



The Global Academy on Migration and Development (GAMD) is an idea brought to life by the Migration Laboratory (Migration Lab), made of 33 migration experts from 18 different countries and sectors. The Migration Lab aims to discover new perspectives, ideas and innovations that can help improve the lives of migrants everywhere. The Migration Lab took place within the framework of the Global Forum of Migration and Development (GFMD) and on behalf of the Federal Government of Germany – as Co-Chair with Morocco of the 2017 GFMD Summit. It was organized by Global Leadership Academy and the GIZ (German Development Cooperation) supported by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

GAMD is a strategic partnership created to fill the gap in migration and development policy implementation. To turn policy into concrete action, we work with different governments, businesses, international development agencies, NGOs and diaspora organizations.

Today, we are a global network of experts skilled in training, research and consultancy services from Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), national and local governments, the academe and the private sector.



OUR LEAD ORGANIZATIONS

Each of our organizations have years of experience not only with advocacy work, but also with policy recommendation and implementation on a national and international scale.

- ATIKHA** A Philippine organization covering Southeast Asia, the Middle East and the Asia Migration Corridor.
- AFFORD** The African Foundation for Development is a diaspora organization based in the UK, with successful migration and development initiatives in Africa
- BASUG** A diaspora organization active in the Netherlands, Germany and the South Asia Corridor.
- FEDERACION ZACATECANA** A group implementing the successful Development Program 3 x 1 for Mexican migrants based in the US.
- IMPRESA ETNICA** A civil society organization based in Italy, building a worldwide entrepreneurial network among diaspora.



OUR VISION

We aim to be the leading global network of migration and development experts, dedicated to capacity building, knowledge exchange, and action research which all contribute to progress for the migrants, their families, and entire communities around the world.

OUR MISSION

By bringing our diverse skills together, we work to actualize migration policies into concrete actions. Everything we do is for a better future in migration.



WHAT WE PROVIDE

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE & TRAINING ON MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- **Peer-to-Peer Learning:** Sharing and learning from different migration experts, covering different topics like best practices and challenges from pre-departure to on-site to the return phase.
- **Migration Stakeholder Dialogue:** Discussions on the current situation, gaps and challenges, and brainstorming sessions to come up with shared missions, programs and solutions.

- **Global Field Schools:** Mentorship for migration and development practitioners to study best practices, especially on diaspora engagement, development-oriented or gender-responsive reintegration, and migrant center in governance.

- **Training Seminars:** Helping new trainers by expanding their skills to include socio-economic services for pre-departure, on-site and return, like pre-migration orientation seminars, financial literacy courses, and migrant center set-ups. This is also supported by ongoing mentorship.

RESEARCH

Action Research on the results and benefits of international migration, as well as the significant contributions of migrants and the diaspora to sustainable development. This is to assure we can effectively implement our programs.

Some of our research topics include:

- Social costs of migration
- Challenges & issues of the seafaring industry
- Reintegration of migrant workers
- Gender, migration and development
 - Children and migration
 - Diaspora engagement
- Savings and investment behavior of migrants and families
- Impact of international migration on families and communities

CONSULTANCY

Consultancy services in developing & evaluating various migration & development initiatives, projects and programs in different countries. Some of what we focus on include:

- Mapping opportunities for migrant investment, enterprises and philanthropy
- Designing and implementing migration & development initiatives or projects
- Impact evaluation of migration and development programs and projects

OUR OBJECTIVES

1. To provide a platform for sharing the best practices of national, regional & local governments, NGOs, the academe, & the private sector in implementing migration & development programs.
2. To showcase best practices in shifting the cultural narrative on migration from negative to positive through different forms of media.
3. To empower migration stakeholders in origin & destination countries, by building capacities & encouraging initiatives that minimize socio-economic costs & maximize development gains.
4. To conduct research on the benefits and results of migration, as well as the significant contributions of migrants & the diaspora to sustainable development.
5. To provide consultancy services in developing & evaluating migration & development initiatives, projects & programs in different countries.



A DIFFERENT WAY OF WORKING!

- Use Professional Dialogue techniques in our training sessions to ensure effective learning of migration stakeholders;
- Multi-stakeholder approach to learning and sharing of practices to appreciate different perspective of issues and solutions from government, civil society, academe and private sector from national to local level;
- Not only single learning activities but includes follow-up and mentoring to ensure that participants are guided in the process of implementation;
- Ensure that outcome of researches conducted are utilized to improve implementation of migration and development program

OUR EXECUTIVE BOARD



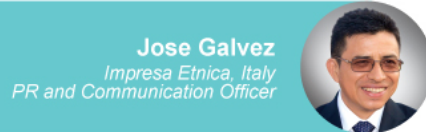
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