



## **International Seminar: Migration and Communication: Re-balancing information flows and dialogue**

*Helsinki, 13 October 2011*

### ***Programme***

**Venue:** Great Hall of the Old Student House (Vanha), Mannerheimintie 3 b

**Organisers:** the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the global news agency IPS-Inter Press Service

#### **9:00 Opening Statements:**

- ◆ Heidi Hautala, Minister for International Development, Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs
- ◆ William Lacy Swing, Director General, IOM
- ◆ Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, President of the United Nations General Assembly
- ◆ Federico Mayor, Chair of the Board of Directors, IPS

#### **9:45 First panel and debate: "Migration and environment: best practices communicating about water and population pressures"**

**Moderator::** Alexis Kouros, Editor-in chief, Helsinki Times

- ◆ Rene Castro, Minister of Environment, Energy and Telecommunications, Costa Rica
- ◆ Christiane Kuptsch, Senior Specialist in Migration Policy, ILO
- ◆ Vikram Kolmannskog, Climate Change Consultant, Norwegian Refugee Council

#### **10:45 Coffee break**

#### **11:15 Second panel and debate: "Public perceptions of migrants and migration: how to communicate better"**

**Moderator:** Katri Merikallio, Journalist , Suomen Kuvalehti- Magazine

- ◆ Gervais Appave, Special Policy Adviser to the Director General, Editor, World Migration report 2011; IOM Geneva
- ◆ Laila Al Shaikhli, Journalist, Al Jazeera
- ◆ Kristina Stenman, Director, Integration Unit, Department of Immigration, Ministry of Interior of Finland.
- ◆ Marc Scheuer, Director, UN Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)
- ◆ Clement Daniels, Media Ombudsman of Namibia.

#### **12:45 Conclusions**

- ◆ Peter Schatzer, Chief of Staff, IOM
- ◆ Mario Lubetkin , Director General, IPS

#### **13:00 End of seminar**