

IMADR WSF Conference Inquiry

Dear

I wish to request your kind support in finding possible speakers and/or participants

To a Conference on Trafficking and Exploitative Migration IMADR is planning to hold

at the WSF on 20 January as indicated in the attached tentative description.

Could you inquire through your wide contacts whether there are some of your colleagues planning to attend the Mumbai WSF (16-21 January 2004). Among them, I would like 1) to know if there is somebody who might be interested in making a brief statement during one of the two sessions, where about 4,000 participants would gather together, and 2) to inform the participants you may contact about this important event for all of us concerned by trafficking and other forms of exploitative migration.? It would be, of course, ideal if you are yourself planning to attend the Mumbai WSF. If so, you are cordially invited to join the list of the speakers.

Please contact me at this mailing address if you find anybody I can communicate with on this matter. If you have access to some mailing lists and e-groups I would be grateful to you if you could pass on this information and inquiry.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Sincerely yours

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IMADR Conference at the WSF

At the World Social Forum (Mumbai, 16-21 January 2004), IMADR (the

International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism) will hold a Conference on “The Struggle against Exploitative Migration especially Trafficking of Women and Children: The Globalization of Gender Insecurity” (20 January, 14:00-17:00, the venue will be announce in due course).

The Conference aims at

- 1) Denouncing the gender insecurity caused by trafficking, local, domestic and international. Listening to the testimony of the women survivors and transmitting their message to all our constituencies.
- 2) Establishing the responsibility of the States and civil societies, which masculinist and racist police and immigration policies intensify the insecurity of the victims of exploitative migration, and proposing another world free of exploitative migration.
- 3) Proclaiming our solidarity with all the victims, supporting their de-stigmatization and empowerment, and declaring our resolution to promote a world without exploitative migration through all means, domestic, regional and international, including the United Nations, by using its present Year against Slavery and by proposing a UN Year to Combat Trafficking.

IMADR is unable to cover the cost to invite speakers and seek among the participants volunteers to present short and sharp messages about the above three points, especially testimonies of survivors and of their supporters. The programme of the Conference will be finalized on the basis of available interveners. For the moment it is planned to hold two sessions, the first will be dedicated to testimonies of survivors and supporters, and the second on declarations about present insecurities and injustices as well as on proposed actions in search of a world devoid of trafficking and of all forms of exploitative migration. Already a few survivors are ready to give their testimonies, and some participants to the WSF offer to make declarations. An intermission with artistic performances will take place between the two sessions.

The Conference is expected to conclude by resolving

- 1) To denounce trafficking and all forms of exploitative migration in all the respective countries of the participants:
- 2) To seek the development of another world where exploitative migration is unnecessary and impossible, through all means available to the participants in their respective countries:

- 3) To develop coordinated actions, domestic, regional and international, including calling the United Nations to establish a UN Year to Combat Trafficking when a ten years plan of action will be launched to organize the common actions of the peoples and the United Nations system.