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**PREPARATIONS FOR THE HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE ON INTERNATIONAL  
MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT 2013<sup>1</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup> The views expressed in the paper do not imply the expression of any opinion on the part of the United Nations Secretariat.

## **Preparations for the HLD**

Since 2006, UNITAR hosts the *"Migration and Development Seminar Series"* (Migration Series) at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, training hundreds of beneficiaries annually in preparation for key debates in the General Assembly including the second General High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development (HLD) taking place in October 2013, and also the annual Global Forum on Migration and Development (<http://www.unitar.org/ny/international-law-and-policy/migration-and-development-series>).

In preparation for the HLD, and through the Migration Series, UNITAR provided training to three hundred UN delegates and other interested stakeholders on the following 7 themes in 2012: migration and sustainable development (April); international migration law (with IOM) (June); Rio+20 outcomes and migration (August); social Inclusion of migrants-access to education and health services (August); reintegration of labour migrants (September); migration and sustainable development: youth and adolescents (December); and the effects of migration on the education and empowerment of women (December).

## **New activities in the field of international migration**

*I-Strengthening local governance:* UNITAR in partnership with the City of Antwerp and the Flanders Government has launched the *"Learning Platform on Human Mobility (LPHM): Capacity Development for Local and Regional Government"*. A global platform based in Antwerp, the LPHM is dedicated to strengthening the capacities of local and regional leaders to address migration and human mobility challenges through a prestigious, hybrid curriculum of face2face and online learning developed with preeminent experts in the field. In blending policy and practice, principles and reality, it will focus on developing effective knowledge strategies and knowledge products for sub-national authorities across different sectors who are faced with the realities of a more mobile world.

Between 2013-2015, the LPHM will deliver capacity development to hundreds of local and regional government officials globally; develop an online community of practice and support; build a body of knowledge accessible to a larger public in both in-class and online forms; share valued insights with different levels of governance, including but not limited to inter-governmental fora such as the GFMD. Further, it will work in parallel, drawing from relevant regional and international networks including: UNITAR's CIFAL Network, the EC-UN JMIDI, the International Metropolis Project and Cities of Migration.

In 2013, the LPHM will implement the following courses: "public perceptions, communications and the role of the media" (May); "progress in countering labour exploitation" (October); and "fostering entrepreneurship and investment in migrant communities" (November).