

organizing agency/coordinating office for the CSD. For the first time in the history of the GFMDs, Civil Society had the opportunity to organize itself. One of our Committee members was invited to be one of the twelve- member core group in charge of this organizing effort; several of our members were invited to be on the seventy plus member global Consultation Circle; and two of our members were invited to be delegates at the CSD in Geneva.

Our GFMD Taskforce prepared, and our delegates in Geneva circulated, the Committee's recommendations for action on each theme of the four simultaneous working sessions of the CSD: 1) Rights-based policy making for the benefit of migrant workers and families; 2) Improving the protection of migrants moving or working in irregular circumstances; 3) Re-imagining labour mobility; and 4) Investing in development alternatives to migration. **These recommendations, as well as the oral interventions of our delegates during the CSD proceedings, contributed to the calls for action contained in the Civil Society Outcome Statement, presented to Governments at the start of the GFMD proceedings during the Common Space session Thursday, 1st December, 2011.**

Contributions to the GFMD 2012.

In response to the First Draft Concept Paper of Mauritius, for comments by 16th December 2011, we submitted two preliminary recommendations—one substantive and one procedural – for consideration at the brainstorming meeting scheduled to take place in Mauritius on 18th and 19th January 2012. On substance, we urged—in concordance with the 2011 Outcome Statement of the Civil Society Days-- that the right

Session 2.2 *Addressing South-South Migration and Development Policies*, as well as Session 3.1, *Shaping Public Perceptions of Migrants and Migration*, would provide a welcome opportunity for joint efforts such as possible Government-Civil Society partnerships to address the social conditions and well-being of migrants and their families. While the theme of RT Session 4, *Gender, Human Rights and Migration*, is most welcome, the discussion could be fruitfully expanded to include race, particularly in the African context of the GFMD.

Contributions to the 2013 UNGA High Level Dialogue

We look forward to a strong participation by Civil Society in the 2013 UNGA HLD on Migration and Development, and the preparatory meetings leading up to it. Our Committee's formation is inextricably associated with our contributions to the 2006 UNGA HLD, which earned us our accreditation as a full fledged NGO. Since then, we have been engaged in fruitful collaborations with the various UN entities – especially with the Migration Section of DESA's Population Division -- which work to promote the human rights of migrants and their families.

We closely cooperated with the UNGA/PGA office in preparation for the Informal Dialogue on Migration and Development which took place at UNHQ on 19th May 2011. Our Committee was chosen as one of only 3 NGOs to represent Civil Society and to give an intervention on behalf of Civil Society at that meeting. We also collaborated with our NGO networks in a preparatory side event on *Migration, Development and Human Rights: a Civil Society Perspective and View to 2013*.

Since then, we have been in touch with the PGA, DESA and the NGLS; with the GMG, especially IOM, UNITAR and UNICEF; and with our NGO partners and networks, about preparations for, and participation in, the 2013 UNGA HLD. We believe that these collaborative partnerships will strengthen our joint efforts to bring about successful outcomes for migrants at the 2013 HLD.

New Initiatives in the Area of International Migration

In the wake of emerging trends in international migration, several initiatives seem particularly timely and worthy of support, including *the ACP Observatory on Migration*, ICMC's *DRIVE* project, and the *Destination Unknown* project being launched in May 2012 by Terre des Hommes.

With South- South migration as one of the themes proposed by Mauritius for the 2012 GFMD RT Sessions, the *ACP Observatory on Migration* launched by the African, Caribbean, and Pacific Group of States (ACP Group) promises to assume a significant role. It is designed to produce reliable data on South-South migration flows in ACP countries for policy makers and civil society, and allow them to make informed decisions on South-South migration and development.

ICMC's *DRIVE project* responds to the newly emerging situations of forced migration as recently evidenced in North Africa, of massive complex mixed migration flows, where

those fleeing are “third country nationals”, mainly economic migrants in both regular and irregular situations. While the project’s initial objective has been to strengthen capacity among NGOs, local service providers, and institutions in Greece, Italy, Malta, and Spain responding to boat arrivals, its larger objective is a call for comprehensive approaches to respond effectively to future massive mixed migration flows.

As the situation of minors caught up in these emergencies shows, trafficking is an important, but by no means sole, risk that children on the move endure. In recognition of this, the International Federation Terre des Hommes, this Spring is launching a campaign entitled ***Destination Unknown***, whose focus will be on serving all children involved in migration, whether migrating with the family or alone, left behind, or caught up in emergencies. Our Committee, which was actively involved in the preparations for and participation in the 17th-18th May 2011 UNICEF- led GMG Symposium, *Migration and Youth*, strongly supports this initiative. We look forward to collaborating with all stakeholders in supporting these, and other new initiatives.