



Conference Agenda — May 27-28, 2013

Unless otherwise indicated, all sessions will take place at the Balsillie School of International Affairs, Waterloo, Ontario. Conference agenda is subject to amendments and substitutions.

Monday, May 27, 2013

CIGI CAMPUS

8:00–8:45 Registration and Breakfast

CIGI CAMPUS MULTIPURPOSE ROOM 142

8:45–10:00 Opening Session

Opening Address: Dilip Ratha, *World Bank*
“Diaspora Engagement: The Newest Development Mantra?”

Margaret Walton-Roberts, *International Migration Research Centre (IMRC)/The Balsillie School of International Affairs (BSIA)*

Rohinton Medora, *President, The Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI)*

10:00–10:15 Refreshments

CIGI CAMPUS MULTIPURPOSE ROOM 142

10:15–12:15 Session 1: Global Governance and Diaspora Engagement

Chair: Jonathan Crush, *BSIA*

Alan Gamlen, *Victoria University and Oxford University Diaspora Programme*
“Diasporas and the Nation-State: Drivers of Engagement”

Paul Tabar, *Lebanese American University*
“Diaspora and Homeland Politics”

Jennifer Brinkerhoff, *George Washington University Diaspora Program*
“Diasporas as Catalysts for Institutional Reform”

Awil Mohamoud, *African Diaspora Policy Centre, The Netherlands*
“Best Practices for Diaspora Engagement”

OUTSIDE ROOM 142

12:15–13:15 Lunch



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13:15–15:15 Session 2: Diasporas and Multi-Lateral Engagement

Chair: Manmohan Agarwal, *CIGI*

Peter Schatzer, *International Organisation for Migration (IOM)*

"The IOM and Diaspora Engagement"

Irena Omelaniuk, *Senior Policy Advisor to the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)*

"The GFMD and Diaspora Engagement"

Susanne Melde, *African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) Migration Observatory*

"Diasporas in the South: New Evidence from the ACP Observatory on Migration"

Sonia Plaza, *World Bank*

"The World Bank and Diaspora Engagement"

15:15–15:30 Refreshments

CIGI CAMPUS MULTIPURPOSE ROOM 142

15:30–17:30 Session 3: Diaspora Engagement from the Global South (I)

Chair: Abel Chikanda, *BSIA and Queen's University*

Irudaya Rajan, *Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs*

"Engaging the Global Indian Diaspora"

Imelda Nicholas, *Chairperson, Commission on Filipinos Overseas*

"Engaging the Global Filipino Diaspora"

Indianna Minto-Coy, *University of West Indies*

"A Critical Analysis of Diasporic Engagement for Development in the Caribbean"

John Oucho, *African Migration and Development Policy Centre*

"Engaging the East African Diaspora"

**17:30–18:30 Launch of CIGI-SAMP (Southern African Migration Project) Diaspora Report
Refreshments**

CIGI AUDITORIUM

18:30–19:30 Film — *Forward Home: The Power of the Caribbean Diaspora*, with Keith Nurse

BSIA COURTYARD

19:30 Dinner and Reception



Tuesday, May 28, 2013

CIGI CAMPUS MULTIPURPOSE ROOM 142

9:00–10:30 Session 4: Diaspora Engagement from the Global South (II)

Chair: Mary Caesar, *Queen's University*

Ayman Zohry, *Egyptian Society for Migration Studies*

"Diaspora and Development: The Case of Egypt"

Abel Chikanda, *BSIA and Queen's University*

"Engaging the Global Zimbabwean Diaspora"

Mariama Awumbila, *Centre for Migration Studies, Accra*

"Engaging the Global Ghanaian Diaspora"

Louis Marcelin, *University of Miami and Interuniversity Institute for Research and Development (INURED)*

Toni Cela, *INURED*

"Engaging the Haitian Diaspora: A Case Study of Its Contributions and Impacts on Capacity Building in Higher Education"

10:30–10:45 Refreshments

CIGI CAMPUS MULTIPURPOSE ROOM 142

10:45–12:15 Session 5: Diaspora Engagement in the North

Chair: Jenna Hennebry, *Director*,

Susanna Groves, *Migration Policy Institute*

"Diaspora Engagement in the United States"

Graeme Hugo, *Australian Migration and Population Research Centre, Adelaide*

"Diaspora Engagement in Australia"

Rupal Mistry, *Comic Relief*

"Donor Engagement with Diaspora Communities: Experiences from the United Kingdom"

John Monahan, *Mosaic Institute*

Natalie Brender, *University of Ottawa*

"Diaspora Engagement in Canadian Foreign Policy: Reasons for Optimism"

OUTSIDE ROOM 142

12:15–13:15 Lunch



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13:15–14:45 Session 6: Diaspora Networks in Development

Chair: Peter Schatzer, *IOM*

Jean-Baptiste Meyer, *Institut de recherche pour le développement, Paris*
"Diaspora and Development: Translating the Mantra into Action"

Wisdom Tettey, *University of British Columbia*
"Higher Education Capacity Building in Ghana and the Role of Diaspora Knowledge Networks "

Barj S. Dhahan, *Canada India Foundation*
"Networking Canada and India"

Gabriela Tejada, *École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland*
"Knowledge Transfers by Diaspora Networks and Return: From Development Aspirations to Realities in India"

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14:45–16:15 Section 7: New Initiatives in Diaspora Engagement

Chair: John Oucho

Keith Nurse, *University of West Indies*
"Diasporic Tourism, Investment and Entrepreneurship"

Chukwu-Emeka Chikezie, *Up!-Africa Ltd.*
"Entrepreneurial SME-led export growth in Africa: What role for the African diaspora?"

Sujata Ramachandran, *SAMP*
"Diaspora Philanthropy in Canada: An African Case Study"

Amarnath Amarasingam, *University of Waterloo*
"Diaspora, Development, and Intra-Community Politics: Sri Lankan Tamils in Canada and Post-War Debates"

16:15–16:30 Refreshments



CIGI CAMPUS MULTIPURPOSE ROOM 142

16:30–17:30 Section 8: Round Table

Chair: Margaret Walton-Roberts, *IMRC/BSIA*

Howard Duncan, *International Metropolis*

Charmaine Bene, *Canadian International Development Agency*

Yallena Cica, *Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade*

Ann Weston, *International Development Research Centre*

Binod Khadria, *Jawaharlal Nehru University*

Concluding Comments

Jonathan Crush, *BSIA*

MEETING ROOM

COURTYARD MARRIOTT HOTEL

19:00 Dinner for Presenters and Participants

HOTEL SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

Monday, May 27, 2013

Depart hotel: 7:30

ETA at CIGI: 7:45

Depart CIGI: 17:30

ETA at hotel: 17:45

Tuesday, May 28, 2013

Depart hotel: 8:00

ETA at CIGI: 8:15

Depart CIGI: 18:15

ETA at hotel: 18:30

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