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Dear Members of the G & M Virtual Community,

Last month has been a very productive time for our Virtual Community! Thank you all for participating in the III Virtual Discussion on Gender, Migration & Development. We are very pleased with our members' engagement, ideas & recommendations. A report with the discussion summary will be sent in the coming month.

As you know, the Forum is an open space for you to share ideas or start your own discussion. You can always post a comment requesting more information about a particular topic on Gender & Migration, seek for research collaborations or find out how programmes and services are being applied elsewhere. Feel free to use the Virtual Community to strengthen your practice!

Our Community has grown since the beginning of the year, we now have more than 1000 members in 106 countries around the world. Thank you all once again for your support! I hope you find this month's newsletter interesting and useful.

Warm regards,

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Other news:

[New Video: Nepal - Women Migrant Workers](#)



A story about the struggles of Nepalese women migrant workers, from the United Nations. The lesson here is that public policy has an important role to play in mitigating the risks faced by migrant workers in the developing world.

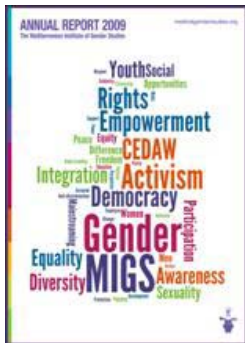
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[Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies Annual Report 2009](#)



MIGS is happy to make available its Annual Report highlighting the main activities of the Institute in 2009. The MIGS Annual Report contains information on MIGS projects and activities in the areas of:

- Violence against Women
- Trafficking in Women
- Women and Migration
- Gender and Media (among others).

You will also find information on MIGS lobbying and advocacy activities on a number of key issues in relation to gender equality and women's rights.

[New Video: MIGRANTAS - A Visual Language of Migration](#)



The Migrantas team, originated in 2002 in Berlin, focuses on migration, identity and cultural dialogue. Their projects incorporate tools from the Social Sciences, Arts and Design to give voice to migrants' own experiences and realities.

This **Video - Pictograma de la Migración** (in Spanish), developed by Periodismo Humano, brings you an outlook of the organization's goals, the pictograms' creative process & their first public exposition in Spain.

[Senegal-Mauritania: Transit countries to Europe with high levels of migrant women](#)



Most migrant women die during the seacrossing from Mauritania to Europe. According to a report published by the International Trade Union Confederation (Report #16 Union View), Mauritania and Senegal, host countries for migrants from the whole west Africa region, are very vulnerable to migration flows. Women represent aprox. 60 percent of the total migrants in the Senegal-Mauritania migration corridor: “Migration into Mauritania is primarily female. These women work long days and have to abandon their children, who suffer high levels of abuse. They have no protection if they become pregnant. They are the target of endless harassment by the administrative authorities and the police” (Mamadou Niang, CGTM).

[Co-development projects with migrant women](#)



Co-development projects with migrant women: Circular migration is often presented as a triple-win approach providing benefits to receiving countries through meeting labour market shortages, for sending countries through guaranteeing remittances for development, and for migrants themselves through offering employment. But what does this approach really mean? Journalists working with [December 18](#) took a closer look at one particular initiative in Cartaya in Southern Spain. The key characteristic of the program, as these pictures shows, is that there´s a preference for hiring female workers.

[Documentary Film, Social Media & Community Engagement](#)



Weekend Symposium

25 -27 June Irish Film Institute, Dublin, Ireland. FOMACS Forum on Migration & Communications & the Centre for Transcultural Research & Media Practice invite you to participate in a lively discussion about the dynamic potential of documentary film and social media in building social justice campaigns.

Drawing on screenings, film excerpts and case studies from a range of creative and cultural contexts, these questions will be explored by an outstanding panel of international filmmakers, producers and communications specialists situated in the USA, South Africa and Britain.

[IV World Social Forum on Migration](#)



Quito, Ecuador - 8-12 October 2010

The IV World Social Forum is not only an event but also a place where peoples on the move and social organisations fighting for universal citizenship, the right to freedom of movement, the right to settle, who are against migratory discrimination, and not being considered illegal, can converge together. Our school of thought coincides completely with the peasant fight promoted by CLOC/Vía Campesina who will be holding their V World Congress from the 8th to the 16th of October. The co-existence of global problems and struggle for land, territory, water, food sovereignty, unites us and calls upon us to globalize the fight against neo-liberalism and for the protection and recognition of full rights for all wherever they are in the world.

Events / Call for papers & proposals:

[29 – 30 June Event: 'Miradas Cruzadas Sobre Las Migraciones Femeninas y la Protección Social - Regards Croisés Sur Les Migrations Féminines et la Protection Sociale'](#)

[1-2 July Event: 'Crossings: The Nexus Of Migration And Culture'](#)

[1-2 July Event: 'International Conference: Migration, Gender And Human Security In An Era Of Global Structural Change And Crisis'](#)

[11 – 17 July Event: 'XVII World Congress Of Sociology'](#)

[13 – 16 July Event: 'Qué Estado Para Qué Igualdad?' What Kind of Estate? What Kind of Equality?](#)

[Eleventh Session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean - UN ECLAC](#)

[30 July – 2 August Event: Beyond Citizenship: Feminism & the transformation of belonging](#)

[13 Sept Event: 'Extending Social Protection To Migrant Workers And Their Families'](#)

[20 Sept-1 Oct Event: 'Migration: Challenges And Opportunities For Europe'](#)

[21-24 Sept: Event: 'II Congreso Latinoamericano De Trata Y Tráfico De Personas: Migración, Género Y Derechos Humanos'](#)

[3-4 Oct Event: '2010 Cities Of Migration Conference'](#)

[4-8 Oct Event: '15th International Metropolis Conference'](#)

[8-12 Oct Event: 'IV World Social Forum On Migration'](#)

[8-11 Nov Event: 'Global Forum On Migration And Development \(GFMD\)'](#)

[16-19 Nov Event: "African Migrations Workshop: The Contribution of African Research to Migration Theory"](#)

[25 Nov Event: 'How Safe Is Safe? Evaluating Migration Channels For Women Migrants'](#)

Opinion:

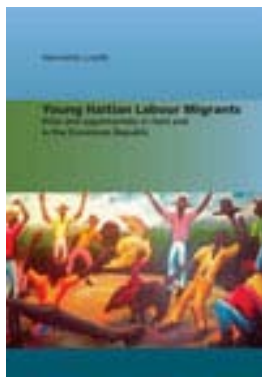
[Asociaciones migrantes andinos en Italia - Defensa de la identidad cultural y lucha a la xenofobia](#) – by Isabella Corvino

[La féminisation ouest africaine de la migration en France: une stratégie de diversification des transferts d'argent](#) – By Patrick Kouassi

[Quand les autorités Africaines Abandonnent leurs Compatriotes au Désert et à la Mer \(Premiere Partie\)](#) - By Patrick Kouassi

Featured Publications

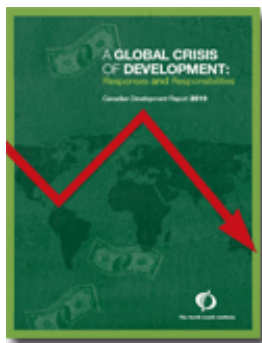
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[Jamaican Female Migrants in Canada](#)



The [North-South Institute](#) in Canada has recently published the "The Canadian Development Report 2010: A Global Crisis of Development - Responses and Responsibilities". The report seeks to provide a broad panorama on how the current crisis is affecting developing & industrial countries, as well as examples of their policy responses to it.

Header Gibb, a senior researcher at the Institute and a member of the Gender & Migration Virtual Community, is the co-author (along with Leith Dunn) of **Chapter 4 - "Gender, Migration and Crisis: Jamaican Female Migrants in Canada"**.

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- **Do you want to publish a paper/research report or want to share a ppt.?** please, send it to us (gmvirtualcommunity@un-instraw.org) or submit it to the [library](#), it's easy!
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For questions, suggestions and requests regarding the G & M Virtual Community, please contact Romina Iebra Aizpurúa (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.

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