Peoples' Global Action on Migration, Development and Human Rights
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For the first time since its creation, the AGP has officially joined the Global Forum on Migration and Development

• The *Peoples' Global Action on Migration, Development, and Human Rights (PGA)*, will formally inform the introductory work of the Presidency of the Global Forum, in preparation for the United Nations high level dialogue in 2013

• The event, convened by an international network that is made up of dozens of organizations, specialists, and migrant networks, will bring to México City more than a thousand delegates, and will be co-hosted by the Government of Mexico City, Federal District, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE)

• Ready are the thematic agenda, the Internet site, and a Preliminary Registry - The objective: to foster a pluralistic debate, critical and capable of promoting fairer migration policies and international mechanisms for the protection of migrant rights

This Tuesday June 29th, the organizations that make up the *Peoples' Global Action on Migration, Development, and Human Rights (PGA)* presented the agenda and structure of the event that will bring to México City more than a thousand worldwide delegates. When presenting the PGA Website, the five themes that the organizations and organizers of the PGA have convened, as:

1. Demystifying the relation between migration and development
2. Development, Migration and Human rights
3. Development, Migration, and the transformation of innovation systems
4. Climate change, migration, and development
5. Strengthening migrant movements and networks

The works of the forum in November will be supplemented with introductory events and concept papers that will be uploaded onto the PGA webpage http://www.accionglobalmexico.org. The webpage already contains basic information, and a pre-registration for organizations, experts and interested parties who would like to participate in the forum.

Fabienne Venet, Executive Director of the Institute of Dissemination of Studies on Migration, noted that the **PGA will officially inform the work of the Presidency of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD),** that this year is run by the Secretary of Multilateral Projects and Human Rights from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Mexico.

Additionally, the official space of the GFMD multilateral dialogue will hold a forum for dialogue between civil society and governments, and will consider mechanisms for the official observance of these discussions from diverse organizational viewpoints, in order to pool efforts and advance the of creation of agreements leading up to the high-level dialogue at the United Nations in 2013.

These agreements, noted Fabienne Venet, represent **a turning point in relation to previous forums, and encourage conditions for a more open, participatory and legitimate.**

Furthermore, Ruben Puentes, the executive director of the International Network on Migration and Development, stressed that the elaboration of two specific goals for the GFMD - a system of strategic indicators to understand the relationship between migration and development, and a document of guiding principles to guide public policies related to migration and development. **The goals of the PGA's work are: to foster a pluralistic debate, critical and capable of promoting fairer migration policies and international mechanisms for the protection of migrant rights.**

Organizers of the PGA, that will take place in Mexico City from November 2nd to the 5th, noted that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Government of Mexico City, Federal District were supporting it. The **conclusions and recommendations from the PGA will be presented at the Civil Society Days of the GFMD and to the governments participating in the Global Forum in Puerto Vallarta, being held on November 8-11, 2010.**

This event, the pluralistic dialogue and opening of the GFMD, **lays the groundwork for more effective negotiation in the next three years, to allow for concrete agreements and policies that promote more fair and equitable migration and development conditions.**

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