



## Newsletter

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# Gender & Migration Virtual Community Newsletter

Dear Members of the G & M Virtual Community,

The Newsletter of November arrives with a diversity of interesting news on gender and migration. Relevant events such as the Global Forum on Migration and Development took place during the month of November; therefore many agencies and organizations are still reflecting and writing upon the subjects that were part of this global event.

Just to refresh your memory for those of you who have been a member for a while, or to provide some relevant information for those of you, who have recently joined, let me share with you that the Gender and Migration Virtual Community is the only virtual community that combines gender and migration themes in one sole platform. Therefore the virtual community favors good practices on gender and migration and supports the work of a large number of researchers and professionals who use the virtual community for diffusing knowledge and sharing information.

As the year 2010 is coming to an end, we are reflecting upon the current year and the importance of this virtual community. We feel satisfied that the platform has supported the work you are doing in the field of gender and migration and internally we are dialoguing in how the better integrate the virtual community with the work we are doing. We would like to invite you to be part of this interactive and engaging process!

Wishing you a great month ahead and thanking you for your on-going support!  
Kind Regards from the Dominican Republic,

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## NEWS

### UN-INSTRAW (now-UN Women): Platform Support for Domestic Workers reiterates their bad salary and labor conditions

Albacete is one of the many locations where meetings on the situation of caregivers and domestic workers, conducted by the United Nations Research and Training Institute UN-INSTRAW, are being held throughout Spain. The workshop under the name of "Global Care Chains" reunited more than 80 persons, between associations that group caregiver workers, administration representatives, protagonists and caregivers. The workshops initiated after a research performed by INSTRAW in 2009, in which political debate on the subject, with all involved organizations took place.

## **UNIFEM's later reflections on the Global Forum on Migration and Development**

UNIFEM's Global advisor on Gender and Migration Jean d' Cunha shares her reflections and thoughts on the recently held Global Forum on Migration and Development. Among the many relevant things that were discussed during the event, Jean d' Cunha shares about interesting discussions that focused on highlighting women's migrants' contribution to national economies and also on taking actions to stop women's trafficking for sexual exploitation and of violence against domestic workers.

## **Spain-Half a million migrant women subjected to the submerged economy of domestic work**

Centered on the situation of Andean women that are working in Spain, the report presented by the NGO Oxfam Intermon, denounces the conditions of a sector that is specially punished by the Spanish migratory policy: domestic workers. The study reveals that being a woman, a migrant and a domestic worker is synonym of a triple discrimination that is experienced by the majority of women who decide to come to Spain in search of employment.

## **Remittances to Africa Resilient Despite Global Financial Crisis**

2010 Remittance flows to Sub-Saharan Africa will reach US\$21.5 billion this year after a small decrease in 2009 due to the global financial crisis, according to Migration and Remittances Factbook 2011, a World Bank publication that tracks documented private transfers of funds and migratory patterns around the world.

## **Independent UN Experts urges Governments to focus on Victims of Trafficking**

The UN's Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons, especially women and children, Joy Ngozi Ezeilo, told gathering of anti-trafficking experts in Bratislava this week that countries at every stage of the trafficking process must find effective avenues of redress for victims. "All countries of origin, transit and destination, have the duty to provide for the right to an effective remedy for trafficked persons," she said. "This is a fundamental human right and should be guaranteed to all victims of human rights violations including trafficking." Experts, gathered from a variety of sectors, discussed how better help can be given to trafficked people, with the discussions intended to form the basis of Ms. Ezeilo's report to the UN Human Rights Council in June 2011 on the rights of trafficked persons.

## **ICMC hails new protection for migrant domestic workers**

A high-level UN body today approved formal jurisprudence that elaborates the rights and practical recommendations for the protection of migrant domestic workers worldwide. In a vote this afternoon, the UN Committee on Migrant Workers adopted the guidance in the form of a "General Comment" that interprets the 1990 International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families, one of the nine core international human rights treaties.

## EVENTS / CALL FOR PAPERS & PROPOSALS:

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- [7th-10th of December .Dialogue Exchange LAC-UE among political representatives that coordinate the programs and policies on Migration and Development of Latin American countries \(Migration Management and Social Cohesion\). Organized by the Spanish Cooperation AECID and to be held Antigua, Guatemala.](#)
- [18th of December: Press Conference organized by 18th of December pressing the EU to ratify the Un Migrant Worker's convention.](#)
- [8th of December: Conference on Filipinos Beyond Borders. Organized by the Commission on Filipinos Overseas and to be held in Manila.](#)

## FEATURED PUBLICATIONS

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### **New IOM publication: World Migration Report 2010**

The World Migration report 2010 states that Migration is a constant and dynamic phenomenon increasingly requiring diversified policy intervention in order to maximize its potential benefits and minimize related costs for both countries of origin and destination as well as migrants themselves. The report also emphasizes that better knowledge and enhanced capacities in different policy areas are essential to ensure the protection of migrants, the facilitation of legal migration, the integration of migrants into the country of destination, the support for sustainable voluntary return and the greater interlinking between migration and development.

### **New "Red Rural" publication: Aháta aju. Gender and Migration: an analysis on Paraguayan's women's migration to Spain**

Ahata aju, is a farwell expression in guaraní. It literally means "I will come back"; however it is an expression that doesn't exactly means that one will come back, but rather that the possibility of coming back remains open. In Paraguay, the social organization around women is centered on the social and economic form and on the high incidence of head of households who are lead by women. This doesn't imply that the situation is more beneficial to them, but rather that dominating structures exist that place these women in vulnerable situations. The study was carried out in order to know about the different factors that impulse and intervene in the decision of Paraguayan women in migrating to Spain.

### **New IOM Publication: Mainstreaming Migration into Development Planning-a Handbook for Policymakers and Practitioners**

This handbook initiated by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and further developed with the contributions of the Global Migration Group (GMG), is the result of a collaborative and fruitful cooperation between the 16 GMG agencies.

The Handbook is divided into three main sections. The first section gives a migration and development overview-delineating how migration and development are linked and demonstrating the potential benefits of mainstreaming migration into development planning. The second section outlines processes for mainstreaming migration into the development planning and describes the institutional structures and

polict frameworks that need to put in place in order to effectively integrate migration into the development planning cycle.

## REQUEST

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- 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)

**For questions, suggestions and requests regarding the G & M Virtual Community, please contact Gabriela Horbaty ([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.

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