 Gender Issues and the Contribution of Migrant Workers to National Development in Sending and Receiving Countries**

*Organizers* LGF, UNIFEM, WB, IOM

*Moderator* **Ms. Michaela Walsh**

*WWB, LGF*

*Speakers* **Ms. Mirja Sjoblom**

*World Bank USA*

**Ms. Diana Lopez-Castañeda**

*International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (UN-INSTRAW) Sto. Domingo*

**Dr. Mizanur Rahman**

*National University of Singapore*

**Ms. Ndioro Ndiaye**

*IOM*

*Schedule* 25 September / 1:00-3:00pm / Davao Function Room

**Session 1.2 Gender Impact of Migration on Children and Families of Migrant Workers**

*Organizers* UNICEF, WAGI-MC

*Moderator* **Ms. Ma. Paz de Guzman**

*Parenting Foundation of the Philippines*

*Speakers* **Dr. Nirmala Reddy**

*UNICEF Division of Policy and Practice*

**Ms. Cristian Munduate**

*UNICEF Ecuador*

**Ms. Estrella Annonuevo**

*Atikha Overseas Workers and Communities Initiative Philippines*

**Dr. Nanette Dungo**

*WAGI-MC Philippines*

**Ms. Edelweiss Silan**

*Save the Children Regional Office Thailand*

*Schedule* 25 September / 1:00-3:00pm / Boracay Function Room



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**Session 1.3 Gender Issues and New Dimensions in Addressing Trafficking in Persons**

**Organizers** ILO  
**Moderator** **Mr. Anders Lisborg**  
*ILO-IPEC Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific*  
**Speakers** **Ms. Alcestis Mangahas**  
*ILO Regional Affairs for Asia and the Pacific*  
**Ms. Sonomi Tanaka**  
*Asian Development Bank*  
**Ms. Josephine Gonzales**  
*International Trade Union Confederation Asia Pacific*  
**Mr. Richard Evans**  
*Manpower, Inc. Philippines*  
**Ms. Eleanor Taylor Nicholson**  
*Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW)*  
**Schedule** 25 September / 1:00-3:00pm / Sulu Function Room

**Session 1.4 Improving Health Services and Social Protection for Women Migrant Workers**

**Organizers** MFA, UNIFEM  
**Moderator** **Ms. Caridad Sri Tharan**  
*Migrant Forum in Asia (MFA)*  
**Speakers** **Ms. Michelle Levoy**  
*PICUM Belgium*  
**Ms. Kim Misun**  
*Medical Mutual Aid Union for Migrant Workers Korea*  
**Ms. Jaruwaree Snidwongse**  
*World Vision International Thailand*  
**Schedule** 25 September / 1:00-3:00pm / Panay Function Room

**Session 1.5 Migration, Gender Identities and Empowerment**

**Organizers** WAGI-MC, IGTN, Isis Int'l. Philippines, UNFPA Philippines  
**Moderator** **Prof. Jeanie Manipon**  
*Women and Gender Institute-Miriam College (WAGI-MC) Philippines*  
**Speakers** **Dr. Nanette Dungo**  
*WAGI-MC Philippines*  
**Ms. Tesa de Vela**  
*Isis International - Manila Philippines*  
**Prof. Jason Cabañez**  
*Miriam College Philippines*  
**Dr. Carolyn I. Sobritchea**  
*Action for Health Initiatives (ACHIEVE)  
and University of the Philippines Diliman*  
**Mr. Elmer Malibiran**  
*Action Research for Marriage Migrant Network Philippines*  
**Schedule** 25 September / 1:00-3:00pm / Leyte Function Room

**Session 1.6 Migration and Feminism: Issues, Challenges, and Paradoxes**

**Organizers** WAGI-MC, LGF, WCW  
**Moderator** **Prof. Aurora J. de Dios**  
*WAGI-MC Philippines*  
**Speakers** **Ms. Mary Lou Alcid**  
*University of the Philippines*  
**Ms. Braema Mathi**  
*Association of Women for Action and Research (AWARE) Singapore*  
**Dr. Sumru Erkut**  
*Wellesley Centers for Women, Wellesley College USA*  
**Ms. Naheed Ahmed**  
*UNIFEM Bangladesh*  
**Schedule** 25 September / 1:00-3:00pm / Samar Function Room



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3:00 pm

**COFFEE BREAK**  
*Mindanao Ballroom*

**PARALLEL SESSIONS 2 Upholding Rights of Women Migrant Workers**  
**Session 2.1 Gender Issues in Formal and Informal Recruitment Processes and Working Conditions**

*Organizer* MFA/MRI, UNIFEM  
*Moderator* **Ms. Michelle Levoy**  
*PICUM Belgium*  
*Speakers* **Rev. Han Kuyom**  
*Seoul Women Migrant Workers Center / Joint Committee with Migrants, Korea*  
**Ms. Farida Deif**  
*Human Rights Watch Middle East*  
**Ms. Afaf Jabiri**  
*UNIFEM Jordan*  
*Schedule* 25 September / 3:15-5:15pm / Davao Function Room

**Session 2.2 Legal Status and Welfare Services for Domestic and Household Workers: Recognizing Domestic Workers' Rights and Protection Needs**

*Organizer* ILO  
*Moderator* **Asec. Ma. Teresa Soriano**  
*Philippine Department of Labor and Employment*  
*Speakers* **Ms. Lotte Kejser**  
*ILO Project Combating Forced Labour and Trafficking in Domestic Workers in South East Asia*  
**Ms. Maria Glenda R. Ramirez**  
*Legal Expert, Vietnam*  
**Ms. Cecille Flores-Oebanda**  
*Visayan Forum Philippines*  
**Ms. Barbro Budin**  
*International Union of Food Agriculture, Hotel Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco, and Allied Workers Association Geneva*  
*Schedule* 25 September / 3:15-5:15pm / Boracay Function Room

**Session 2.3 Gender Responsive Action for Migrants Caught in Crisis and Conflict Situations**

*Organizer* MFA/MRI  
*Moderator* **Ms. Ellene Sana**  
*Center for Migrant Advocacy Philippines*  
*Speakers* **Ms. Nang Hearn**  
*Shan Women's Action Network Burma*  
**Ms. Anat Kidron**  
*Kav La Oved Israel*  
**Ms. Tina Nacache**  
*Researcher Lebanon*  
*Schedule* 25 September / 3:15-5:15pm / Panay Function Room

**Session 2.4 Trafficking in Women and Children: Interrogating Demand and Affirming Gender Equality (Perspective of Four Countries)**

*Organizers* WAGI-MC, UNICEF  
*Moderator* **Prof. Aurora de Dios**  
*WAGI-MC Philippines*  
*Speakers* **Dr. Dorchon Leidholdt**  
*Center for Battered Women's Legal Services, Sanctuary for Families New York City USA*  
**Ms. Ruchira Gupta**  
*Apne Aap India*  
**Ms. Jean Enriquez**  
*Coalition Against Trafficking in Women-Asia Pacific*  
**Ms. Grethe Kvist**  
*Women's Front of Norway*  
*Schedule* 25 September / 3:15-5:15pm / Leyte Function Room



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**Session 2.5 Upholding the Rights of Child Migrants**

*Organizer* UNICEF  
*Moderator* **Ms. Lucita Lazo**  
*Center for Asia Pacific Women in Politics Philippines*  
*Speakers* **Dr. Nirmala Reddy**  
*UNICEF Division of Policy and Practice*  
**Asec. Parisya Taradji**  
*Philippine Department of Social Welfare and Development*  
**Ms. Edelweiss Silan**  
*Save the Children Regional Office Thailand*  
**Ms. Amihan Abueva**  
*AsiaActs Thailand*  
**Ms. Cristian Munduate**  
*UNICEF Ecuador*  
*Schedule* 25 September / 3:15-5:15pm / Samar Function Room

**Session 2.6 Violence Against Women Migrant Workers**

*Organizer* UNIFEM, LGF  
*Moderator* **Ms. Leslie Wright**  
*US Committee for UNIFEM, LGF*  
*Speakers* **Ms. Sharu Joshi Shrestha**  
*UNIFEM Nepal*  
**Ms. Roostiawati**  
*Ministry of Manpower and Transmigration Indonesia*  
**Ms. Farida Deif**  
*Human Rights Watch Middle East*  
*Schedule* 25 September / 3:15-5:15pm / Sulu Function Room

**WELCOME DINNER**  
Malacañan Palace  
Message

**Hon. Eduardo R. Ermita**  
*Executive Secretary, Republic of the Philippines*

**DAY 2**

**26 September 2008**

**PARALLEL SESSIONS 3 Seizing Opportunities for Enhanced Gender Equality and Benefits of Migration for Women and their Families**

**Session 3.1 Role of the Private Sector and Corporate Social Responsibility in Upholding Rights and Opportunities for Women Migrant Workers**

*Organizer* LGF  
*Moderator* **Ms. Leslie Wright**  
*US Committee for UNIFEM, LGF*  
*Speakers* **Ms. Mae Rivera-Moreno**  
*Microsoft Philippines*  
**Mr. David Batstone**  
*University of San Francisco USA*  
**Dr. Angel Saltos**  
*Ricky Martin Foundation Puerto Rico*  
**Ms. Paula Ivey**  
*The CSR Group USA*  
*Schedule* 26 September / 9:00-11:00 am / Boracay Function Room



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**Session 3.2 Role of Governments in Shaping Gender-Responsive Policies on Migration**

**Organizers** NCRFW, LGF  
**Moderator** **Dr. Amaryllis T. Torres**  
*NCRFW Commissioner Representing the Academe*  
**Speakers** **Ms. Dovelyn Agunias**  
*Migration Policy Institute Washington DC*  
**Mr. Biao Xiang**  
*Oxford University UK*  
**Sec. Indrani Sugathadasa**  
*Ministry of Plantation Industries Sri Lanka*  
**Sen. Jamby Madrigal**  
*Philippine Senate Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations*  
**Schedule** 26 September/9:00-11:00 am/Davao Function Room

**Session 3.3 The Role of Associations, Unions and Networks in Upholding Rights and Opportunities for Women Migrant Workers**

**Organizers** MFA, UNIFEM  
**Moderator** **Mr. Masud H. Siddique**  
*UNIFEM ESEARO*  
**Speakers** **Ms. Bijaya Rai Shresta**  
*Organization of Returnee Migrant Workers Nepal*  
**Ms. Riana Puspasari**  
*UNIFEM Indonesia*  
**Ms. Annie Geron**  
*Public Services International- Philippines*  
**Ms. Sumiati**  
*Coalition of Migrant Rights (CMR) Hong Kong*  
**Schedule** 26 September/9:00-11:00 am/Panay Function Room

**Session 3.4 Migration of Highly Skilled Women: Norms, Standards and Rights**

**Organizer** WAGI-MC, IOM  
**Moderator** **Sen. Pia Cayetano**  
*Senate of the Philippines Committee on Health and President of Inter-Parliamentary Union Women Parliamentarians*  
**Speakers** **Prof. Aurora J. de Dios**  
*WAGI-MC Philippines*  
**Dr. Jaime Galvez-Tan**  
*UP College of Public Health*  
**Ms. Asuncion Balisado**  
*Philippine Nurses Association*  
**Ms. Aiko Kikkawa**  
*IOM Mission with Regional Functions-Manila*  
**Schedule** 26 September/9:00-11:00 am/Samar Function Room

**Session 3.5 Social and Economic Reintegration of Women Migrants Through Entrepreneurship and Financial Literacy**

**Organizers** LGF,OWWA  
**Moderator** **Ms. Doris Magsaysay-Ho**  
*LGF, Magsaysay Maritime Corporation Philippines*  
**Speakers** **Ms. Michaela Walsh**  
*WWB USA, LGF*  
**Ms. Maria Angela Villalba**  
*Unlad Kabayan Migrant Services Philippines*  
**Mr. Anders Lisborg**  
*ILO-IPEC Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific*  
**Ms. Zouera Youssoufou**  
*International Finance Corporation Gender Entrepreneurship Market USA*  
**Mr. Albert Valenciano**  
*Philippine Overseas Workers Welfare Organization*  
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- 11:00 am **EXHIBIT HOP**
- 12:00 nn **LUNCH BREAK**  
*Mindanao Ballroom*
- 1:30 pm **PLENARY**  
**Luzon Ballroom**  
*Parallel Sessions 1 Rapporteur* **Dr. Jean D' Cunha**  
*United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) ESEARO*  
*Parallel Sessions 2 Rapporteur* **Mr. William Gois**  
*Migrant Forum in Asia/Migrant Rights International*  
*Parallel Sessions 3 Rapporteur* **Ms. Leslie Wright**  
*US Committee for UNIFEM, LGF*  
*Presentation of Draft* **Ms. Emmeline L. Verzosa**  
*Manila Call to Action* *NCRFW Philippines*  
*Discussion of Call to Action* **Ms. Linda Wirth (Moderator)**  
*ILO Sub-Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific*
- 4:00 pm **CLOSING CEREMONY**  
**Luzon Ballroom**  
*Presentation of* **Chairperson Myrna T. Yao**  
*Manila Call to Action* *NCRFW Philippines*  
*to the GFMD*  
*Response* **Usec. Esteban Conejos**  
*Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs*  
**Ms. Nileema Noble**  
*United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office*  
**Ms. Sumiyati**  
*Coalition for Migrant Rights Hong Kong,*  
**Ms. Sylvia Lichauco de Leon**  
*Lola Grande Foundation for Women and Children, Inc.*  
*Master of Ceremonies*
- 6:00 pm **Farewell Dinner**  
**Mindanao Ballroom**  
**Message** *Philippine Department of Tourism*

**ANNEX B**



**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
GENDER, MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT:  
SEIZING OPPORTUNITIES, UPHOLDING RIGHTS  
Manila, Philippines/September 25-26, 2008**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name:			
	Title	First Name & M.I.	Last Name
Preferred Name on the ID Badge:			
Date of Birth:		Sex:	Male / Female
Dietary Restrictions or Medical Conditions:			
Permanent Country and City of Residence:			
		Country	City

**BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Organization:			
Department:			
Position:			
Country:		Sector:	
Office Address:			
Office Landline:		Office Fax:	
Email Address:			

**PASSPORT INFORMATION**

Nationality:		Type of Passport:	
Passport No:			
Place of Issue:		Date of Expiry:	



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**SESSION DETAILS**

Please indicate your preference for the parallel sessions below. Kindly indicate both your 1st and 2nd choices.

First	Second	<b>PARALLEL SESSION 1: Gender Dimension of the Social Costs and Benefits of Migration</b>
		1. Gender issues and the contribution of migrant workers to national development in sending and receiving countries
		2. Gender impact of migration on children and families of migrant workers
		3. Gender issues and lessons learned in addressing trafficking in persons
		4. Improving Health Services and Social Protection for Women Migrant Workers
		5. Migration, Identities and Empowerment
		6. Feminism and Migration : Issues, Challenges, and Paradoxes

First	Second	<b>PARALLEL SESSION 2: Upholding Rights of Women Migrant Workers</b>
		1. Gender Issues in Formal and Informal Recruitment Processes and Working Conditions
		2. Legal status and welfare services for domestic and household workers
		3. Gender Responsive Action for Migrants Caught in Crisis and Conflict Situations
		4. Gender Issues in Trafficking and Migration Nexus: Perspectives from Four Countries
		5. Upholding the Rights of Children Migrant Workers
		6. Violence against women migrant workers

First	Second	<b>PARALLEL SESSION 3: Seizing Opportunities for Enhanced Gender Equality &amp; Benefits</b>
		1. Role of the private sector and corporate social responsibility in upholding rights and opportunities for women migrant workers
		2. Role of Parliaments in Shaping Gender-Responsive Policies on Migration
		3. The Role of Associations, Unions and Networks
		4. Migration of Highly Skilled Women: Norms, Standards and Rights
		5. Social and Economic Re-integration of Women Migrants Through Entrepreneurship and Financial Literacy



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**FLIGHT DETAILS**

Information to Follow

Date of Arrival in Manila		Date of Departure from Manila	
Time of Arrival		Time of Departure	
Airlines		Airlines	
Flight Number		Flight Number	
Airport		Airport	

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

Not Applicable

Please indicate your preference for hotel accommodations, participants will be responsible for their hotel booking and payment.

**Sofitel Philippine Plaza Hotel** (room.reservations@sofitelmanila.com or call (+632) 551 5555

- Single Occupancy      \$151.00 per room
- Double Occupancy      \$168.00 per room
- Triple Occupancy      \$190.00 per room

**Heritage Hotel** (guest@heritagehotelmanila.com or call (+632) 854 8888

- Single Occupancy      \$ 100.00 per room
- Double Occupancy      \$ 100.00 per room

**City Garden Hotel** (sales@citygardensuites.com or call (+632) 526 0958

- Single Occupancy      \$ 62.00 per room
- Double Occupancy      \$ 62.00 per room

Other hotel (please indicate) \_\_\_\_\_

For Double & Triple Occupancy, please indicate if you have any colleagues you will be sharing your room with:

Roommate # 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate # 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Kindly email this application form to the ICGMD secretariat at [icgmd2008@yahoo.com](mailto:icgmd2008@yahoo.com) or send it by facsimile to: +632 736 4449. Deadline of application is on **August 15, 2008.**

**THANK YOU!**

## ANNEX C

### HOTEL ACCOMODATION COST FOR ICGMD

All rates reflected covers per day Hotel Accommodation with buffet breakfast and arranged shuttle from hotel to Conference venue for 2 days. Rates applicable for the International Conference on Gender, Migration and Development attendees only. Participants will book themselves directly through the contact provided

Hotel & Type of Accommodation	Room/Day Rate (\$)	Room/Day Rate (PhP)	Contact Details
<b>*SOFITEL</b>			CCP Complex Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City , 1300 MANILA, PHILIPPINES
<i>Single Occupancy</i>	\$151.00	P 6,630.00	Phone: (+632) 5515555 or (+632) 5515610 E-Mail: room.reservations@sofitelmanila.com smconvention@sofitelmanila.com
<i>Twin Sharing</i>	\$168.00	P 7,350.00	
<i>Triple Sharing</i>	\$190.00	P 8,350.72	
<b>HERITAGE HOTEL</b>			Roxas Boulevard cor. EDSA Pasay City, 1300 Philippines
<i>Single</i>	\$100.00	P 4,500.00	Phone: (+632) 854 8888 Facsimile: (+632) 854 8833 Domestic Toll Free Reservations Number: 1 800 1 888 8088 E-Mail: guest@heritagehotelmanila.com
<i>Twin Sharing</i>	\$ 107.00	P 4,800.00	
<b>CITY GARDEN SUITES</b>			1158 A. Mabini St., Manila Philippines
<i>Single/Twin Sharing</i>	\$ 62.00	P 2,790.00	Phone: (+632) 526 0958 Facsimile: (+632) 526 0958 E-Mail: sales@citygardensuites.com

## ANNEX D

### List of Countries Without Visa Requirement (21 days stay)

1	Andorra	50	Ghana	99	Panama
2	Angola	51	Gibraltar	100	Papua New Guinea
3	Antigua and Barbuda	52	Greece	101	Paraguay
4	Argentina	53	Grenada	102	Peru
5	Australia	54	Guatemala	103	Poland
6	Austria	55	Guinea	104	Portugal
7	Bahamas	56	Guinea Bissau	105	Qatar
8	Bahrain	57	Guyana	106	Republic of Korea
9	Barbados	58	Haiti	107	Romania
10	Belgium	59	Honduras	108	Russian Federation
11	Benin	60	Hungary	109	Rwanda
12	Bhutan	61	Iceland	110	Saint Kitts and Nevis
13	Bolivia	62	Ireland	111	Saint Lucia
14	Botswana	63	Israel*	112	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
15	Brazil*	64	Italy	113	Samoa
16	Brunei Darussalam	65	Jamaica	114	San Marino
17	Bulgaria	66	Japan	115	Sao Tome and Principe
18	Burkina Faso	67	Kenya	116	Saudi Arabia
19	Burundi	68	Kiribati	117	Senegal
20	Cambodia	69	Kuwait	118	Seychelles
21	Cameroon	70	Lao People's Democratic Republic	119	Singapore
22	Canada	71	Lesotho	120	Slovakia
23	Cape Verde	72	Liechtenstein	121	Solomon Islands
24	Central African Republic	73	Luxembourg	122	Somalia
25	Chad	74	Madagascar	123	South Africa
26	Chile	75	Malawi	124	Spain
27	Colombia	76	Malaysia	125	Suriname
28	Comoros	77	Maldives	126	Swaziland
29	Congo	78	Mali	127	Sweden
30	Costa Rica	79	Malta	128	Switzerland
31	Cote d'Ivoire	80	Marshall Islands	129	Thailand
32	Cyprus	81	Mauritania	130	Togo
33	Czech Republic	82	Mauritius	131	Trinidad and Tobago
34	Democratic Republic of the Congo	83	Mexico	132	Tunisia
35	Denmark	84	Micronesia	133	Turkey
36	Djibouti	85	Monaco	134	Tuvalu
37	Dominica	86	Mongolia	135	Uganda
38	Dominican Republic	87	Morocco	136	United Arab Emirates
39	Ecuador	88	Mozambique	137	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
40	El Salvador	89	Myanmar	138	United Republic of Tanzania
41	Equatorial Guinea	90	Namibia	139	United States of America
42	Eritrea	91	Nepal	140	Uruguay
43	Ethiopia	92	Netherlands	141	Venezuela
44	Fiji	93	New Zealand	142	Vietnam
45	Finland	94	Nicaragua	143	Zambia
46	France	95	Niger	144	Zimbabwe
47	Gabon	96	Norway		
48	Gambia	97	Oman		
49	Germany	98	Palau		

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