

# Migration: the human rights perspective

Seminar for members of parliamentary committees working on human rights  
and other committees addressing migration issues

organized jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), the International Labour Organization (ILO) and  
the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

GENEVA, IPU HEADQUARTERS, 24 - 26 OCTOBER 2007



## PROGRAMME

### Wednesday, 24 October

- 8 a.m. - 9.30 a.m. Registration of participants and distribution of documents
- 9.30 a.m. - 10.15 a.m. ▶ **Inaugural session:**
- Welcome address and opening statements by a representative of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the International Labour Organization and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
  - Election of the President and Rapporteur of the seminar
- 10.15 a.m. - 11 a.m. ▶ **Keynote presentation: Globalization, migration and human rights**
- *Mr. Prasad Kariyawasam, Chairperson of the United Nations Committee on Migrant Workers*
- 11 a.m. - 11.15 a.m. Coffee break
- 11.15 a.m. - 1 p.m. ▶ **International legal and policy framework for the governance of migration**
- The international legal framework
- > Human rights law and labour conventions
  - *Mr. Lee Sweptson, former Senior Adviser on Human Rights, ILO*
- 2.30 p.m. - 4 p.m. International policy frameworks
- *Mr. Ibrahim Awad, Director, International Migration Programme, ILO*
  - *Mr. Rolf K. Jenny, Special Adviser, Global Forum on Migration and Development*
- 4 p.m. - 4.15 p.m. Coffee break
- 4.15 p.m. - 6 p.m. ▶ **Migration, development and human rights**
- What are the links?
- *Mr. El Jamri, Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families*
  - *Ms. Anna Biondi, Director of the Geneva Office of the International Trade Union Confederation and Secretary of the ILO Workers Group*
- 6 p.m. - Reception (IPU Headquarters)

### Thursday, 25 October

- 9.30 a.m. - 11.15 a.m. Factors of migration
- > Employment, decent work and development in countries of origin
  - *Mr. Jinggoy Estrada, President (Pro-Tempore) of the Senate of the Philippines*
  - *Mr. Ali Bensâad, Professor of national and regional development, University of Provence, Research and Training Department*
- 11.15 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. Coffee break



- 11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. > Changing economies, labour needs and demographics  
- *Mr. Patrick Taran, Senior Migration Specialist, ILO*
- 2.30 p.m. - 4 p.m. ▶ **Regulating migration in a human rights-compatible way**  
Regular migration  
> Transparent, accessible and equitable admission systems  
- *Mr. Ryszard Cholewinski, Labour Migration Specialist, Migration Policy, Research and Communications (IOM)*
- 4 p.m. - 4.15 p.m. Coffee break
- 4.15 p.m. - 6 p.m. Irregular migration  
> Control options and regularization  
- *Ms. Maria Reyes Castillo Fernández, Responsable, European Programme ACCEM. Spain*
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## Friday, 26 October

- 9.30 a.m. - 11 a.m. ▶ **Promoting a diverse but cohesive society**  
The participation of migrants in the host society  
> Addressing discrimination  
- *Ms. Alima Boumediene-Thiery, Senator, France*  
- *Mr. Morten Kjaerum, Executive Director, Danish Institute for Human Rights*
- 11 a.m. - 11.15 a.m. Coffee break
- 11.15 a.m. - 1 p.m. > Case studies  
- *Ireland: Mr. Niall Crowley, Chief Executive, Equality Authority of Ireland*  
- *South Korea: Mr. Suk-Tae Lee, Ambassador for human rights of the Republic of Korea*  
- *Kenya: Ms. Njoki S. Ndungu, Member of the National Assembly*
- 2.30 p.m. - 4.45 p.m. ▶ **Particular risks confronting migrants**  
Trafficking and slavery-like labour practices:  
- *Ms. Anne Pawletta, Programme Officer, Special Action Programme to Combat Forced Labour, ILO*  
Migrants and national security:  
- *Ms. Irene Fernández, Director, Tenaganita, Malaysia*  
The criminalization of migration:  
- *Ms. Marie-Claire Caloz-Tschopp, Titular Professor, Political Theory, Member of the Open University Scientific Committee on Migration, Human Rights and Development; Co-Chair of Solidarité sans frontières, Berne*
- 4.45 p.m. - 5 p.m. Coffee break
- 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. ▶ **Summing-up by the Rapporteur and concluding comments by the President**
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