



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 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 28, 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,

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**Migrant Re-integration and Homeland Development: Policy Prospects and
Potential
Public Seminar**

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

Agenda

- 8.30-9.00am *Arrival and Registration*
- 9.00-9.15am *Welcoming remarks*
Howard Duncan, Metropolis Project
- 9.15-9.45am *Keynote Speech*
Dilip Ratha, Head of KNOMAD, World Bank
- 9.45-11.15am *Migrant Integration in Host Societies*

Chair: Howard Duncan, Metropolis

Daniel Hiebert, University of British Columbia
Eva Millona, Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy
Coalition
Agnieszka Weinar, European University Institute, Florence
Tony Fang, University of Toronto, Monash University, Melbourne
- 11.15-11.30am *Tea/Coffee Break*
- 11.30-1.00pm *Migrant Re-integration in the Homeland*

Chair: Themrise Khan, Metropolis

Karin Mayr, University of Vienna
Imelda Nicolas, Commission on Filipinos Overseas
Peggy Levitt, Wellesley College and Harvard University

1.00-1.45pm

Lunch

1.45-3.15pm

Development Benefits of Re-integration to Host and Homeland Societies

Chair: Hanspeter Wyss, KNOMAD Secretariat, World Bank

Gordon Betcherman, University of Ottawa

David A. Phillips, consultant, formerly World Bank

James Busumtwi-sam, Simon Fraser University

3.15-3.30pm

Next steps and thanks

Howard Duncan