COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Launch of the JMDI Handbook “Migration for Development: a bottom-up approach”

The EC-UN Joint Migration and Development Initiative (JMDI) is proud to present its handbook- *Migration for Development: a bottom-up approach* - aimed at practitioners and policymakers engaged in the field of Migration and Development (M&D).

The handbook assesses M&D practices in order to know what works, under what conditions, in which transnational spaces, and why. It aims to understand the methodologies and strategies by which civil society actors implement M&D actions; the kind of opportunities they create for their beneficiaries; the kind of stakeholders they involve; and the ways in which transnational partnerships established in M&D function.

The handbook is informed by the JMDI’s first-hand experience: it is the result of an encompassing codification exercise to compare and draw lessons from over fifty M&D projects carried out by civil society actors in sixteen countries, together with their counterparts in the European Union.

The handbook has been designed as a “toolbox” for practitioners and policymakers alike. Each chapter illustrates alternative or complementary options that actors can choose from when setting up their own M&D projects. This is enriched by references to the concrete experiences of projects funded by the JMDI, and by quotations from grantees. Key recommendations are brought together at the end of the handbook.

A cd-rom of the JMDI e-learning course “Running your M&D Project Successfully” is included in the handbook. It offers a comprehensive course on project cycle management. The e-learning course is also available in English and French on the [JMDI Website](#).

The findings of the handbook were presented and discussed on the occasion of a JMDI-run side event during the Civil Society Days of the Global Forum on Migration and Development in Geneva - 29 November 2011 (see picture).

The Handbook is accessible online in both [English](#) and [French](#).
The JMDI Final National Events in Cape Verde, Moldova and the Philippines: “giving back what we learned, moving ahead”

The “national knowledge fair marks the end of the JMDI [projects] but given the valuable lessons learned, it only encourages us to further continue to strengthen the links between Migration and Development” (Ovais Sarmad, IOM Philippines)

Three National Events were organized - in the Philippines (26 August 2011), Cape Verde (30 September 2011), and Moldova (9 November 2011) - to symbolically close the projects funded by the JMDI and celebrate the achievements of local actors in advancing migration for development.

JMDI grantees were at the center of the events: they showcased what they achieved during project implementation, what challenges they faced and how they overcame them; and exchanged knowledge and good practices. Other participants included representatives from the JMDI partner agencies and the European Commission, delegates from national and local governments, donors, and other actors involved in M&D. Through face-to-face encounters, participants engaged in discussions and networking, thereby strengthening the linkages between them, and allowing them to look forward to future opportunities to implement sustainable M&D projects. Participants and panelists also highlighted various points, such as the importance of civil society and governments working together and complementing each other’s activities to make migration work for development; the need for governments to be coherent in their M&D efforts; or the importance of disseminating information about the opportunities available to different actors to engage in M&D projects. As noted by Ms. Saidane (Deputy Representative of the United Nations Office in Cape Verde) in her opening statement at the national event in Cape Verde, “there is no doubt about the positive contribution migrants make to developing countries, and in the case of Cape Verde, there is great potential to involve the diaspora in creating major opportunities to help the development of the country”.

For further information on the national event in Cape Verde, please access the following press articles: RTC- Jornal da Noite, Expresso das Ilhas 1, Expresso das Ilhas 2, Expresso das Ilhas 3. For more details on the event in Moldova, please click here. As for the event in the Philippines, the Welcome Remarks of Ovais Sarmad (IOM Philippines Chief of Mission) and the Opening Statement made by Camilla Hagstrom (EU Delegation’s Head of Operations) are available online.

Following these three fairs, eight others are scheduled to take place. A two-day event will also be organized by the JMDI in partnership with the European Commission in Tunisia, in February 2012. This workshop will focus on labour migration issues in North Africa - more specifically on the integration of youth in the labour market - and on the importance of establishing partnerships between governments and civil society to define migration policies.

In the context of this event, the M4D Net team will be running an e-discussion dedicated to the issue of youth labour migration. The e-discussion will be advertised through the M4D mailing-list and launched on the website www.migration4development.org.
Consolidated Reply on “Migrant workers and recruitment processes: what practices, what opportunities and what challenges?”

In collaboration with Business for Social Responsibility (BSR), the EC-UN Joint Migration and Development Initiative (JMDI) conducted an e-discussion on “Migrant workers and recruitment processes: what practices, what opportunities and what challenges?”

The e-discussion focused on the methods used by migrant workers to access information about recruitment processes, recruitment agencies, jobs, and countries of destination. More specifically, the discussion highlighted the important role played nowadays by new technologies of information and communication (ICT) - such as internet or mobile phones - in obtaining reliable information.

Participants – from UN agencies, NGOs, Civil Society Organizations and Public Institutions – shared their experiences and knowledge on the formal and informal opportunities available to migrant workers to obtain reliable information in an increasingly “wired” environment. They highlighted the importance of personal relationships and social networks, specialized public agencies and private employment agencies, and they insisted on the increasing use of the internet by potential migrants.

Contributors further stressed the risks migrants face in the recruitment process - especially when they are ill-informed – and shared good practices to improve the access of migrants to accurate and adequate information, such as strict rules and regulations for recruitment agencies and “sub-agents”; the establishment of public agencies to inform and assist potential migrants, the creation of online job matching systems connecting job seekers and employers abroad, etc. The discussion put a specific emphasis on the beneficial role ICT could play in making recruitment procedures more secure.

The Consolidated Reply can be accessed here. It contains the background note of the e-discussion, the list of participants, the responses in full, and a summary of the contributions prepared by the JMDI facilitation team.

The JMDI would like to thank all those who have contributed to the discussion.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Seconde phase du projet « Associations Migrantes, Associations Villageoises : une mise en réseau pour un développement local et solidaire au Maroc »

Le projet Mo-116 fait parti des projets sélectionnés par l’Initiative Conjointe sur la Migration et le Développement (ICMD) pour prolonger ses activités et recevoir un financement supplémentaire. Les objectifs généraux de la seconde phase de ce projet sont de renforcer les capacités des associations de développement; de faire évoluer les pratiques et la vision du développement des associations migrantes et villageoises en contribuant à la diffusion de bonnes pratiques; et de renforcer la participation des jeunes et des femmes dans le développement.

Des résultats satisfaisants ont déjà été obtenus: Le réseau Immigration Développement, Démocratie
(IDD), l'un des partenaires du projet, a organisé un séminaire national au Maroc les 23, 24 et 25 septembre 2011. Le séminaire, qui a rassemblé 74 participants, a permis de faire le bilan de la première phase du projet Mo-116; d'informer l'ensemble du réseau IDD des activités de la seconde phase du projet; et de définir les grandes lignes des projets à moyen terme. L’« atelier jeune », qui a participé aux travaux réalisés au cours de ce séminaire, a permis d’aborder les différentes questions traitées du point de vue des jeunes. IDD a également mené, en partenariat avec « Touya pour l’action féminine » et l’IFAD, une mission dans le sud du Maroc du 19 au 22 octobre 2011, afin de réunir les 6 associations partenaires du réseau IDD et de réfléchir aux perspectives de mise en réseau des associations.

Enfin, l’ensemble des associations membres du réseau IDD et ses partenaires se sont réunis lors de la rencontre nationale de Mehdia (Maroc - 23 au 25 septembre 2011) afin de faire le bilan de leurs activités et de réfléchir aux possibilités futures de travail en commun. Le dernier numéro du bulletin IDD-Infos (octobre-décembre 2011) consacre un dossier de six pages à cette rencontre. Le bulletin est accessible [ici](#).

**L’ADDCI-Zarzis, en partenariat avec l’association ATUMED, a organisé un atelier d’information et de formation à Tunis**


Le projet T-281 s’intéresse également de près à l’immigration irrégulière. Une enquête a été réalisée auprès de 291 jeunes clandestins de retour en Tunisie (dans les régions de Sfax, Gabes, Tataouine et
ACP Observatory on Migration organizes three inter-regional trainings on migration data collection

The African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Observatory on Migration organized three workshops - in Dakar (21-24 April 2011), Dili (25-29 July 2011) and Port-of-Spain (26-30 September 2011) - aimed at strengthening the capacities of national and regional institutions from ACP countries in collecting, storing and analyzing migration data. As noted by Mrs. Boucaud-Blake, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of National Security of Trinidad-and-Tobago, “capacity building in the area of International Migration Data Collection is vitally important [...] The ACP Migration Project, with its focus on South-South migration flows, will assist policymakers in having a better understanding and appreciation of the many dynamics associated with the complex issue of migration”, therefore contributing to the development of appropriate and comprehensive policies.

The workshops focused on issues that are increasingly affecting the 12 pilot countries of the Observatory: “Diasporas, Remittances and Data Management Software” in Dakar; “Environmentally Induced Migration, Forced Displacement, Urbanization and Health” in Dili and “Labour Migration and Irregular Migration with a focus on Gender and Human Rights” in Port-of-Spain. Trainings were provided by high-level migration specialists from international organizations, universities, research institutes, etc. Following these three events, national follow-up workshops will be organized in each pilot country next year, as well as data management capacity assessments and preparations of data management strategies for national and regional databases.

Please click here to access - for each workshop - the full press release; a recap of the rationale and objectives; the agenda; the full report; the list of participants; and all training materials. The complete leaflet on the trainings is available here. Other research outputs and capacity-building manuals from the ACP Observatory on Migration can be accessed and downloaded for free on the Observatory's website.
UNFPA State of the World Report 2011 “People and possibilities in a world of 7 billion”

Chapter 5 deals with the power and impact of migration, one of the defining global issues of the 21st century. The UN defines a migrant as someone who has resided in a foreign country for more than one year. Today, at least 214 million are living outside their countries of birth and an increasing number of people are moving inside their own nations. In the following decades, the movement of people is likely to become even more significant as a result of continued globalization and economic liberalization.

The report looks at the dynamics behind these numbers. Based on interesting examples from different countries around the world, it explores various aspects of current migration trends: the motivations influencing the decision to leave (or to stay); the opportunities and risks associated with migration; and the potential for migration to benefit development.

The full report is available in English, French, Spanish, Russian and Arabic.

IOM World Migration Report 2011 - Special 60th Anniversary Edition

While there is growing recognition that migrants can build cross-border social capital, that increasing cultural diversity can provide impetus for the stimulation of entrepreneurship or that culturally diverse workforces are among the most profitable, the overall perception of migrants in many societies tends to be negative. Part of the reason why negative perceptions exist stems from the fact that because migration today is broader and more diverse than previously, such diversity is not well understood, resulting in misinformation and misperceptions.

Stressing the fundamental importance of how migrants are perceived in their home and host societies, the World Migration Report 2011 : Communicating Effectively About Migration highlights the need for more and innovative activities promoting a positive image of migrants, supported by a strong political will as part of a long-term strategy. It indicates four broad orientations for communicating migration issues effectively and, thereby, promoting a better understanding and recognition of the benefits of migration, more evidence based policymaking and a more effective engagement with migrants.
themselves.

As 2011 represents IOM's 60th Anniversary, the first chapter of the World Migration Report looks at IOM's recent history analyzing how the organization's conception of migration and its migration management activities have evolved since the end of the Cold War.

Please access the full news release here. The full Report can be downloaded for free in the IOM Online Bookstore (in English, French and Spanish).

Launch of the Africa-Europe Platform

The European Commission, in cooperation with the Swiss SDC, the Dutch MFA and the German GIZ has facilitated the creation of the Africa-Europe Platform, as part of the European-wide African Diaspora Platform for Development Project (EADPD). The Platform gathers African diaspora and migrant organizations from all 27 EU States, and seeks to encourage them to act as development actors for Africa. It is designed to be an inclusive, interactive and informative space reflecting the interconnectivity at the heart of migration and development issues. It will allow members to exchange knowledge and best practices, to reinforce their links with local partners in Africa and to improve their capacities to involve themselves in policy processes and effectively implement development projects.

For further information on the Africa-Europe Platform, please click here.

Launch of the Bimonthly Review “Migration Policy Practice”

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) and EurAsylum have launched a new bi-monthly journal - Migration Policy Practice - that publishes articles from, and is overseen by, policymakers in national, regional and international administrations. It provides a vehicle for policymakers to reflect and write on their day-to-day policy practice, their decisions and their experience, and to share such insights with like-minded colleagues nationally and internationally. The journal will be published online every two months. The first issue is available here.

Migration Policy Practice welcomes submissions from public officials in national, regional and international administrations. To discuss any aspect of the publication or to submit an article, please contact: Solon Ardittis (sardittis@eurasylum.org) or Dr Frank Laczko (flaczko@iom.int)

For further information on the journal, please click here.
The "EU Immigration Portal": practical information on EU and national immigration procedures and policies

"Many people who want to move to the European Union do not know what possibilities exist, how to apply for a resident permit or the risks related to irregular migration. And migrants who are already in the EU are not always aware of their rights. We need to provide solid, easily accessible information about these sometimes complicated procedures" noted Cecilia Malmström (European Commissioner for Home Affairs). Therefore, the “EU Immigration Portal” - launched in November 2011 - provides hands on information for foreign nationals interested in moving to the EU. The website is also directed at migrants who are already in the EU and would like to move from one Member State to another. It provides specific information for each category of migrants (workers, researchers, students and those looking to join their families already in the EU) about migration procedures in all 27 Member States. The Portal also links directly to the websites of national authorities dealing with immigration.

The full press release can be accessed here.

The EU Immigration Portal is available in English and French at http://ec.europa.eu/immigration/
Arabic and Spanish versions of the website are underway.

UPCOMING EVENTS & TRAININGS

La Semaine Culturelle Africaine
Rabat, Morocco | 8-18 Décembre 2011

Conference on Culture in the Era of (Post) Modern Migrations
Krakow, Poland | 15-16 December 2011

Panel Discussion on the occasion of International Migrants Day
New-York, United States | 13 December 2011

Conference on the Relationships Between Diasporas and their "Homelands" and their Impact on the State, National Identities, and Peace and Conflict
Beirut, Lebanon | 3-5 February 2012

Seminar on Planning Workable Policies for Migrant Integration in the EU Member States
Maastricht, Netherlands | 24-25 February 2012

International Conference on Social Protection and Migration
Amsterdam, Netherlands | 13-14 March 2012

Diploma Programme : Migration and Human Security
The Hague, Netherlands | 18 April – 29 June 2012

Conference on Migrations and Societies in Africa and the Middle-East: a Long Term Perspective
Rabat, Morocco | 19- 21 May 2012

Exhibition "Open For (More Than) Business"
Melbourne, Australia | Until 27 May 2012

Exposition « J’ai deux amours »: Une présentation des collections d'art contemporain de la Cité Nationale de l'Histoire de l'Immigration
Paris, France | Jusqu’au 24 Juin 2012

More Migration and Development events in the Calendar

FEATURED RESOURCES

Outlook for Remittance Flows 2012-2014
Sanket Mohapatra, Dilip Ratha and Ani Silwal – World Bank | December 2011

Guide to Enhancing Migration Data in West and Central Africa
Michel Poulain, Anne Herm – IOM | 2011

Tackling the Policy Challenges of Migration: Regulation, Integration, Development
Jason Gagnon, David Khoudour-Castéras – OECD | 2011

Research Guide for research commissioned by the ACP Observatory on Migration
ACP Observatory on Migration | 2011 | Also available in French and Portuguese

Refugees, Migrants, and Development – An analysis of current trends in global-level dialogues on migration, forced migration, and development
Saskia Koppenberg – ibidem Verlag | 2011

Article "The Magic of Diasporas"
The Economist | November 2011

Do Admission Criteria and Economic Recessions Affect Immigrant Earnings?
Michael G. Abbott, Charles M. Beach - IRPP | November 2011

Remittances, Migrant’s Education and Immigration Policy: Theory and Evidence from Bilateral Data
Frédéric Docquier, Hillel Rapoport, Sara Salomone – IZA | November 2011

Migration, Rural Development, Poverty and Food Security: a Comparative Perspective
Thomas Lacroix - International Migration Institute, University of Oxford | November 2011

Remittances and Return Migration
William Collier, Matloob Piracha, Teresa Randazzo - IZA | October 2011

**Do Remittances Reduce Aid Dependency?**
Kangni Kpodar, Maëlan Le Goff - IMF | October 2011

**Migration and Global Environmental Change: Future Challenges and Opportunities**
Foresight- UK Government Office for Science | October 2011

**Migration and Development Policy: what have we learned?**
Kathleen Newland – Migration Policy Institute | October 2011

**Zap it to me: the short-term impacts of a mobile cash transfer program**
Jenny C. Aker, Rachid Boumnijel, Amanda McClelland, Niall Tierney – Center for Global Development | September 2011

**Background Note on Migration, Remittances and Development in Africa: the case of Lusophone countries**
ACP Observatory on Migration | August 2011 | Also available in French and in Portuguese

**Les pratiques transnationales des migrants en Belgique: vecteur d'intégration ou de repli communautaire?**
Nathalie Perrin, Marco Martiniello, CEDEM – Fondation du Roi Baudoin | Mai 2011

**Background Note on Remittances in the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries**
ACP Observatory on Migration | March 2011 | Also available in French and in Portuguese

**Remittances for Community Development: Realizing the Potential of Human Mobility**
Danielle de Winter – BASUG & Triple L bv | February 2011

**Background Note on Trafficking in Sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific**
ACP Observatory on Migration | February 2011 | Also available in French and in Portuguese.

**Migrations et Développement: Guide Européen des Pratiques**
Eunomad | November 2010

**Migration and Displacement in Sub-Saharan Africa: the Security-Migration Nexus II**
Clara Fischer and Ruth Vollmer (eds.) – BICC | May 2009

**Migrant Resource Center: an Initial Assessment**
Paul Tacon, Elizabeth Warn – IOM | 2009

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Legal Consultant - ACP Observatory on Migration, Brussels - **Apply by 15 December 2011**

Migration Expert - ICRC France, Paris - **Apply by 31 December 2011**

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You can become a member by signing up to receive emails [here](#) or by obtaining a profile on the M4D portal [here](#), or both!

If you have any comments or suggestions relating to the Newsletter, please email them to M4D Net Team: m4d@groups.dev-nets.org

ABOUT the EC-UN Joint Migration and Development Initiative

The Migration 4 Development Network is hosted by the EC-UN Joint Migration and Development Initiative (JMDI). The JMDI is a joint initiative between the European Commission and the United Nations which supports Civil Society Organizations and Local Authorities working in the area of migration and development, and seeks to identify what makes migration work for development. Implemented by UNDP in collaboration with IOM, ILO, UNFPA and UNHCR, the Joint Initiative is working to 1) set up and reinforce networks of groups working on migration and development and 2) identify good practice in this field and share information on what actually works at the local and international level among those who are active in this area, with a view to 3) feeding into policy-making on migration and development. [More >](#)

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