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**Gender & Migration**  
Virtual Community

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**Dear Members of the G & M Virtual Community,**

Welcome to the third edition of our Gender and Migration Newsletter! We want to thank you for your replies to our users' survey sent last month. We are working towards incorporating your suggestions and ideas to our community's web page and activities. This newsletter will provide you a snapshot of some of the survey's results and will allow you to become more familiar with the community's profile and members' background.

Moreover, the newsletter will provide you with news from the gender and migration field, with a particular focus on our **next virtual discussion** about **gender, migration and remittances** – a research project carried out by UN-INSTRAW in collaboration with UNDP in five countries –. The virtual discussion will be conducted in late May 2010 and will run for two weeks. The final sections of this newsletter will give you an outline of recent publications in the field and upcoming events around the globe.

As most users indicated in the survey, publishing papers, sharing information and networking are some of the main goals of the community. That's why we continuously invite you to send your articles (published or not), opinion pieces, and links related to institutions and G & M conferences & events. Please, visit our website to [submit a link](#), [add an event](#) or [publish a paper/article](#). If you prefer to do so via e-mail, write to [gmvirtualcommunity@un-instraw.org](mailto:gmvirtualcommunity@un-instraw.org) and we will upload the information for you.

Please, help this community grow by inviting a friend or colleague to [become a member](#)! Feel free to forward this newsletter to your contacts.

Thank you for all your support and contributions!

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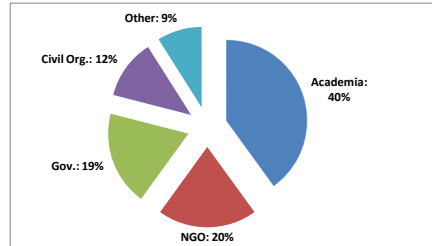
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**Community News – Results from our recent members’ survey**

**Profile of our Virtual Community - Total of Members: 880**

- Members’ professional background:

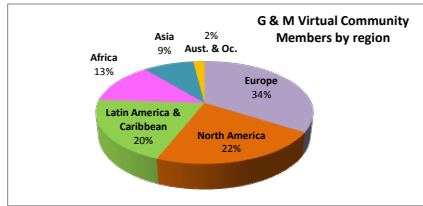


- Member’s profile by country of origin - Countries participating in our community: 98

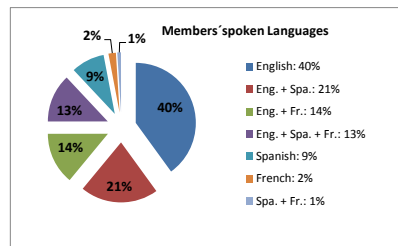
**Countries with ten or more members in our community:**

Country	# Members	Country	# Members
USA	122	Netherlands	22
Canada	42	Germany	21
UK	40	Argentina	16
Mexico	31	France	16
Colombia	31	India	15
Spain	28	Philippines	15
Italy	24	Switzerland	15

- Members' profile according to their geographical location:



- Members' profile according to their spoken languages:



- **Most users of the Virtual Community indicated that:**

- **Their main interest regarding the UN-INSTRAW's G & M Virtual Community is related to:**
  - ✓ Having access to articles / research reports.
  - ✓ Links to resources.
  - ✓ Networking.
- **Their preferred ways to learn more about G & M issues is through:**
  - ✓ Websites.
  - ✓ Newsletters.
  - ✓ Online discussions.
- **Their ideal way to be more engaged with UN-INSTRAW's G & N virtual community is by:**
  - ✓ Writing & publishing papers/reports/notes
  - ✓ Promoting G&M events in local communities with our support
  - ✓ Suggesting discussion themes and links.

- **Members´ feedbacks on UN-INSTRAW´s G & M Virtual Discussions**

- ✓ “Very useful, provides insight into practice & issues in different countries, continents & within various cultures”
- ✓ “Good sharing of documentation, informative & well organized”
- ✓ “The virtual discussions are very enlightening and promote a spirit of sharing & networking”
- ✓ “It was very interesting and I got to know the work of many people”
- ✓ “Discussion lively & interesting, extremely useful in terms of networking with other people who work on similar topics”
- ✓ “The discussion has been very interesting for me. Although I have problems with my English, I have participated in Spanish without any problems”
- ✓ “Very active & interesting. Good questions and challenging arguments”

#### Other news:

- [Vulnerabilities Faced by Migrant Women in Lebanon.](#)
- [New Project: Young Migrant Women in Secondary Education.](#)
- [Refugee women and children are more vulnerable to sexual violence.](#)
- [New Resource on Internally Displaced Women.](#)
- [OSCE-supported Helsinki seminar seeks to address gender gap in labour migration policies.](#)
- [Mexican TV Show "Enlace Migrante".](#)

#### Focus: UN-INSTRAW VIRTUAL DISCUSSION - May 2010 – Gender, Migration & Remittances

- Our next virtual discussion will be on **Gender, Migration and Remittances** – in late May 2010 (dates will be advertised soon on our web page and by e-mail). The discussion will be based on the UN-INSTRAW and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) research project: **“Migration, Remittances and Gender-Responsive Local Development. Case Studies: Albania, the Dominican Republic, Lesotho, the Philippines and Senegal”**. The five case studies have analyzed the participation of women in the migration processes. The objective of the joint investigation is to connect the issues of development, gender equity and migration and make recommendations to key actors, including policy makers.

The executive summaries, as well as the full research reports and fact sheets are already available on UN-INSTRAW´s web page (please, see the [Media Kit](#)). In the coming weeks, a friendly reminder of this virtual discussion will be sent to all community members along with a brief version of the six countries´ findings, for an easy and quick reading. If you are interested in gender, migration and remittances please make sure to participate and contribute to this global dialogue with questions, opinions and experiences. We´ll send you more details about the discussion very soon.

#### Featured Publications: Gender & Migration *(add publications´ cover page)*

- [Integrating Migrants: “European Research Fosters Social Inclusion”.](#)
- [Femipol research Report “Labour & Social Integration of Immigrant Women”.](#)
- [Paper on “Mexican women migrating to the USA: The case of Jalpan de Serra, Mexico”.](#)
- [Research Report: “The Exploitation of Undocumented Migrant Women in the Workplace”.](#)
- [Paper on “Forced Displacement and Women’s Security in Colombia”.](#)
- [ILO study: Adopting a “rights-based approach” to meet the needs of the world’s 105 million migrant workers.](#)

## Events / Call for papers & proposals:

May 21 Conference: "Children, Families And The Migration Experience".

<http://www.un-instraw.org/grvc/events/view/11/date/2010-05-21/106.html?lang=en>

May 26-28 Conference: "Migration and The Right To Health".

<http://www.un-instraw.org/grvc/events/view/4/date/2010-05-26/106.html?lang=en>

May 27-29 Conference: "UN Alliance of Civilizations Forum: Rio 2010".

<http://www.un-instraw.org/grvc/events/view/7/date/2010-05-27/106.html?lang=en>

June 4-5 Conference: "WIDE ´s International Annual Conference 2010: "Migration In The Context Of Globalization: Women ´s Human Rights At Risk".

<http://www.un-instraw.org/grvc/events/view/14/date/2010-06-04/106.html?lang=en>

June 10-12 Conference: "10th International Conference 'Migration and Family".

<http://www.un-instraw.org/grvc/events/view/12/date/2010-06-10/106.html?lang=en>

June 18 Conference "Fostering dialogue among stakeholders in European research: Conference on The Gender & Migration Policy".

<http://www.un-instraw.org/grvc/events/view/15/date/2010-06-18/106.html?lang=en>

June 29-30 Conference: "Living Together - Civic, Political And Cultural Engagement Among Migrants, Minorities And National Populations: Multidisciplinary Perspectives".

<http://www.un-instraw.org/grvc/events/view/13/date/2010-06-29/106.html?lang=en>

June 30 – July 2 Conference: "Beyond Citizenship: Feminism & The Transformation Of Belonging".

<http://www.un-instraw.org/grvc/submit-new-event/view/16/date/2010-06-30/107.html?lang=en>

July 1-2 Conference: "Migration, Gender And Human Security In An Era Of Global Structural Change And Crisis".

<http://www.un-instraw.org/grvc/events/view/5/date/2010-07-01/106.html?lang=en>

Sept 21-24<sup>th</sup> Congress: "II Congreso Latinoamericano De Trata Y Tráfico De Personas: Migración, Género Y Derechos Humanos".

<http://www.un-instraw.org/grvc/events/view/6/date/2010-09-21/106.html?lang=en>

Nov 8-11<sup>th</sup> Forum: "Global Forum On Migration And Development (GFMD)".

<http://www.un-instraw.org/grvc/events/view/9/date/2010-11-08/106.html?lang=en>

## Request

- **Do you want to add your Institution to our [Links section](#)?**  
(You need to **log in first**, then follow the green menu on the right side of your browser and click on "Submit a Link").
- **Are you aware of a Gender and Migration conference? Add it to our [events section](#)!**  
(You need to **log in first**, then follow the green menu on the right side of your browser and click on "Submit a New Event")

- **Do you want to publish a paper/research report or want to share a ppt.?** please, send it to us ([gmvirtualcommunity@un-instraw.org](mailto:gmvirtualcommunity@un-instraw.org)) or submit it to the [library](#), it´s easy!  
(You need **to log in first**, then follow the green menu on the right side of your browser and click on “Submit to the Library”. Your document will be announced on the main page of the community under “latest downloads”, so everyone can see it)

### User Interest SURVEY

- **We want to know more about you and your work & research interests!**  
If you haven´t done it yet, please **fill our survey** by [clicking here](#), it´s brief and it will only take you 5 minutes!  
(You need to log in first, then follow the green menu on the right side of your browser and click on “Users Interest Survey”)

For questions, suggestions and requests regarding the G & M Virtual Community, please contact Romina Iebra Aizpurúa ([gmvirtualcommunity@un-instraw.org](mailto:gmvirtualcommunity@un-instraw.org)).

The [Gender and Migration Virtual Community](#) is a space for those who share an interest in gender and migration to debate and reflect on issues in the field, share information and learn from each other. To find out more please visit [About the Community](#). To learn more about the members who make up the community please visit [Who we are](#). If you're interested in joining us please visit the [Sign Me Up](#) page.

[UN-INSTRAW](#) is the leading United Nations Institute devoted to research, training and knowledge management in partnership with governments, the United Nations System, civil society and academia to achieve gender equality and women's empowerment. Since 2004, UN-INSTRAW has been working on the issue of Gender, Migration, Remittances and Development. For more information about the Migration Programme please [click here](#).