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KEY MIGRATION ISSUES WORKSHOP SERIES¹:
CONTRIBUTIONS OF DIASPORAS**

**Thursday, 11 May 2006
Conference Room E
United Nations Headquarters, New York**

PROGRAMME

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Registration
9:30 – 9:45 a.m.	Opening Remarks <i>Colleen Thouez, UNITAR / Rogelio Fernández Castilla, UNFPA</i>
9:45 – 10:15 a.m.	Introduction
	Diasporas and Development <i>Ronald Skeldon, University of Sussex</i>
10:15 – 1:00 p.m.	Session 1: Engaging Diasporas: Policies and Best Practices Chair: Ann Pawliczko, UNFPA
	Forms of Engagement: Diaspora Initiatives and Policy Responses in Home Countries <i>Kathleen Newland, Migration Policy Institute (MPI)</i>
	Case Study: The Linden Fund – Promoting Community Development in Guyana <i>Vincent Adams, Linden Fund USA</i>
	Policy Considerations for Working with Diaspora Populations in Host Countries <i>Carlo Dade, Canadian Foundation for the Americas (FOCAL)</i>
	Migration and Development: IOM Regional/Country Perspective <i>Meera Sethi, International Organization for Migration (IOM)</i>
	Case Study: Best Practices for Ghanaian Diaspora Engagement <i>Charles Nkuah, Ghanacoop</i> <i>Alberto Caldana, Modena City Council</i>
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Lunch Break
3:00 – 4:15 p.m.	Session 2: Diaspora Contributions in Conflict and Post-Conflict Situations Chair: Colleen Thouez, UNITAR
	Assisted Return Programmes <i>Rascha Osman, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland</i>
	Case Study: Return of Qualified Afghans <i>Lorena Lando, IOM Afghanistan Mission</i>
	Case Study: Tamil Tiger Intimidation and Extortion in the Tamil Diaspora <i>James Ross, Human Rights Watch</i>

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4:15 – 5:45 p.m.	Panel Discussion : A Measurable Impact on Development? Chair: Ronald Skeldon, University of Sussex
	<p>Diasporas of Highly Skilled: Diversity of Contributions to Home Country Development <i>Yevgeny Kuznetsov, World Bank Institute</i></p> <p><i>Discussants:</i> <i>Pedro De Vasconcelos, Multilateral Investment Fund/Inter-American Development Bank</i> <i>Ainalem Tebeje, Association for Higher Education and Development (AHEAD)</i> <i>Meera Sethi, IOM</i> <i>Carlo Dade, FOCAL</i></p>
5:45 – 6:00 pm	<p>Closing Remarks <i>Ann Pawliczko, UNFPA/ Anke Strauss, IOM</i></p>