



GMPA

Global Migration Policy Associates
An International research, policy development,
advisory services and advocacy group

GMPA SUMMARY ACTIVITY REPORT 2022

About GMPA

Global Migration Policy Associates is a unique network among migration-concerned experts in all regions of the world. The member Associates and Affiliates reflect diverse academic and practical disciplines addressing multiple aspects and impacts of international migration. GMPA is a vital space and place for ongoing rights-based, multidisciplinary, participative research, policy development, advisory services, training-teaching, and knowledge- and values-based advocacy. It generates, encourages and supports knowledge and analysis for a broad international articulation, promotion and realization of the *rights-based approach*. It articulates alternatives to the instrumental cost-benefit logic of *harnessing migration* and 'migration management' predominant today. To make a difference, GMPA conducts research and develops analysis and policy directions independently while supporting partner activities.

In 2022

GMPA activity focused on knowledge-building and policy-development support with publication of a joint special issue on global migration of the RTE peer-reviewed academic-scientific journal, preparing migration profiles of Eurasian countries, serving as shadow rapporteur and scribe for a global parliamentary conference, conducting trainings on labour migration at ITC-ILO in Turin and on human rights and labour standards in Uganda, other trainings in Asia and Africa focused on Bilateral Labour Agreements (BLAs), presenting an expert paper at a conference on Eurasian regional migration, initial preparation of a migration governance manual for Southern Africa countries, and conducting ongoing research on multiple topics. GMPA expects to expand attention in 2023 to *gender dimensions* and to environmental degradation and migration with new expert members specialized in these arenas.

Effect and Impact

The impact of GMPA activity and publications in 2022 included making significant contributions to:

- Building the global knowledge base on international migration and rights-based governance of migration.
- Elaborating tripartite constituent-oriented guidance including on negotiating and implementing "rights-based BLAs" –Bilateral Labour Agreements based on and appropriate for Africa, including in particular member countries of IGAD - Intergovernmental Authority for Development comprising Horn of Africa and East Africa States as well as the African Union overall.
- Developing training and practical application materials for African and Asian countries' establishment and implementation of BLAs and other bilateral labour mobility instruments.
- Continuing to feature a standards and rights-based approach in these and other governance arenas, objectively contending with deregulatory utilitarian, non-normative narratives, policy models and guidance articulated by various international organizations and business interests.
- Assisting to shape outcomes of international conferences as well as law and policy guidance with proper reference to rule of (just) law and standards-based governance framing legislation, policy and practical responses to international migration challenges, towards assuring human and labour rights protections, social justice, and equality of treatment for all persons concerned --migrants and 'natives' alike-- in countries and regions worldwide.
- Providing direct practical training and user-friendly materials to government and social partner policy makers and actors as well as legislators worldwide, Africa and Asia in particular.

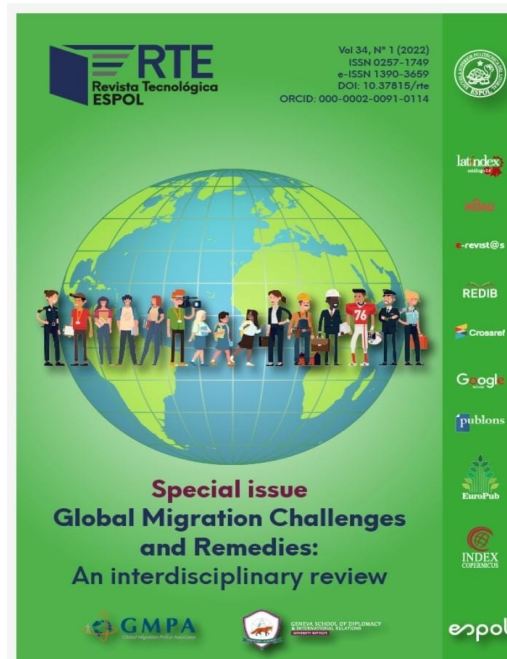
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I. In Summary: main GMPA research, policy, and writing-editing accomplishments in 2022:

1. Publication of the Special Issue ***Global Migration Challenges and Remedies: An interdisciplinary review*** of the open access academic-scientific journal RTE –Revista Tecnológica ESPOL, Polytechnic University of Ecuador (Guayaquil) produced in cooperation with GMPA. GMPA President Patrick Taran was the *Guest Editor*, working in cooperation with RTE Editor-in-Chief Nayeth Idalid Solórzano Alcivar. Activity included overseeing peer review of 16 submissions, editing articles, and preparation for journal publication.

GMPA Associates and Affiliates authored articles and provided peer reviews. See Feature Activity page 7.

2. GMPA-elaborated **AU (African Union) Guidelines on Bilateral Labour Agreements** were adopted in April by the **African Union Specialised Technical Committee (STC) on Social Development, Labour and Employment**. AU posting at: [AU Guidelines on Bilateral Labour Agreements](#) See further mention of formal adoption on page 11.



3. **National migration profiles: East Europe and Eurasia**

A GMPA team compiled comprehensive national migration profiles as background for the ITUC *RecruitmentAdvisor* website on Moldova, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan. Content covered history highlights, migrant worker recruitment, conditions and challenges in countries of employment, statistical data, legislation on migration, ratification of international instruments, tips on avoiding abusive recruitment, etc. Team members were Denielle Amparado and Nicolas Centeno along with Patrick Taran and Olga Kadyshcheva.

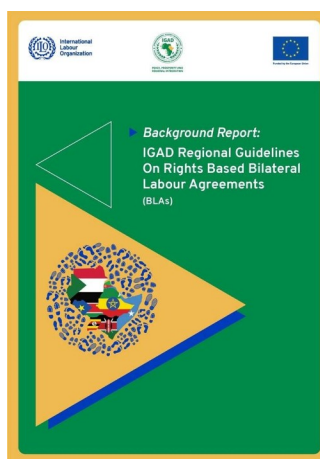
4. **Training on Bilateral Labour Agreements for the Protection of Kenyan Migrant workers**, Mombasa, Kenya, 17-19 March 2022 organized by the ILO Regional Better Migration Management Project; Piyasiri Wickramasekara, GMPA vice-president, was the lead trainer resource person. See details on page 9.
5. Preparation of **Training modules on bilateral labour migration instruments for capacity building of government officials of Bangladesh**, March-May 2022, by Piyasiri Wickramasekara. Details on page 9.
6. **Global Parliamentary Conference on refugees and migration**, Istanbul, 20-21 June 2022, organized by the **Inter-Parliamentary Union-IPU** and the **Grand National Assembly of Türkiye**. GMPA President Patrick Taran was speaker, session moderator, and shadow rapporteur; GMPA Research Associate Denielle Amparado served as scribe. See *feature activity* page 8
7. International Training Center of the ILO trainings: Piyasiri Wickramasekara (GMPA) was key expert trainer at the **ITC-ILO E-Course on Developing, Negotiating and Implementing Bilateral Labour Agreements**, 13 June – 22 July and for **ITC-ILO E-Academy on Labour Migration**, 15 – 18 November.
8. **Special training for participants from South Asia on BLAs** under the ILO Governance of Labour Migration in South and South-East Asia, online June-July, by Piyasiri Wickramasekara. See page 9.
9. **ITC-ILO-IGAD Training on Protection of migrant workers and their families in and from the IGAD region countries**, Entebbe, Uganda, 22-26 August 2022, organized by the ITC-ILO and the Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD). Patrick Taran was main trainer-expert. See details on page 10 *feature activity*.
10. Preparation of **keynote report Eurasian migration system: theoretical background and practical realities** by GMPA Associate Irina Ivakhnyuk presented at the International conference “Eurasian Migration System: Current Trends and Prospects” in Moscow on 23 December 2022
11. A GMPA team continued further research and revision of the draft comprehensive **City Practitioners Handbook on Welcoming Migrants and Refugees; towards inclusive and sustainable cities**, a first comprehensive manual for cities, covering all relevant aspects concerning migrants in cities.
12. Initiated research and drafting of a **comprehensive governance manual on migration for employment/migrant workers “pre-admission and post-admission” policies**, for main destination countries in **Southern Africa**, under the joint ILO-IOM SAMM - Southern Africa Migration Management project. Work continues in 2023. The GMPA team is Piyasiri Wickramasekara, Chandima Arambepola, Olga Kadyshcheva, and Patrick Taran.

II. Publications 2022 including research papers and reports: by GMPA and by Associates credited in association with GMPA

A. Published/posted in 2022 dated 2021

Background Report: IGAD Regional Guidelines on Rights-Based Bilateral Labour Agreements (BLAs). Patrick Taran and Piyasiri Wickramasekara, assisted by Olga Kadyshewa and Marubini Muswede. ILO-IGAD, 2021. <https://igad.int/download/igad-regional-guidelines-on-rights-based-bilateral-labour-agreements-blas/>

IGAD Regional Guidelines on Rights-Based Bilateral Labour Agreements (BLAs). IGAD-Intergovernmental Authority for Development. Adopted by the IGAD Member States' Ministers of Labour and Employment in 2021. Preparation by Piyasiri Wickramasekara and Patrick Taran of GMPA explicitly acknowledged. <https://igad.int/download/igad-regional-guidelines-on-rights-based-bilateral-labour-agreements-blas/> Also available in French.



B. Published in 2022

AU Guidelines on Bilateral Labour Agreements. African Union. 2021, prepared by a GMPA team and validated by an AU tripartite constituent expert meeting in 2021; Adopted by the AU Specialised Technical Committee (STC) on Social Development, Labour and Employment in April 2022. https://au.int/sites/default/files/newsevents/workingdocuments/41106-wd-GUIDELINES_ON_DEVELOPING_BILATERAL_LABOUR_AGREEMENTS_BLAs-ENGLISH_0.pdf

Special Issue: Global Migration Challenges and Solutions: An Interdisciplinary Review of the academic journal/ *Revista Tecnológica - Espol*, 34(1), co-prepared with GMPA. Patrick A. Taran, Guest Editor. (10 articles, 217 pages.) Guayaquil, Ecuador, March 2022. <http://www.rte.espol.edu.ec/index.php/tecnologica/issue/view/40>

RTE Special Issue Articles by GMPA members:

- Gachter, August (2022). **Migrant workers and discrimination: realities, threats, and remedies.** *Revista Tecnológica - Espol*, 34(1), pp.92-112, Guayaquil (Ecuador). March 2022. <http://www.rte.espol.edu.ec/index.php/tecnologica/article/view/907>
- Hirani, Hiral (2022). **Global warming impacts displacing the Maasai community in East Africa: challenges and responses** *Revista Tecnológica - Espol*, 34(1), pp.154-169, Guayaquil. March 2022. <http://www.rte.espol.edu.ec/index.php/tecnologica/article/view/909>
- Kadyshewa, Olga (2022). **Cities and migration: comprehensive study of cities welcoming migrants and refugees** *Revista Tecnológica - Espol*, 34(1), pp.170-192, March 2022. <http://www.rte.espol.edu.ec/index.php/tecnologica/article/view/919>
- Taran, Patrick A. (2022). **Migration, Human Rights & Sustainable Economies: A Century 21 Agenda.** *Revista Tecnológica - Espol*, 34(1), Guayaquil, 2022. <http://www.rte.espol.edu.ec/index.php/tecnologica/article/view/917>
- Taran, Patrick A. & Olga Kadyshewa. (2022) **COVID-19. Migrants, Refugees, Mobile Workers: Global Assessment and Action Agenda.** *Revista Tecnológica - Espol*, 34(1), 28-57, Guayaquil, Ecuador, March 2022. <http://www.rte.espol.edu.ec/index.php/tecnologica/article/view/889>

Special issue
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An interdisciplinary review

Papers in English (Artículos en inglés)

- 28 *COVID-19, Migrants, Refugees, Mobile Workers: Global Assessment and Action Agenda*
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Papers in Spanish (Artículos en español)

- 12 *COVID-19 y Migración: aportes a la gobernanza desde el asociacionismo de las mujeres inmigrantes en València (España)*
COVID-19 and Migration: contributions to governance from the association of immigrant women in Valencia (Spain)
- 58 *Juego de Roles: Una herramienta para visibilizar la lucha por los Derechos Humanos en programas de Ingeniería*
Role Play: A tool to approach the fight for Human Rights in Engineering programs

RTE Special Issue articles by GMPA friends (encouraged by the Guest Editor)

- Roma Beke (2022). **[Global Warming and Displacement: Challenges and Solutions in the Maldives](http://www.rte.espol.edu.ec/index.php/tecnologica/article/view/899)** *Revista Tecnológica - Espol*, 34(1), pp. 75-91, Guayaquil. March 2022.
<http://www.rte.espol.edu.ec/index.php/tecnologica/article/view/899>
- Ana Munoz Llorca, Diana Tutistar Rosero, Lucy Polo Castillo (2022). **[COVID-19 and Migration: contributions to governance from the association of immigrant women in Valencia \(Spain\)](http://www.rte.espol.edu.ec/index.php/tecnologica/article/view/902)** *Revista Tecnológica - Espol*, 34(1), pp.12-27, Guayaquil. March 2022.
<http://www.rte.espol.edu.ec/index.php/tecnologica/article/view/902>
- Simon Steyne: **[Has Anti-Migration and Anti-Refugee Discourse Hampered Progress against Child Labour?](http://www.rte.espol.edu.ec/index.php/tecnologica/article/view/856)** *Revista Tecnológica - Espol*, 34(1), pp.113-135, Guayaquil. March 2022.
<http://www.rte.espol.edu.ec/index.php/tecnologica/article/view/856>

C. Other Published and unpublished Articles in 2022 by GMPA members

Piyasiri Wickramasekara (2022). *Chapter 3. Return and reintegration challenges and policy responses in Asia following the COVID-19 pandemic* -in: *Labor migration in Asia: COVID-19 impacts, challenges, and policy responses*. ADBI – OECD – ILO, pp.33-62.

<https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/publication/797536/labor-migration-asia.pdf>

Piyasiri Wickramasekara (2022). *Bangladesh: A Practical Guide on Bilateral Labour Migration Instruments (BLMIs)*, Report prepared for the International Labour Organization (ILO) Technical Cooperation Project: “Application of Migration Policy for Decent Work for Migrant Workers: Phase II”, Dhaka (unpublished, restricted).

Piyasiri Wickramasekara, assisted by Asif Munier (2022). *Comparative analysis of return and reintegration of migrant workers, the role of bilateral cooperation, and related good practices in selected Asian countries during the pandemic.*, Report prepared for the International Labour Organization (ILO) Technical Cooperation Project: “Application of Migration Policy for Decent Work for Migrant Workers: Phase II”, May 2022, Draft (unpublished, restricted).

D. Documents prepared in 2022 pending publication:

Eurasia and East Europe Country migration profiles prepared in 2022 by GMPA for the ITUC *Recruitment Advisor* website project on: **Moldova, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine, & Uzbekistan**. Researched and prepared by Denielle Amparado, Nicolas Centeno, Patrick Taran, Olga Kadyshewa.

Eurasian migration system: theoretical background and practical realities keynote report by Irina Ivakhnyuk (GMPA Associate) presented at the International conference “Eurasian migration system: current trends and prospects,” Moscow, 23 December 2022.

Geneva, 500 Years of Immigration and Refuge, A History in Brief & Today’s Challenges, researched and drafted by Patrick A. Taran. A preliminary version was presented at an *Intergenerational Dialogue* “Refugees and Migrants in Geneva, Constructing New Lives, from Hopes to Realities” 6 December 2022.

The Global and African Legal Normative Frameworks and Policy Guidance on protection of migrants and migration governance Resource Briefing Paper by Patrick Taran for IGAD-ITC-ILO Training on Protection of Migrant Workers in and from the IGAD region countries. Entebbe, Uganda, August 2022. (pre-publication version posted on GMPA website at:

<http://www.globalmigrationpolicy.org/articles/intStandards/Global&African%20Legal%20Normative%20Frameworks%20&%20Policy%20Guidance%20on%20protection%20of%20migrants%20&migration%20governance%20TARAN%20aug2022.pdf>)

E. Contributions to other publications:

The GMPA President along with Associate Tamirace Fakhoury contributed expert inputs and proposed text formulations for the *Recommendations on the Protection of Women Human Rights Defenders at Risk in Migration Contexts*. New York: UN Women, November 2022, prepared and published by UN Women in collaboration with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders and the UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants. <https://www.unwomen.org/sites/default/files/2022-11/Recommendations-on-the-protection-of-migrant-women-human-rights-defenders-en.pdf> Patrick Taran provided extensive written inputs at two stages of preparation; Dr Fakhoury participated in the *Expert Meeting* held in Geneva 19 - 20 July to review and finalize the Recommendations.

III. GMPA Participation in conferences, meetings, workshops and trainings in 2022:

1. **Training on Bilateral Labour Agreements for the Protection of Kenyan Migrant workers**, Mombasa, Kenya, 17-19 March 2022 organized by the ILO Regional Better Migration Management Project; Piyasiri Wickramasekara, GMPA vice-president, was the lead trainer resource person.
2. **ITC-ILO E-Course on Developing, Negotiating and Implementing Bilateral Labour Agreements**, 13 June 2022 – 22 July 2022 (online), International Training Center of the ILO: Piyasiri Wickramasekara (GMPA) was key expert trainer.
3. **Global Parliamentary Conference on refugees and migration**, Istanbul, 20-21 June 2022, organized by the **Inter-Parliamentary Union-IPU** and the **Grand National Assembly of Türkiye**. GMPA President Patrick Taran was speaker, session moderator, and shadow rapporteur; GMPA Research Associate Denielle Amparado served as scribe, supporting preparation of the Rapporteur's summary. See page 8
4. **Special training for participants from South Asia on BLAs** under the ILO Governance of Labour Migration in South and South-East Asia (GOALS project), online June-July, by Piyasiri Wickramasekara.
5. **ITC-ILO-IGAD Training on Protection of migrant workers and their families in and from the IGAD region countries**, Entebbe, Uganda, 22-26 August 2022, organized by the International Training Center of the ILO (ITC-ILO) and **Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD)**. Patrick Taran (GMPA) was main expert trainer-lecturer and co-facilitator for the one-week intensive course. See page 10.
6. **Symposium on War, Migration, Refugees and Labour Issues** in Türkiye: Istanbul 24-25 September 2022 organized by the KESK public services union federation of Türkiye, brought together leadership and activists in national and local public services unions and affiliates in education, health, local administration, agriculture and other sectors, with international participation from ITUC, Arab Trade Union Confederation, Public Services International, and national union federations in Germany and Spain as well as the ILO Türkiye office. Patrick Taran, GMPA President, was speaker at the first substantive session, see text [here](#).
7. Course **'International Migration: Current Challenges and Policy Responses'** (September to December 2022) taught at the *Geneva School of Diplomacy & International Relations* by GMPA Associate Olga Kadyshева for Bachelor in International Relations students.
8. **ITC-ILO E-Academy on Labour Migration, 15 – 18 November 2022**. Piyasiri Wickramasekara (GMPA) was an expert trainer. See feature activity page 9.

9. **Intergenerational Dialogue “Refugees and Migrants in Geneva: Constructing New Lives, from Hopes to Realities”**, in Geneva 6 December 2022 featured a review of the city's 500-year history of refuge and immigration and current policy challenges by GMPA President Patrick Taran, along with brief testimonials by 12 immigrants and refugees to Geneva arrived from the 1980s to 2022. It was opened by Geneva city Administrative Counsellor Christina Kitsos and by Antonio Hodgers, Vice-President of the Council of State of the Republic & Canton of Geneva (see [Programme](#)).



10. International seminar **“Eurasian migration system: current trends and prospects”** in **Moscow** on 23 December 2022, co-organized by the Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC) and Russian Presidential Academy on the National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA) featured the keynote report on **“Eurasian migration system: theoretical background and practical realities”** prepared and presented by GMPA Associate Irina Ivakhnyuk. Program (in Russian) at: <https://russiancouncil.ru/papers/Migration2022Program.pdf> News story (in Russian) at: <https://russiancouncil.ru/news/rsmd-i-rankhigs-proveli-sedmuyu-migratsionnyu-konferentsiyu/>

2022 Feature Activity

Special Issue *Global Migration Challenges and Remedies: An interdisciplinary review*

of the open access academic-scientific journal **RTE –Revista Tecnológica ESPOL**, Polytechnic University of Ecuador produced in cooperation with Global Migration Policy Associates. Several articles authored by GMPA Associates; many GMPA Associates and Affiliates served as peer-reviewers for articles submitted. GMPA President **Patrick Taran** was the *Guest Editor*, working in cooperation with RTE Editor-in-Chief **Nayeth Idalid Solórzano Alcivar** (based in Guayaquil). The full RTE *Special Issue* published on 15 March 2022 is available in PDF at: <http://www.rte.espol.edu.ec/index.php/tecnologica/issue/view/40/34>

Titles and authors of articles prepared and/or inspired by GMPA Associates are listed on pages 3-4.

To summarize 'what we did', activity by the Editorial team led by *Guest Editor* Patrick A. Taran and Journal *Editor in Chief* Nayeth Idalid Solórzano Alcivar included:

- developing the TOR-terms of reference for the special issue, in context of RTE specific and general academic journal standards;
- identifying key topics on which to solicit articles;
- publicizing the call for papers/submissions and inviting articles via mass mailings and social networks;
- directly soliciting articles/papers from GMPA members, ESPOL and GSD students and other experts on specific migration topics;
- counselling intending authors on preparing and submitting articles according to academic journal standards;
- initial qualifying review of submissions;
- identifying peer reviewers and arranging and following-up peer review of each article;
- assisting authors to understand and address peer review comments and concerns; and
- editorial check of revised submissions for RTE copy-editing, layout and publication.

The resulting published volume pulled together content concerning all world regions—Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, Eurasia, and Oceania. Authors and peer reviewers represent regional and national diversity across the globe; gender balance; multiple disciplines; and a range among authors/contributors from migrants to young women scholars to veteran international specialists to accomplished academics.

The ten rigorously peer reviewed articles covered:

- policy for rights, decent work and well-fare of women migrant workers;
- health and risks facing migrants and refugees in the COVID-19 pandemic;
- small island country mitigation and adaptation to global warming;
- impeding climate-change displacement of indigenous pastoralist communities;
- preventing discrimination and promoting equality of treatment;
- common approaches of cities welcoming migrants and refugees; and
- the key role of international migration in sustaining economies, development, and human welfare worldwide.
- consequences of anti-migration discourse by populist ethno-nationalism,
- lessons from ancient history for contemporary international refugee law, and
- an innovative approach to including human rights and migration in university education.

Articles are [individually accessible here](#).

GMPA Associates **August Gachter**, **Olga Kadysheva**, and **Patrick Taran** prepared articles included in the volume. Among the 31 peer reviewers were GMPA Associates and Affiliates: **Elena Dingu-Kyrklund**, **Tamirace Fakhoury**, **Pedro Gois**, **Ibrahima Guisse**, **Olga Kadysheva**, **Juliana Masabo**, **Paolo Ruspini**, **Petra Snelders**, **Piyasiri Wickramasekara**, and **John Wrench**, as well as GMPA Research Associates **Alexandra Kramskaya** and **Rebecca Lily Shepard** and former Research Associate **Rakesh Krishnan**.

Subsequent to publication, GMPA sent promotional notification to some 5,000 contacts worldwide, and a subsequent 'reminder' notification in March 2023.

Feature Event 2: GMPA participation in IPU-GNAT global parliamentary conference

Global Parliamentary Conference on refugees and migration, Istanbul, 20-21 June 2022, organized by the **Inter-Parliamentary Union - IPU** and the **Grand National Assembly of Türkiye (GNAT)**, was the first global parliamentary conference focusing on refugees and migration. Some 300 parliamentarians participated from nearly 50 countries, including 17 speakers of national parliaments. Officials of international, regional and national organizations attended, some were speakers on the packed programme over two days.

GMPA President **Patrick Taran** served as speaker, session moderator, and shadow rapporteur. The **rapporteur report** ([English](#) / [French](#)) presented by Joseph Osei-Owusu, First Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Ghana provides a comprehensive, rights-respecting and ‘people-centered’ global assessment and agenda for parliaments worldwide on matters of refugees, forced displacement, and migration broadly. GMPA Research Associate **Denielle Amparado** (Philippines) served as scribe for the conference, supporting preparation of the Rapporteur’s summary.

Over the two day conference, parliamentarians from all regions --**Africa, Asia, Europe, Eurasia, the Middle East, and North and South America**-- shared situations their countries face, debated how to address causes of compelled migration, called for cooperation and responsibility-sharing, and urged adoption and implementation of binding international instruments on governance of migration, notably the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (ICRMW). The Global Compact on Refugees and the Global Compact on Migration and their implementation were also a focus of discussion.



Photo (L to R): Seref Malkoc, Chief Ombudsman, Türkiye; Patrick Taran, President, GMPA (session moderator); Akiyo Afouda, Human Rights Officer, IPU; Dr. Fatima Diallo, Deputy Chair, UN Committee on Rights of Migrant Workers; Gerard Karl Waite, Chief of Mission, IOM, Türkiye, at Session II Global Parliamentary Conference on refugees and migration, Istanbul, June 20, 2022. Photo credit: Serhat Çağdaş - Anadolu Agency.

Feature Activities 3: Participation in international training events

ILO Better Regional Migration Management Project, Addis Ababa: Training on Bilateral Labour Agreements for the Protection of Kenyan Migrant workers, Mombasa, Kenya, 17-19 March 2022

The above course was organized by the ILO to build the capacity of member of the Kenyan Tripartite committee on BLAs. In organizing this training, Piyasiri Wickramasekara participated online as a lead resource person. He made presentations on the following and interacted with the participants on question-and-answer sessions.

- i. Assessment criteria including good provisions and practices in BLMIs
- ii. Core structure and elements of BLMIs
- iii. How to draft, negotiate and finalize an agreement?
- iv. How to make agreements work? Implementation and follow up
- v. Monitoring and evaluation of BLAs

Training modules on bilateral labour migration instruments (BLMIs) for capacity building of government officials: Bangladesh, March-May 2022.

Prepared under the ILO-SDC Project: "Application of Migration Policy for Decent Work for Migrant Workers: Phase II.

10 Powerpoint modules on BLMI related issues were prepared by Dr. Wickramasekara; these were accompanied by related handouts and an electronic library of relevant references on BLMIs. He was assisted by a local consultant, Mr. Asif Munier, in this task.

ITCILO, E-Course on Developing, Negotiating and Implementing Bilateral Labour Agreements, 13 June 2022 – 22 July 2022. Piyasiri Wickramasekara was a lead trainer and delivered Prepared *power-point* presentations and delivered presentations on Evaluation and Monitoring of BLAs and Challenges Related to Implementation of BLAs followed by questions and answers. He technically backstopped and provided feedback on two sessions on 16 and 21 June 2022. He also commented and provided detailed clarifications to weekly forum contributions by the participants. He also acted as a resource person for the final group work session on the simulation exercise of the negotiation of a BLA (21 July 2022).

Special training for participants from South Asia on BLAs under the ILO Governance of Labour Migration in South and South-East Asia (GOALS project) based in the ILO Decent Work Team for South Asia at New Delhi. (June-July)

Dr. Wickramasekara supported this ITC online activity at the following sessions:

- i. Presentation on "BLAs in South Asia: regional context, challenges and opportunities (27 June);
- ii. Provided technical feedback on: presentation of national contexts by South Asian participants (11 July 2022);
- iii. Provided technical feedback during the session: presentation of outline plan of action by participants (25 July 2022)

ITC-ILO Labour Migration Academy 2022: Piyasiri Wickramasekara was trainer-lecturer-resource person for the **ITC-ILO** online course, **E-Academy on Labour Migration**, 15 – 18 November 2022. He provided technical support in the revision of the training toolkit on Bilateral Labour Migration Instruments used for the online course and elective course on BLAs by updating the content of the modules to contemporary scenarios and compiling a comprehensive glossary.

Feature Activity 4

ITC-ILO-IGAD Training on Protection of migrant workers and their families in and from the IGAD region countries, Entebbe, Uganda, 22-26 August 2022, organized by the **International Training Center of the ILO (ITC ILO)** and **Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD)**.



Photo: Participants of the Training. Photo credit: IGAD

The training event was tailored to on-site participation of 40 migration focal points from the seven **IGAD** (Intergovernmental Authority for Development) countries: **Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda**. The event was organized by the ITC ILO (International Training Center of the ILO at Turin) as part of an ongoing Diploma Course for IGAD member-country migration focal points, it was held under auspices of the ILO-IGAD [Free Movement of Persons and Transhumance in the IGAD Region](#) project supported by the EU.

See [news story on IGAD website](#) and [GMPTA Twitter](#) for daily reports and photos tweeted by IGAD.

Patrick Taran, GMPTA President, served as lead trainer, expert resource person and co-facilitator for the comprehensive, integrated participatory training, learning and experience sharing exercise. Patrick prepared a 35-page resource brief [The Global and African Legal Normative Frameworks and Policy Guidance on protection of migrants and migration governance](#) for participants to retain as a resource document for their ongoing work.



Photo: Patrick Taran - expert trainer with the course participants. Photo credit: IGAD

Feature Event consequent to GMPA work:

The [African Union Guidelines on Bilateral Labour Agreements](#) were adopted by the **African Union Specialised Technical Committee (STC) on Social Development, Labour and Employment**, at its session 4-8 April 2022 in Addis Ababa. Background research and drafting of the Guidelines were conducted in 2021 by a GMPA expert specialist team comprising **Patrick Taran, Piyasiri Wickramasekara, and Marius Olivier**, assisted by **Olga Kadysheva** and **Hiral Hirani**. (See 2021 GMPA Summary Activity Report for details on the process and content).

The draft Guidelines were reviewed and vetted for submission to the AU-STC by a formal AU Validation Meeting on 22 July 2021 involving tripartite delegates from 30 member countries reflecting all regions of the continent.

The STC adoption foreseen in 2021 was deferred to 2022 due to the ongoing pandemic situation.


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GMPA OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY 2022

GMPA conducts its activity with financial and other resources from modest member dues and project funding for research, advisory, and training activities. GMPA is a strictly non-commercial non-profit organization, registered with the State & Canton of Geneva since 2012 in accord with provisions of the Swiss Civil Code. GMPA has UN ECOSOC NGO Consultative Status since 2015. GMPA engages in implementation agreements with international organizations and other tax-exempt entities. The association does not conduct commercial activity nor engage in contractual arrangements of a commercial nature.

GMPA has not received external grant funding to sustain core operations and administration, instead 'supporting itself' by *pro-bono* voluntary staff work by member Associates and *cooperants*. It functions independently of grant conditionalities, funder *agendas*, and funding cycles of international or national institutions, philanthropic foundations or governments.

GMPA maintains a small office at the historic 18th Century **Villa Masaryk** located adjacent to the *Place des Nations* across the Avenue de la Paix from the main entrance to the UN Palais des Nations in Geneva.



PHOTO: entry to Villa Masaryk, May 2023.

Main GMPA organizational activity in 2022 included:

Governance

- 1 Regular meetings of officers –core Coordinating Team (Piyasiri was in Geneva part of year).
- 2 Review, monitoring and supervising GMPA project and other activity for 2022
- 3 Revised and finalized annual reports for 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021

The Secretariat (at Villa Masaryk, 11 Avenue de la Paix, Geneva)

- 1 Provided support arrangements and logistics for GMPA team activities.
- 2 Provided research assistance to main research activities.
- 3 Providing training for intern research associates
- 4 Maintained administrative activity and intern/research associate staff support.
- 5 Regular team meetings.

Organizational Team

The secretariat team including *Research Associates*/interns in 2022 reflected different regions and disciplines. All team members conducted GMPA organizational, office, and administrative work on a non-remunerative executive basis or under formal Research Associate internship agreements.

- 1 **Patrick Taran**, GMPA President, USA/France, provided executive and research functions *ad interim*.
- 2 **Olga Kadysheva**, Associate, Russian Federation/France, provided professional support on both research and administrative work and served as Acting Secretary.

- 3 **Piyasiri Wickramasekara**, GMPA Vice-President, conducted key project activity including obtaining and leading Southern Africa migration governance manual project work.
- 4 **Denielle Amparado** (Philippines), BA candidate Smith College (USA). Research and preparation of country migration profiles Kyrgyz Republic, Turkey, Ukraine, Uzbekistan.
- 5 **Nicolas Centeno** (Venezuela/USA), BA-IR candidate Geneva School of Diplomacy. Research and preparation of country migration profiles Kazakhstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan.
- 6 **Ciara O'Donoghue**, BA candidate Smith College (USA). Research on cities and migration for the City Practitioners Handbook on Welcoming Migrants and Refugees.

Communications and advocacy

- Frequent postings on GMPA *Facebook* page; *LinkedIn* postings associated with GMPA (over 2,500 recipients); occasional postings on *Twitter*.
- Regular list-serve informational and document mailings to 500 *GMPA Network* constituents
- Occasional mass mailings to 5,000 persons worldwide in the *GMPA contact data-base*
- A substantial updating and revision of the GMPA website began in July 2022.

Official/Diplomatic

- Provided annual GMPA Summary Activity reports for 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 to the State & Canton of Geneva and to the Banque Cantonale de Genève (BCGe) holder of the GMPA account.
- Registered for 2022 annual accreditation & badges for UNOG

Proposals & Consultations re ongoing and future cooperation

- Consultations with ILO and ILO-IOM SAMP project refining content of the manual on migration-for-employment governance for Southern Africa being prepared by a GMPA expert team.
- Initial discussion with ITUC colleagues towards preparation of Balkan region country profiles.

Roster of members up to 2022

Associates and Affiliates

Associates

Maruja Asis (Philippines), **Pablo Ceriani** (Argentina), **Jana Costachi** (Moldova), **Anastasia Crickley** (Ireland), **Tamirace Fakhoury** (Lebanon/Denmark/France), **Don Flynn** (UK), **August Gächter** (Austria), **Pedro Gois** (Portugal), **Eivind Hoffmann** (Norway), **Irina Ivakhnyuk** (Russian Federation), **Olga Kadysheva** (Russian Federation/France), **Guillermo Kerber** (Uruguay/Geneva), **Nunu Kidane** (Ethiopia/USA), **Monami Maulik** (India/USA), **Mamadou Niang** (Mauritania), **Nicola Piper** (Germany/Australia), **Yelena Sadovskaya** (Kazakhstan) **Lisa Simeone** (USA), **Ahmadou Tall** (Senegal), **Patrick Taran** (USA/Geneva/France), **Evalyn Tennant** (USA), **Piyasiri Wickramasekara** (Sri Lanka/Geneva), **Bridget Wooding** (UK/Dominican Republic), **John Wrench** (UK/Denmark), and

In memorium: Abdelhamid El Jamri (Morocco/France)

Affiliates

Violeta Correa (Argentina), **Elena Dingu-Kyrklund** (Bulgaria/Sweden), **Khadija Elmadmad** (Morocco), **Genevieve Gencianos** (Philippines/France), **Ibrahima Guisse** (Senegal/Geneva), **Ray Jureidini** (Palestine-Lebanon/Qatar), **Sadhana Manik** (South Africa), **Juliana Masabo** (Tanzania), **Mohamed Saib Musette** (Algeria), **Marius Olivier** (South Africa), **Petra Snelders** (Netherlands), **Dylan Terry** (USA/Jordan), **Katherine Youtz** (USA/UK) and *in memorium Joyce Jett (USA/Geneva)*.

Membership has been updated in 2023 to reflect renewals, departures, and members changing their membership category; see current listing of renewed and new membership on the GMPA website "Who We Are" page <http://www.globalmigrationpolicy.org/who.html>

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