

Conference on “Migrant Workers: An Asia-Pacific Experience”



Members of Faith-Based International Organizations (8 NGOs) having NGO Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) at the United Nations, New York organized an Asian Level Conference on “Migrant Workers: An Asia-Pacific Experience” in Delhi, India from 9th to 11th Oct 2018. It was organized in collaboration with the Regional, National and Local Organizations working at the grassroots level in Asia.

The purpose of this conference was to understand migration and migrant workers in global and Asian context & to develop a deeper understanding of the issues and policies connected to it. This provided a forum to share and learn from each other the best practices to address the issues. And further to promote and strengthen the collaboration, partnership and network at local, national, regional and global levels.

The process of developing the Global Compact on Migration (GCM) to make the migration safe, orderly and regular, took place at the UN, New York. It gave us a great opportunity as Civil Society to contribute to this global process and later to get involve in its implementation at national and local level as our members work in the different part of the world. The committee came up with an outcome document (draft) at the end of the conference.

The following topics were dealt during the conference: -

- Asian & Global Scenario on Migration
- Critical Issues and Causes on Migration

- Voices from the Survivors & Grassroots Experiences on Domestic worker, Child Labour, Trafficking, and Corporate Displaced & Conflict displaced persons
- Sharing the Policies & Laws
- Sharing of effective Practices on Trafficking, Domestic Workers, Internally Displaced Persons and on Migrant Child Labour
- Global Compact on Safe, Orderly & Regular Migration

We had Group Discussions, Planning, Networking and a Roadmap for Collaboration to promote, strengthen and to network at Local, National, Asian & Global Level.

We planned a Way Forward.

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