



Subject: Public Seminar on “Migrant Re-integration and Homeland Development: Policy Prospects and Potential”

Dear colleagues,

The Metropolis Project at Carleton University would like to invite you to a one-day public seminar on the relation between migration and development. This event forms part of the World Bank's new initiative, the Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOMAD). KNOMAD is sub-divided into twelve thematic working groups and a set of cross-cutting themes. Full details can be found on the website: <http://www.knomad.org/>

As part of the efforts of the thematic working group on migrant integration, this seminar hopes to bring together a wide range of stakeholders including government, civil society, academia and media, to discuss the development potential offered by the continuum of migrant integration, return, and re-integration into the homeland. We hope to look at the means by which immigrant integration can and does enhance homeland development and to draw out of these explorations some conclusions including best practices that governments and other agencies can consider.

We will give special attention to the processes of integration into a host society followed by return to and re-integration in the homeland as a means to influence institutional change, enhancements to business and trade practices, and enhancements to governance that could be facilitated by the return and re-integration of migrants with enhanced skills and resources acquired from their host country. This seminar will examine the potential for enhanced human capital flows to assist development and to explore how policy on the part of both sending and receiving societies can take full advantage of this potential.

The seminar will be held on **Tuesday, March 4, 2014**, at the **Indigo Hotel**, 123 Metcalfe Street in Ottawa. The tentative agenda for the seminar is attached. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to recommend a colleague. As space is limited, we would appreciate if you could inform us of your attendance latest by Friday, February 21, 2014 at metropolis@carleton.ca. Please indicate your name, organization and contact details in your response.

We look forward to your participation in this exciting and pioneering endeavour.

Sincerely,

Howard Duncan
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Public Seminar**

**Indigo Hotel
Ottawa, March 4, 2014**

Tentative Agenda

8.30-9.00am	Arrival and Registration
9.00-9.15am	Welcoming remarks Howard Duncan, Metropolis Project
9.15-9.30am	Keynote Speech Dilip Ratha, Head of KNOMAD, World Bank
9.30-10.30am	<i>Migrant Integration in Host Societies</i> Chair: Howard Duncan, Metropolis Presenter 1: Daniel Hiebert, University of British Columbia Presenter 2: Eva Millona, Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition Presenter 3: TBC
10.30-10.45am	Q&A
10.45-11.00am	Tea/Coffee Break
11.00-12.00pm	<i>Migrant Re-integration in the Homeland</i> Chair: Themrise Khan, Metropolis Presenter 1: Philippe Fargues, European University Institute, Presenter 2: Imelda Nicolas, Commission on Filipinos Overseas, Presenter 3: Peggy Levitt, Wellesley College and Harvard University
12.00-12.15pm	Q&A

12.15-1.00pm	Lunch
1.00-2.00pm	<i>Development Benefits of Re-integration to Host and Homeland Societies</i> Chair: Hanspeter Wyss, KNOMAD Secretariat, World Bank Presenter 1: Gordon Betcherman, University of Ottawa Presenter 2: David A. Phillips, consultant, formerly World Bank Presenter 3: James Busumtwi-sam, Simon Fraser University
2.00-2.45pm	Q&A
2.45-3.00pm	Next steps and thanks Howard Duncan