

Understanding the Impact of Travel Restrictions on Universal Access from the Perspectives of Migrant Sending and Receiving Countries – A Dialogue

Global Village Debate (WEGS01)

23 July 2014 - 11:00 - 12:30

Clarendon Auditorium

Restrictions on entry, stay and residence for PLHIV reinforce stigma and discrimination, deny opportunities for people to live and work across borders, inhibit access to access to HIV, prevention, care and treatment services. These restrictions are particularly problematic in the Asia Pacific region where millions migrate to seek work in industries such as domestic work, construction, healthcare and service industries. This has led to a range of challenges: HIV testing without consent or counselling, lack of health services, frequent cases of detention and deportation. The ILO Recommendation concerning HIV and AIDS in the World of Work, 2010 (No.200), explicitly calls for ending mandatory testing of migrants. This session will include an interactive debate around related issues.

Co-Chairs: Suzette Moses-Burton, Netherlands & Alice Ouédraogo, Switzerland

- 11:00** **Introduction**
A. Ouédraogo, Switzerland & S. Moses-Burton, Netherlands
- 11:05** **An overview of HIV related entry and residence restrictions**
P. Wiessner, Germany
- 11:10** **Travel restrictions and their impact in Asia and the Pacific – a personal perspective**
O. Franco, Philippines
- 11:20** **Three Country Assessment on Health Screening of Migrant Workers**
M. da Quinta, Thailand, UNAIDS
- 11:30** **Panel discussion and audience Question and Answer: The impact of travel restrictions**
J. Hows, Netherlands, of GNP+ will lead a moderated discussion
Panellists:
A. Altaf, United Kingdom, Trade union perspective
J. Lim-Pousard, United States, Private sector perspective
A. Lim, Singapore, Community perspective from GNP+
R. Di Natale, Senator, Australia
Other guests
- 12:15** **Recommendations and next steps**
S. M. Afsar, Switzerland, & J. Hows, Netherlands
- 12:25** **Closing remarks by Co-Chairs**

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