

# Informal Interactive Hearings of the General Assembly with Non-Governmental Organizations, Civil Society Organizations and the Private Sector on International Migration and Development

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## **UN General Assembly to Hear from Civil Society Organizations, NGOs and the Private Sector on International Migration and Development, 12 July**

United Nations, New York, 10 July 2006 – Leaders from civil society, business and NGOs representing migrants are coming to the UN on 12 July to discuss migration - related issues.

“I attach great importance to the Informal Interactive Hearings of the General Assembly,” said Secretary-General Kofi Annan. “It is critical that Member States have an exchange of views with a wide range of constituencies, including migrants themselves, when they are preparing for the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development in September.”

The hearings will provide an opportunity for NGOs, civil society and the private sector to interact with Member States and offer input for the High-level Dialogue to be held from 14 to 15 September, 2006.

The hearings will focus on a comprehensive rights-based approach to international migration, social and economic challenges for sending and receiving countries and policy responses.

The programme will open with an address by the Acting President of the General Assembly, Cheick Sidi Diarra followed by remarks by Deputy Secretary-General Mark Malloch Brown. Participating in the hearings will be migrants themselves and organizations working on migration issues from various parts of the world including Human Rights Watch, Migrants Rights International, Solidarity Center, Asian Migrant Centre, Africa Recruit, FORUM-ASIA, International Center for International Studies and Institute for Public Policy Research.

In a recent report released on International Migration and Development, Secretary-General Kofi Annan proposed a global forum on migration that will allow Governments to establish a common understanding, based upon the best evidence, on the areas of migration policymaking that have the greatest potential to contribute to development. “Civil Society, the private sector and the philanthropic world, all have an essential role to play in creating the conditions needed for migration to become a more effective development tool,” he said.

A discussion highlighting the importance of advancing the rights of women migrant workers and the role of engagement of the private sector and civil society in the employment process is also being organized on 12 July. Organized by UNIFEM, this panel discussion, Building Partnerships for Decent Work: Advancing the Rights of Women Migrant Workers will take place from 1:15 - 2:45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

### **Migration Civil Society Hearings**

Day and Date: Tuesday, 12 July

Venue: Trusteeship Council Room

Time: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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