



**International Conference on Gender, Migration and Development:
Seizing Opportunities, Upholding Rights
September 25-26, 2008
Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila
CCP Complex Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City, 1300 Metro Manila, PHILIPPINES**

SESSION

SPEAKER

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



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Regional Discussions

Luzon Ballroom

Moderator

Advocate Sultana Kamal

Ain-O-Salish Kendra Bangladesh

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

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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

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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)
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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*