December 18 Global Day of Action
Against Racism for the Rights of Migrants, Refugees, and Displaced People. Compiled by Dick Bennett for a Culture of Peace and Justice.

UN INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY (ALSO) DECEMBER 18, 2012. Compiled by Dick Bennett for a Culture of Peace.

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As part of the SOMOS/WE ARE initiative NALACC member organizations commemorate International Migrants Day

When: Tuesday, December 18th at 11:00 a.m.
Where: Massachusetts State House

Boston, MA- International Migrants Day is celebrated on December 18th. Each year the United Nations invites governments, organizations, and individuals to observe International Migrants Day, to recognize the efforts, contributions and rights of migrants worldwide.

As part of the SOMOS/WE ARE initiative the National Alliance of Latin American and Caribbean Communities (NALACC) is commemorating International Migrants Day by holding different actions around the country to celebrate the positive contributions that new immigrants give to US society. SOMOS/WE ARE is an initiative of NALACC that inspires immigrants to take action in reclaiming their humanity and in supporting legislation that truly reflects what immigrants are worth and deserve.

"For us it is very important to join together with other organizations around the world to celebrate International Migrants Day. This day is observed in many countries, by intergovernmental and civil
society organizations through the dissemination of information on human rights and fundamental political freedoms of migrants, and through the sharing of experiences and the design of public policies to ensure the protection of migrants," said Patricia Montes, Executive Director of Centro Presente and a board member of NALACC.

"While Agencia ALPHA joins the celebration of International Migrants Day on December 18th, every single day we recognize the richness, the values and the financial and political power that this community contributes to this nation. We believe that not only the statistics but also the facts and the political impact of our immigrant community have spoken volumes during the last couple of months and that fills us with joy and celebration. We are proud to be immigrants helping and serving the immigrant community; a community that is full of life, flavor and color. It is healthy to stop for a moment to celebrate the beauty of our culture," declared Damaris López, Director of Programs at ALPHA.
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August 1
ITUC-AFRICA a good example to follow by unions around the world:
http://www.ituc-africa.org/A-letter-calling-for-global-action.html

The African Regional Organisation of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC-Africa) is a pan-African trade union organisation created in November 2007 following the merger of two former African trade union organisations, namely ICFTU-Afro and DOAWTU

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Dear friends and comrades:

We write to you in reference to the global day of action for the rights of migrants, refugees and displaced people on December 18, 2012.

Following the positive balance of a similar action in 2011, where more than 20 countries around the world carried out related activities, some of the organizations and networks that participated on those events have come to the conclusion that it is important to again attempt the collective event we built together last year.

Besides demanding the ratification and application of the U.N. Convention for the Rights of Migrant Workers and their Families, this year we believe it is important to highlight and denounce the tragedy confronted daily by people on the borders. Every day thousands die or disappear during their trip in search of a better future.

Two situations among the many that we could take on are forcing us to give priority to this situation. For once, the struggle of the relatives of young people who have disappeared from Tunisia. These relatives are demanding from Tunisia, Italy and the European Union a truthful account on the circumstances under which these young people could have died or disappeared, in particular on the Mediterranean Sea, which is supposed to be the ocean with the greatest military control.

On the other hand, there is perseverance of Central American families that for many years have organized the "caravan of dignity" across the border in search of their relatives disappeared in transit from Mexico to the U.S. These are only two examples of similar struggles carried out on many other borders.

From July 11 to the 17th, a preparatory meeting took place in Monastir, Tunisia, towards the upcoming World Forum. During this meeting the ship Oloferne arrived on that port carrying out the team of Boats4People (www.boats4people.com) as part of the solidarity flotilla. Boats4People is a project of a coalition of European and African organizations whose objective is to denounce the deaths of those who attempt to reach Europe crossing the Mediterranean Ocean. On July 13 there was a workshop entitled "The Disappeared: Mobilizations Against Deaths and Disappearances on the Border". The participants included relatives and organizations from Mali, Algeria, Morocco, Senegal, Chad,
Ethiopia, France, Holland, Germany, Italy and the founders of the project WatThe Med (a collaborative between Boats4People and Forensic Architecture Department of Goldsmiths College in London). Their objective was to gather data about human rights violations on the open seas. During the meeting a letter from the relatives of disappeared migrants on Central America was receive by the relatives from Tunisia.

The workshop decided to support the call to a second global day of action for the rights of migrants, refugees and displaced people under the slogan Migrate to Live! No More Deaths and Disappearances!, which has been already signed by many different organizations. The objective of this day of action is to allow multiple campaigns to join forces on December 18, 2012. This effort should be a space for unity, where we can all express ourselves with respect for diversity. The whole world must join our single strong voice demanding truth and justice about these deaths and disappearances.

During the workshop it was further proposed that on December 18 we launch an international campaign to create independent commissions to investigate these matters on the countries that are affected by it. We will also demand from the United Nations that their Commission Against Forced Disappearances become active in the countries affected by this tragedy.

We invite all the organizations and networks that last year participated on this event to continue promoting this initiative. We also invite those who didn't participate last year to join forces with us this time.

What we are asking is that each organization in their own country, region or city develop an initiative to denounce the tragedy of death and disappearance of migrants. Each locality is free to do it from their own perspective.

What will unite all these initiatives will be the logo of the action which you can download from www.globalmigrantsaction.org. We are seeking to create more visibility internationally and to build a international movement for the rights of migrants, refugees and displaced people.

The web site of the day of action, www.globalmigrantsaction.org will be the repository of information on all the initiatives and campaigns that are being organized and that will take place on December 18, 2012. We invite all organizations to send us their web page links and the material they produce in this direction.

A new day of action for the rights of migrants, refugees and displaced people is possible this coming December 18, 2012!

Send your info and sponsorship to: info@globalmigrantsaction.org - www.globalmigrantsaction.org

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Are we ready for December 18, 2012 Global Day of Action Against Racism and for the Rights of Migrants, Refugees and Displaced People?

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See our updated webpage with reports from around the world on the events carried out on December 18, 2011.

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December 18, 2011 - Global Day of Action Boston (21 photos)
Pictures taken by Gabriel Camacho and Monique Nguyen — at Arlington Street Church.

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DECEMBER 18, 2011
GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST RACISM
AND FOR THE RIGHTS OF MIGRANTS,
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On December 18, 1990 the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families. Ten years later the U.N. declared December 18 as International Migrants Day. The Convention emphasizes that the rights of migrants are not to be violated or attacked regardless of the immigration status in the country of residence. However, as of this year 2011 a large amount of countries have not ratified the Convention, among them the countries of the European Union, the United States and Canada.

United Nations data indicates that 175 million people worldwide are immigrants. Yet, in spite of the many contribution of immigrants to the countries they decided to adopt as their homes, many times they are mistreated, victimized, discriminated and exploited.

For these reasons many activists have come to the conclusion that a united global response of immigrants and their supporters throughout the world is imperative. This is the only defense they have because States and governments are also attacking them globally.

The 2010 World Social Forum on Migrations launched a call to action for a Global Day of Action Against Racism and for the Rights of Migrants, Refugees and Displaced People for December 18, 2011. This call to action was ratified at the 2011 World Social Forum, which reaffirmed the right to circulate and the right to choose where people want to settle down, the closing of the prisons for foreigners, and the elimination of all agreements and programs that violate the human rights of people at the border.

Activists from many countries have responded positively to the call to action and up to this point there are events programmed in Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Spain, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Italy, Mexico, Niger, Peru, Switzerland, the United States and Uruguay.

The Global Day of Action effort joined forces with the World Charter of Migrants, approved on February 2011 in Gore, Senegal. This Charter established the fundamental role that migrants can play as social and political agents to achieve universal citizenship.

For more information about the events and efforts taking place around the world please visit the website www.globalmigrantsaction.org. On that page you will find contact information for the local organizations working on each country on this historic campaign to globalize the defense of migrant workers, refugees and displaced people and to eliminate racism.

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Boston May Day Coalition
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By Sergio Reyes The Cambridge City Council passed a resolution on its session of December 5, declaring December 18, 2011 and annually thereafter, as International Migrants Day in Cambridge. It also urges the U.S. Government to sign and ratify the 1990 International Convention on the Protection of th...
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BOSTON READY FOR DEC. 18 GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION
United in Resistance for Local & Global Immigrant Rights

PUBLIC FORUM:
Sun. Dec. 18 4pm-7pm

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Arlington Street Church – 351 Boylston St. Boston, 02116

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Here you have the video spot of 18th December Migrants Global Action. We thank Rosa Jijon for this work!
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GVp4TYz9jpE

18 DECEMBER - MIGRANTS GLOBAL ACTION
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UNITED STATES IMMIGRANT RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS IN SUPPORT OF DECEMBER 18 ISSUE A CALL TO ACTION
10/30/2011 - A working group for the Global Day of Action in the U.S. has been holding conference call meetings to coordinate activities on December 18. The working group includes four national networks, the National Alliance of Latin American and Caribbean Communities (NALACC), the National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (NNIRR), the National Immigrant Solidarity Network (NISN) and the Sanctuary Movement. Additionally, local organizations are also joining the effort.

The working group finalized a call to action at their last meeting and this is now being circulated throughout the U.S.
To read the U.S. call to action click here: http://globalmigrantsaction.org/docs/US%20Call%20to%20Action%20for%20December%2018.pdf

For further information contact Peter Pedemonti at peter[@]sanctuaryphiladelphia.org. See More http://globalmigrantsaction.org/docs/US%20Call%20to%20Action%20for%20December%2018.pdf

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Questo pagina è dedicata a fornire informazione sulle attività che, nei diversi paesi del mondo, si stanno sviluppando in preparazione della giornata del 18 dicembre 2012. Una Giornata di Azione Globale contro il razzismo e per i diritti dei migranti, rifugiati ed sfollati. Questa azione cerca di co...
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World Charter of Migrants approved in Senegal on February 2011 is a little known document that will be promoted on December 18 worldwide. The documents begins saying: "Migrants ...are targets of unjust policies. These, to the detriment of universal human rights, make humans beings oppose each other by using discriminatory strategies based on nationality, ethnicity, religion or gender.

These policies are imposed by a conservative and hegemonic system that tries to maintain privileges by exploiting the work and the physical and intellectual strength of migrants. To do this they use the exorbitant powers permitted by the arbitrary power of the Nation State and a global system of domination inherited from colonisation and deportation. This system is obsolete, and generates crimes against humanity. This is why it must be abolished. "See More
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If you are not already in our international listserv please request to be added by sending an email to info[@]globalmigrantsaction.org (the brackets are to discourage spam farming). To be included in the work group in the U.S., Canada or any other English speaking country please send a note to info[@]bostonmayday.org

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October 17, 2011
The objective of this Facebook page is to promote actions in the U.S. to join the rest of the world in a day of struggle against racism and for the rights of migrants, refugees and displaced people. An organized effort is underway in the U.S. to organize coordinated actions around the country. A call to action will soon be published and distributed. Meanwhile if you have any questions about this project please write to info@bostonmayday.org - Thank you!

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On 4 December 2000, the General Assembly, taking into account the large and increasing number of migrants in the world, proclaimed 18 December as International Migrants Day. The UN proclamation of the International Migrants' Day is an important step, offering a rallying point for everyone across the world who is concerned with the rights of migrants worldwide.

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For the UN International Migrants Day Tuesday 18 December 2012

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1 day ago – Joint Statement by UN Experts, the IACHR Rapporteur on the Rights of Migrants and the ACHPR Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum ...

Below is a joint statement from a collection of U.N. experts on the rights of migrants worldwide. The word "states" refers primarily to nation states ...

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