

## **Peoples' Global Action on Migration, Development and Human Rights**

*"People, Power Communities: Building Bridges for Migrant, Labour & Human Rights"*

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## **Migrant Rights Advocates Converge in New York to Urge UN to Support Human Rights for Migrants, End Global Criminalization Programs**

***Hundreds of global activists will meet, march during UN High Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development***

(New York) During the week of Sept. 30, hundreds of migrant rights and labor advocates, activists and grassroots organizers from around the world will meet and march in New York during the UN General Assembly's High Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development (HLD), which takes place Oct. 3 and 4.

Several civil society delegates will also directly address the UN meeting, representing the voices of migrant and diaspora groups that have met in the global regions for several months in preparation for the HLD. Civil society groups have proposed a "5-year action agenda" to the governments, to address some of the most urgent and longstanding migration concerns. The action agenda may be found here: <http://hldcivilsociety.org/five-year-action-agenda/>

Prior to and during the UN meeting, groups will meet in workshops and plenaries, march across the Brooklyn Bridge, network and strategize on wide-ranging issues and topics that include concerns about migrant worker rights and labor mobility, the "criminalization" of undocumented migrants, militarized borders, detention and other concerns of abuse and discrimination against the world's migrant population.

Activities outside of the UN are being coordinated under the "People's Global Action on Migration, Development and Human Rights," (PGA) which has organized similar gatherings over the past several years during annual intergovernmental meetings of the Global Forum on Migration and Development.

The theme for this year's PGA is "People, Power Communities: Building Bridges for Migrant, Labour & Human Rights."

Representatives from dozens of countries in Africa, Europe, Asia-Pacific, the Middle East-West Asia, North, Central and South America, are expected to attend the PGA.

Activity highlights:

**Monday, Sept. 30, 6:30 pm, *Opening Ceremony, People's Global Action on Migration, Development and Human Rights***, Church Center of the UN (CCUN), 777 UN Plaza (E. 44<sup>th</sup> St. and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.), Chapel. Speakers will include NY City Councilmember Daniel Dromm, Chair of Immigration Sub-committee.

**Tuesday, Oct. 1 through Friday, Oct. 4**, continuing workshops at CCUN (Address listed above). A full schedule of the week's program can be found here: [www.pga2013.org](http://www.pga2013.org)

**Wednesday, Oct. 2: *Labor-community rally and march across the Brooklyn Bridge***. Brief program and gathering at Foley Square at 5 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 4: *Closing Ceremony***, The PGA will close at the CCUN at 6 pm on Friday, Oct. 4 at the CCUN. Speakers will include Commissioner Fatima Shama, Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs and international human rights activist, Malalai Joya.

The PGA's international organizers include:

- Building and Woodworkers International (BWI)
- Espacio Sin Fronteras (ESF)
- Global Alliance Against Trafficking in Women (GAATW)
- Global Coalition on Migration (GCM) – *anchor*
- Global Migration Policy Associates (GMPA)
- International Network for Migration and Development (INMD)
- International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), represented by the AFL-CIO and Canadian Labour Congress (CLC)
- La Via Campesina (LVC)
- Migrant Forum in Asia (MFA)
- Migrants Rights International (MRI)
- National Alliance of Latin American & Caribbean Communities (NALACC)
- National Network for Immigrant & Refugee Rights (NNIRR)
- Pan-African Network in Defense of Migrant Rights (PANiDMR)
- Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM)
- Public Services International (PSI)
- Transnational Migrant Platform (TMP)
- Women & Global Migration Working Group (WGMWG)

New York organizers (New York Host Committee) include:

- American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) New Jersey
- Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI)
- Desis Rising Up & Moving (DRUM)- *anchor*
- Families for Freedom
- Latin American & Caribbean Community Center (LACCC)
- New Sanctuary Movement
- United Methodist Women (UMW)- *anchor*
- VAMOS Unidos

