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### Seminar on Social Inclusion of Migrants: Access to Education and Health Services

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Type:	Workshop
Location:	New York, United States of America
Date:	22 Aug 2012
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Programme Area:	Migration
Website:	<a href="http://www.unitar.org/ny">http://www.unitar.org/ny</a>
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### BACKGROUND

Social inclusion in the face of greater mobility is one of the fundamental objectives of migration management. Access to education and health services as well as other basic rights facilitates social inclusion and greatly benefits the lives of all members of society, migrants and local communities alike. Yet, in the wake of the global economic crisis, discrimination and xenophobia against migrants have increased, endangering their enjoyment of human rights and access to

basic services, including health and education.

Migrant health and education is a key determinant of empowerment and protection of migrants, particularly women and children. Access to health for migrants is possible in a number of ways: as part of the universal health care in countries of destination, through bilateral or multilateral cooperation between countries, and via special programs for migrants in vulnerable situations.

Programs and policies that fail to address the specific needs and vulnerabilities of migrants inhibit social integration. Different factors such as age, gender, language or culture can create barriers for such groups. This may be exacerbated with migrants and can intervene in their effective participation in society and giving rise to potential vulnerabilities.

This half-day seminar will consider the social inclusion of migrants through access to health and education services. It will discuss States' obligation to protect the basic rights of migrants, as well as its residents and citizens, and the challenges they face in providing access to basic services, as well as the effects of the difficulties migrants encounter in obtaining them. The particular challenges of vulnerable groups will also be discussed.

## **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- Explore the social inclusion of migrants through the lens of access to basic rights of health and education;
- Identify the role of the State to protect the basic human rights of migrants, including the universal right to health and education;
- Discuss benefits of social inclusion policies that address the needs of vulnerable groups, including measures necessary to mitigate the negative effects of migration by adapting social inclusion policies that address their particular needs.

## **METHODOLOGY**

The seminar will feature expert presentations followed by an interactive discussion.

## **TARGETED AUDIENCE**

This seminar is designed for the members of Permanent Missions. UN staff and interested representatives of non-governmental organizations, academia and the private sector are also welcome to attend. Applicants are requested to regard their participation as a firm commitment.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the event or to register, please contact UNITAR at:

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