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GFMD Youth Forum 2021 Outcome Documents

Regional Roundtable 2: Asia & Pacific

In the framework of the III Forum of Youth on Migration, and in the context of the XIII Summit of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), Asia and Pacific youth discussed the state of public narratives on migration in Asia and Pacific region to (1) learn about the relevance of narratives in the integration of migrants and (2) build an action plan to shape migration narratives and its relationship with integration.

The following youth priorities were discussed during the regional session:

Goals for our joint work
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Empower youth and young migrants in a collaborative network to better migrant livelihoods across the region● Counter and transform negative misconceptions around migrant communities through encouraging and promoting migrant self-expression and voices● Awareness and sensitization on a mass level

Key actions we want to prioritize
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Innovate and implement alternative methods to intervene, engage, and reach migrant communities (due to COVID-19), e.g. online etc● Create and promote frameworks for regional and local collaboration and coordination.● Promote equality, respect, and human rights of migrants in our local communities by leveraging social media● More cost-effective and innovative solutions● Highlighting and promoting youth recognition as a real change agent

Individual Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ensure that our connections to migrant communities are not siloed to those communities (i.e. exposing or connecting our ties with migrant communities to those other groups that we interact with within our daily lives).● Engaging with local or provincial level governments with the aim of assisting migrant populations.

- Engage more closely with local media outlets to promote positive narratives of migrant communities (e.g. migrant success stories). This could include contacting local journalists

Collective Actions

- Coordinate actions between members of the Youth Forum who are regionally proximate to one another to ensure that there is consistency in what is being requested from local and municipal governments.
- Coordinate between youth organizations to ensure their collective goals are articulated between them, and that collective action is taken between them to achieve these goals.

Immediate opportunities for collaboration

- Focus collaboration and visibility efforts along migration routes and specific areas (e.g. Rohingya refugee empowerment)
- The immediate opportunity is the youth forum itself. It gives us the chance to meet like-minded people, exchanges best practice and enhances collaboration with each other
- Continue to expand the existing community outreaches that have already been a part of your involvement.
- Map and engage more potential stakeholders in the community activities

New UN MGCY APAC Youth Network on Migration Online Community

- Communications channels to make it happen