



Equality of Rights for Everyone, Everywhere

Program PGA Marrakech

8 – 9 December 2018

Methodology

On 10 and 11 December 2018 governments will adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM). The PGA will include an analysis of the GCM and an exploration of the various positions of diverse civil society groups, trade unions and social movements. Moreover, the 2018 PGA will also be an opportunity to discuss five themes and strategize to build stronger collective civil society action:

1. Migrants' rights as rights for all
2. Gender and migration
3. Social cohesion and belonging
4. Migration and development
5. Migration and climate change

Process

To better understand these issues, the PGA 2018 will address these themes with a regional approach organized in five geographic areas: Africa; Maghreb and Middle East; the Americas; Asia/Pacific and Europe. The PGA will explore realities in all regions, with a particular view towards the Mediterranean reality, given the location of this year's PGA.

The PGA 2018 will include an 'assembly of convergence' between themes and areas to build a common vision and strategy of the movements engaged on the defense of the rights of migrants and their families. This plenary session will be facilitated by the Local Organizing

Committee and International Committee of the PGA). The thematic workshops and regional spaces will be facilitated by thematic and regional networks.

To allow for a broad expression, time and spaces will be provided for self-organized workshops. Civil society organizations are welcome to make suggestions for workshops and parallel activities. The 'assembly of convergence' will hear reports from workshops and regional spaces.

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Side events: Friday December 7th, 2018

(Workshops / conferences same location as in the weekend)

During the day:

- Workshop migration and development on municipality level by KHAMSA, AMIS, EMCEMO and ECODEL.
- Coalition Marocaine Pour La Justice Climatique workshop "Migration and climate justice".
- Stands for organisations with information on the organisations and information for the media.

20.30 Forum on the Permanent Peoples Tribunal (PPT) Process – Perspectives from Barcelona to London and beyond by TMP-E, MDCD, Waling-Waling supporting migrant workers' rights campaign (UK), LVC, FTDEA (Tunisia) and other networks to be confirmed

22.30: Welcomes Cultural event with local groups (migrants and refugee organisations, Moroccan cultural organisations)

Saturday – Sunday December 8-9, 2018

- PGA Marrakech 2018 "EQUALITY OF RIGHTS FOR EVERYONE< EVERYWHERE"
- Voices of Migrants showcase of short films, with Pan Africa Network in Defense of Migrant Rights
- Media and cultural space
- Self-selected information conversations spaces
- Migrant and trade unions groups/delegations will attend the workshops and all PGA sessions

Saturday December 8, 2018:

09:00-10:00 Reception and registration

10:00-11:00 Welcome

- Word from the organizers – Local Committee and International PGA
- Welcome word from the regions

11.00 – 13.00 Opening Plenary

- Outcomes Civil Society Days
- Outcomes World Social Forum Migration
- Labour organisations / trade union action
- The GCM and its Impact on Migration Policies: Migration Crisis or Crisis of the Political and Economic System
- Overview of Thematic Workshops and Self-organized Workshops

13:00-14:30 – Break – Lunchtime

Side Event by Public Services International: The Human Right to Quality Public Services for Migrants, Refugees and Forcibly Displaced Persons

14: 30-18:00 Thematic workshops

14:30-15:45 Parallel Workshops Session A: Building Analysis

- *Assessing political conditions for migrants rights*

15:45-16:00 Break

16:00-18:00 Parallel Workshops Session B: Planning Strategy

- *Mapping collective actions and movement building*

18.00 – 19.00 Break

19:00 – 20:00 Plenary 1: plenary Assembly – thematic Workshop Reports

20:00 – 22:00 Cultural evening

Workshop 1: Migrants' rights as rights for all

- Undocumented migrants in the global moment on migration
- Children's and minors' rights (accompanied or not)
- The rights and protection of migrants throughout the entire journey – including in transit and at borders
- The right to decent work, including freedom of association for all workers, regardless of status, recognition of migrant skills, and access to justice.
- The human right to access quality public services without fear or discrimination

How can we deal with the inhuman and degrading treatment of migrants? How to protect and promote the rights of migrants to access public services? How to respond to forced displacement and removal procedures? How to advocate for the recognition of the diverse social, economic and political contributions of migrants regardless of status and value their know-how acquired in countries of origin or transit. The workshop will include an exploration of children and youth in migration in the context of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Workshop 2: Gender and migration

- Linking women's rights and migrant rights: movement-building for migrant women's human rights within migrant rights and women's movements.
- Addressing gender across all aspects of migration.
- Gender and migration: perspectives and experiences in the Global South.
- Women's rights, advancement and empowerment, the right to stay home, in the context of migration.
- Conditions of migration, work and settlement, including access to services and justice regardless of migration status, in countries of origin, transit and destination.
- The gendered nature of migrant labor in the global economy.
- Criminalization of migration, detention and deportations from a gender perspective

While the issue of migrant women transcends all issues of migrants in general, specific challenges remain unique to women: violence on the roads and shameless exploitation

during their migration journey. It is urgent to deal with gender issues in a cross-cutting approach in all the workshops, but also to work specifically on it. While sometimes this migratory mobility allows for upward mobility and may allow for greater autonomy and rights for women, it is also a source of marginalization and vulnerability. How can we enable the emergence of perspectives on gender and migration from the lived reality of women in the global south who are in countries of origin, transit, destination and return?.

Workshop 3: Social cohesion and belonging

- Countering populism, racism and xenophobia
- Economic roots of xenophobic backlash; strategies for building solidarity between national workers and migrant workers.
- Organizing campaigns for social, racial, gender and economic equality and inclusion
- Challenging deportation, criminalization of migrants and migration, and enforcement systems' impacts on communities, including women
- Free movement as a response to the fight against trafficking. Use of anti-trafficking and anti-smuggling policies in migration enforcement. Challenging gendered frame of "rescuing women victims of trafficking" to justify criminalization.
- Need for more regular pathways for migration, including women's autonomy.

The migration policies of the Global North have always been based on the control of migratory flows, both selected and disposable migration. Today, deportation is hidden under the term "voluntary return". The Global North exerts an increasing pressure on Southern countries so that the latter create, on their soil, detention centers; disembarkation platforms, and exchange deals on forced returns. This represents a direct threat to human rights, including the right to non-refoulement, especially the freedom of movement and settlement guaranteed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The coming to power of racist and overtly xenophobic movements threatens stability in many parts of the world. Discrimination creates a new system of migrant exploitation, allowing the most dishonest employers to take advantage of human distress. Discrimination is at all levels: visa issuance, equal rights, non-compliance with ILO conventions, arbitrary treatment of undocumented migrants, etc.

Workshop 4: Migration and development

- Deconstructing the dominant discourse of "migration and development" and providing alternative frameworks
- Role of defending human rights defenders who protect people-centered development as essential element of right to stay home.
- Migration and security-oriented policies
- The lack of decent work in both countries of origin and destination.

- Economic, social and democratic costs to migrant workers and their families of a development paradigm focused on temporary migration programs and/or keeping migrants in irregular status
- Strategies for movement-building between national grassroots groups organizing on economic, social, cultural and political rights, and migrant rights organizations, for people-centered development.
- Extractivism, fossil-fuel, agro and real estate industry, land-grabbing as roots of forced economic and climate-related migration.
- Privatization and dismantling of public services leading to impoverishment of communities, widening inequality, destruction of livelihoods and the environment and driving forced migration.

Presented by some politicians as win-win – countries of destination seek cheap labor, and in exchange, the countries of origin seek remittances. These selective migration policies, far from allowing the development of countries of origin, impoverish the countries of origin by depriving them of the most dynamic part of their population. After 20 years of the “migration and development” paradigm we explore how this framework undermines development. Do we accept the claim that migration is a source of sustainable development? We also explore the growing conditionality of development assistance on migration enforcement, security oriented policies and return in countries of origin.

Workshop 5: Migration and climate change

- Roots of displacement due to climate change. Internal and cross-border climate-related displacement.
- Explore extractivism, fossil-fuel, agro and real estate industry, land-grabbing as roots of forced economic and climate-related migration. Neo-colonial relationships and role of transnational corporations in setting “development” agendas that lead to climate change and climate displacement.
- Building relationship between climate change/climate justice and migrant rights movements at local, national and international levels (including movements among indigenous peoples). Strengthen solidarity and policy coherence.
- Push for commitments by governments to receive climate migrants.
- Address policy gaps between GCR and GCM regarding people displaced by climate-related disasters (desertification, tsunamis, hurricanes, mud slides, floods, tornadoes, etc.).

How/where is the issue being addressed – at local levels? national? international? More than 25 million people have moved across international borders due to climate-related factors — a number that is expected to grow to 250 million within just 30 years. Some countries are responding to climate-related displacement with “national security” oriented policies. Those displaced are also being met with racist and xenophobic backlash. Climate-related displacement is not only due to disasters, but to slow-moving drought and other factors — in such situations as the current Central America migrant Caravan. Despite Paris Climate Agreement commitments to reduce carbon emissions and to take up “adaptive strategies” – displacement will certainly continue. How can we include climate change within our agenda for migrant rights at different levels?

Sunday December 9 2018

9:30 – 13:00 Workshops by major region (Sub-Saharan Africa, Maghreb-Machrek, Europe, Americas, and Asia) on:

- Overall priorities and strategies on the way forward
- Regional campaigns, fora and timelines for action
- Collaborations across regions

13:00-15:30 – Break

- Self-organized informal conversation spaces
- Side event WIMN caucus

15:30-17.00 Plenary 2: plenary Assembly

- Reports from regional workshops
- Reporting back from the Youth Forum, Trade Union events
- E. Tendayi Achiume, UN Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance

17:00 – 18:00 Plenary 3: Conclusion and perspectives of the Marrakech PGA & next steps

18.00 – 19.00 Break

19: 00 – 23:00 Closing evening of the PGA of Marrakech