

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**EVENT:** CONFERENCE ON IMMIGRATION POLICIES AND DEVELOPMENT: NEW PERSPECTIVES

**DATE:** Friday, October 10th, 2008 (from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm)

**VENUE:** Washington D.C., The Phillips Collection (1600 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW)

### **A New Step in Thinking about Immigration**

#### **SUMMARY**

This one-day conference will address the underestimated synergy between immigration and socio-economic development of U.S. in innovative, multi-disciplinary way. Distinguished speakers from best universities, think-tanks, non-profits, local governments and advocacy groups will approach the issue from global, regional and local perspective and will examine its economic, legal, political, social, cultural, anthropological and other dimensions. Participation is free (registration required). For more (agenda, summaries, speakers), visit: <http://grldevelopment.net/projects.html>

#### **OVERVIEW**

There is a strong synergy between migration of people and socio-economic development of the country of their destination. U.S. sustainable development largely depends on how the immigration policy is able to harness flow of new Americans. Since recently, the United Nations endorses the human right of people to migrate for economic and social reasons. The countries in the world's avant-garde demand human rights for all. This historic process invites all to share local, regional and global experiences and best practices. A multi-disciplinary perspective is necessary. Experts in various fields, from economy and law through politics, to sociology, anthropology, cultural and organizational studies, and human resources will present the new perspectives to better benefit from this on-going chance.

#### **TOPICS**

International migration and development – new United Nations global agenda for migration and development policies | Selected examples of immigration policies in the world. Lessons to be learned (European Union, Australia, Canada, Israel) | The situation of ethnic Diasporas in U.S. – their characteristics, aspirations, present status and perspectives of successful integration and development (Hispanic Diaspora, Asian American Diasporas) | The labor market of immigration | The present and future shape of the American society – cultural and social identities, role of immigration and integration policies and models of social development | Global Mobility and Lifelong Learning: Developing American and Global Citizens | U.S. immigration policy in the 21st Century: consistencies, contradictions, and conflicts with current law, practice, and broader national policy concerns | Is immigration an American strength? Voices of representatives of immigrant societies, business circles, governmental agencies and non-profit organizations.

#### **INTENDED PARTICIPANTS**

In general, all who work in the field of immigration policies and/or socio-economic development policies. In particular: representatives of local, state and federal administration, academics and students, diplomats, journalists, scientific institutions, grantors, staff of the members of Congress, non-profit organizations and advocacy groups, representatives of U.S. and foreign businesses, business chambers and trade unions.

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**Main organizer:** GRL (Global Regional Local) Development, an expert-based organization working in favor of sustainable human development and transferring global and regional solutions to the local settings.

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