International Webinar

Migration, Diasporas and Sustainable Development
Perspectives, Policies, Opportunities and Challenges
2-5 November 2020

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• Global Research Forum on Diaspora and Transnationalism (GRFDT), New Delhi, India,
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Those who applied earlier for the same conference may update their abstracts and paper.

The Conference will have presentations in 7 different International languages such as Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Hindi, Russian and Spanish

Call for Papers

Human mobility is an age-old phenomenon, though its dynamics and character are changing over the time. Under the garb of globalization, international migration with various forms and features has been growing exponentially in the recent decades in response to global capitalistic developments. Subsequently, many migrant groups have turned into Diaspora communities across the globe. Today, Diasporas constitutes not only a substantial but also a vital segment of population that the human civilization is experiencing today. It is considered to be one of the emerging actors that significantly influencing the socio-economic, political and cultural spheres in the national and international arena.

The multidirectional engagement between Migrants, Migrant Communities, Diasporas and host country and home country, and engagement in transnational and virtual platforms provides a very interesting space for academician and policy experts to engage. There are multiple dynamics involved in shaping the contour of the Diaspora and engaging them with region, nations and in the transnational spheres.
In recent times female migration has been gradually growing across the globe, often faster than the male migration. The migration report of the UN (2015) mentioned that some parts of Europe and Africa the growth rate of female migration has already taken over their male counterparts i.e 51.9% in Europe, 51.6 % in Latin America and Caribbean, 51.9% in North America. Though traditionally migration from India has been male dominated, in the recent decade female migration has been rising.

The COVID 19 Pandemic has brought unprecedented change in the human societies as it is undergoing economic, social, demographic and environmental changes. COVID 19 and human mobility or migration are inseparable. It is the human mobility that globalized the pandemic. However, the pandemic also aggravated human tragedy in terms of racial discrimination, scapegoating migrant communities and creating unilateral barriers by various nation states towards migration. This poses question for safe, orderly and sustainable migration that has been on of the important agenda of the Sustainable Development Goals 2030.

Now the scenario has changed and there is more and more necessity for global cooperation to bring back the communities and countries to the development track. There are number of evidences in several countries where Diaspora engage in skill building in China, Israel and in less developed countries such as Afghanistan, Bangladesh etc. This can be done through volunteerism and through sustainable private public participation in areas that are locally feasible and marketable as well. High Skill Diaspora can engage in public policy, research and development, business and enterprise. However, there is need for more institutional platform to translate these to practice. Smaller Diasporas from Asia, Africa and Europe also provides very useful insight into the diverse range of engagement in the socio-economic and political spheres.

Besides the Diaspora and homeland engagement that has positive developmental outcome, there are also conflict relations. The Jews, the Tamils, Sikhs and many other Diasporas in different parts of the world have conflict relations that provides a different way to look at not only the Diaspora homeland engagement but also how they mobilize the transnational space to fulfill their objectives.

As migration will continue to occur an Diaspora communities continue to form, evolve and engage, it is time to think on the broader global context of sustainability. UN Sustainable Development Goal 2030 emphasizes on mainstreaming migration by focusing on various interrelated issues such as international cooperation, vulnerable migrants, humanitarian crisis, return migration, female migration.

About the Conference
The proposed conference will bring together academics, practitioner and policy experts. It will help in consolidating the research findings related to various emerging perspectives and policies on Diaspora that will provide better insights in to the Diaspora-home country-host country-transnational relationship. The Conference will have both conceptual as well as applied areas so as to give a wholistic approach to understand the issue. The following are the Themes and Sub themes for the Book. However, all the related issues also welcome.

Themes and Subthemes
Perspectives on Migration and Diaspora
· Changing nature of migration and Diaspora during and post COVID 19
· Human Development, Entrepreneurship and Knowledge
· Understanding Migration and Diaspora

COVID 19 and Migration
· Pandemic and Migrant Livelihood
· Migration Policies vis a vis Pandemic
· Migrant Rights during and post Pandemic
· Gender Migration
· Best Practices

Global Compact for Migration
· Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Sustainable Migration
· Managing migration at local, national, regional and global levels
· Global governance and enhance coordination on international migration
· Inclusive policies on Migration
· Risks and vulnerabilities migrants
· Capacity building of the Migrants

Migration Governance and Diaspora Policies
· Politics of Migration and Policies on Diaspora with implications for Foreign and National Security
· Impact of Politics on Emigration and Immigration
· Racism, Citizenship issue in Gulf, Visa policy of selective, USA/Developed countries,
· Diaspora and Soft power diplomacy (cultural diplomacy)

Impacts of Diaspora on Foreign Policies
· International relation and migration
· Diaspora lobby
· Transnationalism
· Immigration Regimes, Visa

Policies related to the Economic impacts of Diaspora
· Remittances
· Diaspora investment and Entrepreneurship
· Knowledge, Technology Transfer and International Trade
· Diaspora Philanthropy

Migrant/ Diaspora Organisations, Civil Society and Human Rights
· Diaspora organisations and their role
· Marriages, Custody, Adoption, Property, Hague Conventions
· Human Trafficking

Diaspora and Global Culture
· Diaspora in the global cultural revolution- multiculturalism and Diaspora
· Indian Diaspora: Film, Literature, Language, Food

Diaspora Engagement Online
· Virtual Diasporas
· Online Mobilization
· Political engagement and campaign online
· Knowledge Exchange on virtual platform
· Virtual platform and development

**Return and Integration**
· Return migration and rehabilitation
· Return migration and integration

**Forced Migration**
· Refugee crisis
· Refugee and Gender

**Regional Diasporas**
· Chinese Diaspora
· Indian Diaspora
· Mexican Diaspora
· Armenian Diasporas
· Asian Diaspora
· Caribbean Diaspora
· African Diaspora

**Outcome**
The conference will generate ideas and policy perspectives in the form of research papers which can contribute to the development sectors in home and host countries. The insights from other Diaspora engagements will certainly help to see the evolution and future engagement of migration communities and Diaspora.

**Stakeholders**
The conference will provide a knowledge platform for scholars working in policy and academic domain to share ideas, comparative perspectives on Diaspora and international migration. A large array of stakeholders at national and international level will benefit from the conference and publications thereafter. The following stakeholders will directly benefit from the conference:
· Government Ministries: Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Culture
· Agencies/Departments: Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Reserve Bank of India,
· Development Organisations working in the Migration and Diaspora
· Corporate Sectors: Working in the area of music, films, investment, knowledge transfer, human resource training, education sector

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Those who applied for earlier conference (31 October to 1 November 2020) may update their abstract again, if any. Those who paid the registration fee may show the details and get back the amount.

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