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支持中欧人员往来和移民领域对话项目

**Policy Seminar on ‘Migrants and Cities’**

Guangzhou, 17 – 18 March, 2016

Venue: HILTON GUANGZHOU TIANHE, 4F Meeting Room M2

**Draft Agenda**

**17 March 2016, Day 1**

0830            *Registration of the participants*

**0900 – 1000    Opening Ceremony**

*Chairperson: Mr. Pär Liljert, Head of Office, International Organization for Migration*

0900 – 0915    *Ms. Jill Helke, Director, Department of International Cooperation and Partnerships (ICP), International Organization for Migration (IOM)*

0915 – 0930    *( ) Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the People's Republic of China (PRC)*

0930 – 0940    *( ) Delegation of the European Union to China and Mongolia*

0940 – 1000    *Key Note Speaker: Vice Mayor of Guangzhou*

1000 – 1010    *Photo Session*

1010 – 1030    *Coffee Break*

**1030 – 1230    Session 1: Global Trends on Growing Urbanization and Human Mobility**

Almost all the growth in the world’s population over the next few decades is expected to take place in urban centers. Cities are at the center of migration challenges and thus they should be front runners in the planning and provision of policies on migration and urbanization. This session will provide an overview of the global trends and discussions around the opportunities and challenges of urbanization and human mobility management, as well as research papers outlining the linkages between migration and economic development of cities in China.

*Chairperson: Ministry of Foreign Affairs (tbc)*

1030 – 1100    *Outcomes of the “International Conference on Migrants and Cities” - October 2015*

*Presenter: Jill Helke, Director, ICP, IOM HQ*

1100 – 1130    *Overview of Research on “Migrants and Cities” –*

*Presenter: Mr. Wang Huiyao, President of the Center for China and Globalization (CCG)*

1130 – 1200    *Presentation of Research on “ ‘Migrants and Cities’: Recruitment, employment and working*

*conditions of domestic workers in China”*

*Presenter: Ms. Liu Minghui, Professor and Academic Leader, Law School, China Women's*

*University*

1200 – 1230    *Question and Answer*



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1230 – 1400 *Lunch Break*

**1400 – 1700 Session 2: Opportunities and Challenges for Human Mobility Management**

Increasing urbanization presents both opportunities and challenges for human mobility management. The extent to which the potential benefits of such processes are realized and the potential negative effects mitigated depends on the response measures put in place. This session will illustrate international and Chinese experience in the urbanization process, assess lessons learned and identify areas of common interest including risks and opportunities. It will showcase international cooperation and joint initiatives between China and other countries in support of urbanization in China and illustrate the main areas of concern to countries and regions when it comes to human mobility management.

*Chairperson: Guangzhou Local Authorities*

1400 – 1430 “The multi-directional mobility and multi-locational livelihoods of China’s floating population: Challenges and policy implications”

*Presenter: ZHU Yu, Center for Population and Development research, Fujian Normal University*

1430 – 1500 “Resilient Cities” (tbc)

*Presenter: Rockefeller Foundation – 100 Resilient Cities*

1500 - 1530 *Coffee Break*

1530 – 1600 “EU-China regional policy cooperation and joint initiatives on urbanization”

*Presenter: DG Regio (tbc)*

1600 – 1630 Open discussion

1630 – 1700 *Sum-Up of Day 1*

**1730 – 1900 Dinner Hosted by IOM**

**1900 onwards City Tour hosted by Guangzhou Municipal Government**

**18 March 2016, Day 2**

**0900 – 1230 Session 3: Good Governance of Human Mobility in Urban Context Requires Partnerships**



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The session will introduce regional and national approaches and measures on how to manage migration in the cities and the need for stronger partnership amongst countries of origin and destination. Similarly, the session will underline the role of local players, city and local authorities, in the growth of their cities and the importance of their involvement in the policy development and implementation phases of urban planning. Cooperation between local authorities, such as city-to-city partnership or the formation of regional and global network of cities, promotes exchanges of practices and successful policies and supports local management capacity building.

*Chairperson: ILO/IOM*

0900 – 0930 “The need to ensure that national policy aligns with the needs and capacities of provincial and local authorities”

*Presenter: National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC)*

0930 – 1000 “The floating population and their role in urban as well as rural development of China”

*Presenter: Prof. XUE Desheng, Director, Center for Urban and Regional Studies, Sun Yat-sen (Zhongshan) University*

1000 – 1030 *Coffee Break*

1030 – 1100 “Foreign experts and specialists employment policy in China, management system and services provided to foreign experts and specialists in China”

*Presenter: State Administration for Foreign Expert Affairs (SAFEA)*

1100 – 1130 Guangzhou and Birmingham - International City-level Partnerships

*Presenter: Dr. Mashuq Ally, Assistant Director for Equalities, Community Safety & Cohesion, Birmingham City Council*

1130 – 1200 City-to-City Partnerships: Guangdong province and the “Maritime Silk Road of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Initiative”

*Presenter: Guangdong Provincial Authorities*

1200 – 1230 Question and Answer

1230 – 1400 *Lunch Break*

**1400 – 1700 Session 4: Public Policy and Integration of Migrants in Cities**

The session will highlight the importance of national and regional policy frameworks, the role of the migrants and their needs to be integrated in the local governance. It also aims to explore how migrants can support local authorities in efficiently managing migration as well as the challenges of inclusion and diversity it implies. Migration connects cities and transnational communities creating unique social and economic opportunities. Migrants and diaspora can act as bridge-builders between cities of destination and of origin.

*Chairperson: EU Delegation/EU Embassy/Consulate/EU DG Regio (tbc)*

1400 – 1430 “China’s Migration Management Policies”



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- Presenter: Foreigners' Services Management Division, Bureau of Exit and Entry Administration, Ministry of Public Security (MPS)*
- 1430 – 1500 “Migrants shaping cities – the Nigerian community in Guangzhou”  
*Presenter: Consulate-General of Nigeria in Guangzhou (tbc)*
- 1500 – 1530 *Coffee Break*
- 1530 – 1600 “Chinese cities, urbanization & migration (Challenges & Trends)”  
*Presenter: Prof. François Gipouloux, CEMC*
- 1600 – 1630 Question and Answer
- 1630 – 1640 *Sum-Up of Day 2*  
*Presenter: IOM*
- 1640 – 1700 **Session 5: Conclusions**  
*Presenter: IOM and MFA*
- 1700 – 1715 **Closing Remarks**
- *IOM*
  - *MFA*
  - *Guangzhou Local authorities*
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- 1715 – 1800 Launch of the Chinese version of the *IOM World Migration Report: Migrants and Cities: New Partnerships to Manage Mobility* – for invited guests and representatives from media  
*Facilitator: Mr. Pär Liljert, Head of Office, IOM China*  
*Panel: Ms. Jill Helke, Director, Department for International Partnership and Cooperation, IOM Headquarters; Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and Mr. Wang Huiyao, President of the Center for China and Globalization (CCG)*



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