



GMPA

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

About GMPA

GMPA is an independent global expert group: a dynamic space and place for rights-based, multidisciplinary, participatory research, policy development, advisory services, training-teaching, and knowledge- and values-based advocacy. It generates knowledge and analysis for a broad international articulation, promotion and realization of the *rights-based approach*. GMPA Associates and Affiliates are recognized academic and practitioner experts from countries in all world regions with rich experience in spheres of migration-related research, policy and governance. The Association was established in 2011 in Geneva and has *consultative status* with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC) since 2015.

GMPA Advantages

We represent and give life to a rights-based agenda rooted in advocacy, practice and the experience of migration worldwide, emphasizing migrants as human beings first and foremost. We provide the essential substantive approach upholding and sustaining human rights, social justice, non-discrimination, equality of treatment, and democratic participation as defining principles, contrasting the predominant utilitarian deregulatory discourse and policy constraining rights and justice in the name of fostering development through “well-managed migration”. We promote leadership and action by social partners, civil society and migrant communities as well as government officials. We provide: competence in policy research and advisory services with global perspective; multidisciplinary research integrating law, policy and practice; global knowledge to deliver sound analysis, advice and programs; breadth and diversity addressing all areas of migration; and expertise on Africa, North and Latin America, Asia, the Caribbean, Eurasia, Europe, and the Middle East.



GMPA office at the historic 18th Century *Villa Masaryk* next to Place des Nations and UN Palais des Nations in Geneva.

About GMPA work

In 2024:

- Co-preparing and co-editing a forthcoming special issue *Social Justice in the Contemporary World* of the academic-scientific journal RTE-Revista Tecnológica ESPOL, published under auspices of the Polytechnic University of Ecuador.
- Participating in consultations and activities of the *Global Coalition for Social Justice*, which GMPA joined as partner.
- Conducting a comprehensive *global literature survey on Social Justice*, over 700 titles listed, 220 pages at mid-year.
- Doing new research to rewrite and update the forthcoming *Handbook on Welcoming Cities for migrants and refugees*
- Monitoring sessions of and interceding at side-events to the **UN Human Rights Council**
- Providing inputs for CERD and C(R)MW UN Treaty Bodies and for Special Procedures reports.

In 2023:

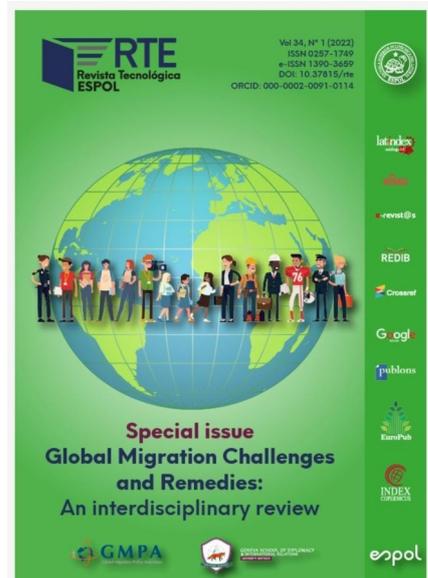
- Prepared **national migration profiles** on Balkan Countries: **Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, & Serbia**, in cooperation with the International Trade Union Confederation *RecruitmentAdvisor*.
- Researched and wrote a *Practical Manual on Migration Policies and Tools: Guidance for SADC Countries of Destination* of migrant workers for the ILO-IOM SAMM-Southern Africa Migration Management project.
- Expert-supported **international training courses on migration** by ITCILO - International Training Centre of the ILO.
- Provided briefing papers and expert contributions at regional and international conferences, forums and other events.

In 2021-22:

- Co-produced a joint special issue of the **RTE academic-scientific journal**;
- Prepared **migration profiles of Eurasian countries**;
- Conducted **trainings** on labour migration at ITC-ILO in Turin, on human rights and labour standards for IGAD countries in Uganda, and training in Asia and Africa on Bilateral Labour Agreements (BLAs);
- Presented an expert conference paper on **Eurasian regional migration**;
- Did ongoing **research on multiple migration topics**: cities and migration, discrimination, COVID impact on migrants, global migration assessments, etc.

Results and Impact of GMPA activity:

- Research and analysis that built the *global knowledge base on migration*;
- Provision of research, policy advisory formulations and documentation *supporting rights-based law, policy, and action* nationally and locally;
- Practical training and user-friendly materials that strengthened legislation, policy, and practical responses assuring *realization of human and labour rights, social justice, and equality of treatment* for all;
- Articulating the narrative of *migrants and refugees as rights-holding and rightful participants in building and sustaining our communities, cities and societies* everywhere, contributing to the welfare and well-being of all.





GMPA supported proceedings and successful outcome of the **Global Parliamentary Conference on refugees and migration**, Istanbul, 20-21 June 2022, organized by **Inter-Parliamentary Union - IPU** and **Grand National Assembly of Türkiye**, with 300 parliamentarians from 50 countries and officials of international and regional organizations. GMPA President Patrick Taran was speaker, session moderator, and shadow rapporteur; Research Associate Denielle Amparado was conference scribe. Rapporteur's report: <https://www.ipu.org/file/%2014655/download>

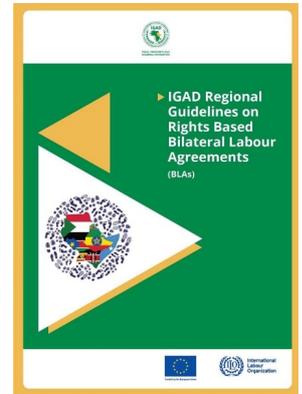
Photo Session II Global Parliamentary Conference, Istanbul, June 20, 2022. (L to R): Seref Malkoc, Chief Ombudsman, Türkiye; Patrick Taran, President, GMPA (session moderator); Akiyo Afouda, Human Rights Officer, IPU; Dr. Fatima Diallo, Deputy Chair, UN Committee on Rights of Migrant Workers; Gerard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

Flagship Products:

- 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) March 2022. 222 pages. Patrick Taran was *Invited/Guest Editor*. <http://www.rte.espol.edu.ec/index.php/tecnologica/issue/view/40/34>
- GMPA member-authored journal articles included: **Comprehensive study of cities welcoming migrants and refugees** (Olga Kadyshveva) <http://www.rte.espol.edu.ec/index.php/tecnologica/article/view/919> ; **COVID-19, Migrants, Refugees, Mobile Workers: Global Assessment and Action Agenda** <http://www.rte.espol.edu.ec/index.php/tecnologica/article/view/889> ; **Global warming impacts displacing the Maasai community in East Africa** (Hiral Hirani) <http://www.rte.espol.edu.ec/index.php/tecnologica/article/view/909> ; **Migrant workers and discrimination: realities, threats and remedies** (August Gachter) <http://www.rte.espol.edu.ec/index.php/tecnologica/article/view/907>
- Comprehensive **national migration profiles** on 8 East Europe and Eurasia countries: **Moldova, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Türkiye, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan**. Content covered history, recruitment, conditions of employment, statistical data, legislation, etc. Prepared under ITUC auspices for RecruitmentAdvisor platform.
- **AU (African Union) Guidelines on Bilateral Labour Agreements** prepared by GMPA under joint AU and ILO auspices, 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



- **Background Report: IGAD Regional Guidelines on Rights-Based Bilateral Labour Agreements (BLAs)**. Patrick Taran and Piyasiri Wickramasekara, assisted by Olga Kadyshveva 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)**. Adopted by the IGAD Member States' Ministers of Labour and Employment in 2021. <https://igad.int/download/igad-regional-guidelines-on-rights-based-bilateral-labour-agreements-blas/>
(IGAD–Intergovernmental Authority on Development, members are Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda)



- **Independent external evaluation of the ITCILO training and learning activities in the area of labour migration**, 2019. https://www.itcilo.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Final%20Evaluation%20Report%20ITCILO%20Migration%20Activities%202017-18%20GMPA%20CLEAR%205Aug19_1.pdf
- **Evaluation finale du programme MEET Africa-** Mobilisation Européenne pour l'Entrepreneuriat en Afrique, conducted for Expertise France, by Anna Ohannessian Charpin and Patrick Taran - GMPA, 2018.
- **Mid-term Evaluation of EU-Africa MMD**–migration and mobility for development cooperation partnership implemented by ICMPD, carried out by Patrick Taran & Anna Ohannessian Charpin - GMPA, 2017-18.

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