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Keeping migration in the spotlight: training and knowledge sharing at the United Nations

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Outline

I-Training and knowledge sharing

II-Evolution of migration policy: *Test your knowledge*

III-Migration and Development Seminar Series: *Delegate's view*

IV-Migration activities 2009 and beyond

Unitar's role

*Training and knowledge sharing
at the UN: Unitar's role*

Information on Unitar

- Training focus since 1990s
- Innovative training methodologies
- Tools to impart knowledge (e-learning)
- Member States primary target
- Partnerships

Migration at Unitar

- Inter-agency programme (IMP) (1998-2003)
- Secretariat support GCIM (2004-2005)
- Migration and Development Seminar Series, NY (2005-)
- Migration Programme (2009-)

How do we start putting together all the pieces of the migration and development puzzle? This knowledge is scattered not just in the many United Nations offices, funds and programmes, but also in the halls of Governments around the world, in the minds of experts, in the experiences of employers, in the activities of civil society organizations and in the hearts of migrants. And where would it be best for Governments, in the spirit of investigation and as equals in a collegial environment, to discuss how international migration can be made to work for development?

-- International migration and development: 2006 Report of the Secretary-General

History of Dialogue on International Migration

*From ICPD to GFMD :
Unitar's role*

Dialogue shaping in the 1990s

Regional discussions; avoidance of international conference

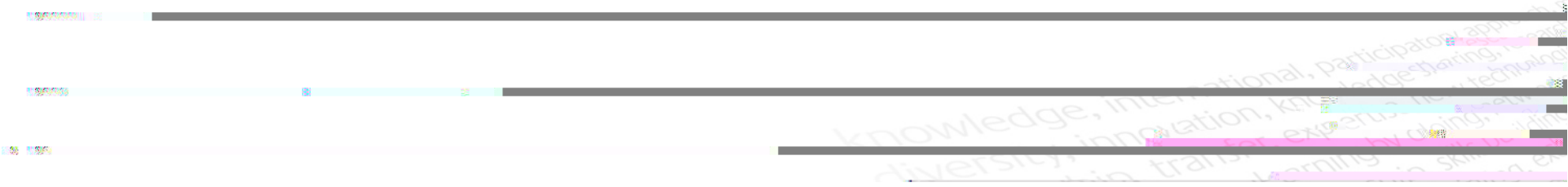
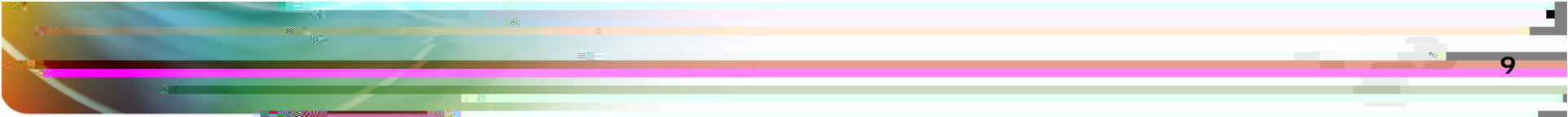
- RCPs (IGC in 1986; Budapest in 1991; Puebla in 1996; Lima in 1999;)

Migration at ICPD; important unintended landmark

- 1994: ICPD Chapter X “blue print” by States on international migration

At UN

- Follow-up in New York via GA but discussions on policy still in Geneva: schism between “migration management/protection” dialogue in Geneva & outside vs. “migration/development” concentration at UN in NY



“Training of key stakeholders including ministry officials, consular officials, border guards, social and legal counselors is essential in offering adequate protections to migrants... it should assist in sending the message that a human rights approach to migration does not mean ‘opening the borders to all migrants’ rather ensuring that migration can take place in a humane, orderly and dignified manner”

--Dr. Gabriela Rodriguez, former Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants, UNITAR Workshop on Human Rights, June 2006

“Respect for migrants’ rights actually contributes to economic and social development in sending and receiving countries. Migrants who have opportunities for decent and legal work contribute more to development than those who are exploited.”

-- Ms. Mary Robinson, former UN High Commissioner of Human Rights, UNITAR Workshop on Human Rights, June 2006

Test your knowledge – True or False?

Migration is not mentioned in the Millennium Declaration (2000) nor in the WSOD (2005) T/F

The terms “alien” and “illegal immigrants” do not figure in UN documents T/F

The HLD (2006) addressed the issue of migrant integration, social cohesion, cultural identity, citizenship and political rights T/F

Test your knowledge : Sources

Who said?

“Doing nothing more than we currently do (on migration) is not justifiable. At the minimum, the UN needs to influence the migration debate with rigorous and thoughtful reports, meetings, and statements from the SG”

When did?

The GA first call for the Convention on Migrant Workers?

When was?

The notion of shared responsibility presented as one including that of migrants?

Migration and Governance 2009

National policy coherence: A “whole

knowledge, international, participatory approach
diversity, innovation, knowledge sharing, technology
in transfer, experts, doing, building
learning in skills, ex

Outcomes

Evaluation & Feedback

Evolving Methodologies

- Coupling with expert meetings
- Greater facilitation/course instruction

Expanded Coverage

- Sem. Series & IML Course 2009: RECs and other UN locations
- Elearning courses & publications

Activities in 2009: Unitar's MP

Establishing Migration Programme:

- Seminar Series in NY, Addis, Santiago, etc

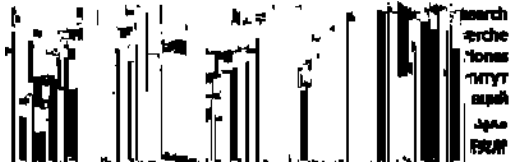
Integration and diversity governance, Istanbul, June

Migration and sustainable rural development, Addis Ababa

Migration and Education, Dakar, December

- Regional Workshops on operationalizing the GFMD recs

- Pilot training projects on lessons learned



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