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The Migration Laboratory
Going beyond "us" and "them": Towards a Migration that benefits all

Insight Report 3
Together Support and Monitor

The third meeting of the Migration Lab themed "Together support and monitor the progress of the proposals" took place in Quito, Ecuador, from 10 to 13 May 2018. This last Lab session allowed participants to concretize their proposals in the context of migration and development and to think ahead on their proposals' implementation. Furthermore, the future of the Migration Lab was a topic raised and discussed by the participants throughout this Lab meeting.

Methodologically, the Lab meeting in Quito built upon the Dialogic Modes and the Dialogic Actions (Move, Follow, Oppose and Bystand) introduced in the previous Lab sessions. Applying these skills allowed the participants to constructively use the most helpful mode and laid the basis for the successful development of the proposals.

The concretized seven project proposals aim at putting the objectives of the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) and the migration-related goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development into action. They tackle the issues of reintegration, public narratives, protection for vulnerable migrants, migration data collection and analysis as well as the involvement of the private sector. They are to be presented at the 11th Summit Meeting of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) in Marrakesh in December 2018.

Project proposals

BUSINESS WITHOUT BORDERS: Migration as a vehicle for entrepreneurship, investment and employment

The Business without Borders Group focusses on increasing the use and perception of migration and migrants as an engine of economic growth. They aim at using the Business Mechanism of the GFMD for advocacy but also for serving as a de-facto think-tank. This think-tank should undertake research and analysis of the intersections between migration and economic growth and propose evidence-based research policy directions to decision-makers.

INSPIRED BY THE MIGRATION LABORATORY:
Daring dialogue for effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the GCM through meaningful partnerships

This project aims at involving the variety of stakeholders from governments, civil society and business community present at the GFMD in a deeper Dialogue and collaboration among each other and other actors to implement solutions to common challenges. The group believes that the GFMD should sharpen its character as a platform for effective Dialogue by e.g. strengthening diversity and inclusiveness within GFMD or strengthening the effectiveness of the GFMD Dialogue formats.

MIGRATION INTELLIGENCE: Beyond data analysis for better policymaking

Migration Intelligence is a process that can improve skills for smart migration data collection and analysis. To provide understanding of special situations or different themes, this approach convenes a powerful learning process for stakeholders, increasing both skills and capacity.
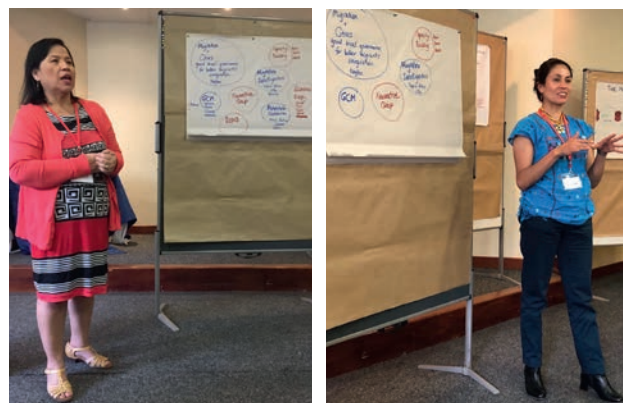
SHAPING POSITIVE NARRATIVES OF PEOPLE
ON THE MOVE: A value-based approach

The Narrative Group focusses on changing the widely acknowledged domination of negative narratives of people on the move. The group aims at identifying and analyzing common positive and negative narratives across regions and population segments introducing a new method to craft a positive image of migrants, refugees and their families: creating narratives based on the values of the stakeholders they want to engage, and inspired by the rule of law, democracy, human rights and human dignity.
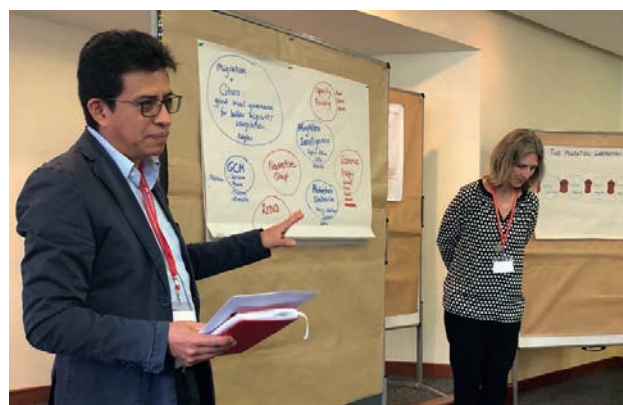
GLOBAL MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY:
From policy to action

The Global Migration and Development Academy Group aims at addressing the gap in the implementation of policies on migration and development (MnD) among government, business, international development agencies, NGOs and diaspora organizations. They will develop Global Classrooms that initially focus on trainings to assist participants in developing and implementing programs.

MIGRANTS' PROTECTION UMBRELLA: Enabling evidence to protect migrants in vulnerable situations

The Migrants' Protection Umbrella Group aims at creating indicators that can provide stakeholders with a wider lens for viewing migration and providing appropriate protection initiatives in a more comprehensive and coherent manner. With such evidence-based indicators, there is an opportunity to create targeted policy recommendations and program designs that address migration realities effectively.

PRIVATE SECTOR MENTORING: Partnering for economic opportunities for migrant entrepreneurs and returning diaspora

The Private Sector Mentoring Group focusses on establishing mentorship programs that would have the potential to address the lack of viable economic opportunities in some regions of the Global South. There is growing interest among diaspora and migrant communities in seeking economic and business opportunities in their countries of origin and/or heritage. Furthermore, the private sector and government development agencies both increasingly focus on entrepreneurship that fosters job creation and local development.

MIGRATION & CITIES: Socio-economic integration of migrants and diaspora by municipal authorities

The Migration and Cities Group aims at learning from good practice examples of how cities and municipal authorities manage migration and in particular socio-economic integration of migrants across the Mediterranean region. They plan to do so by organizing e.g. a series of round table meetings in an effort to strengthen local and national planning and policy processes.

More impressions and information about the Lab:
www.we-do-change.org/what-we-do/
the-migration-laboratory