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Beyond the Fence:

Research Lessons on How Immigration and Remittances Shape Global Development

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Washington, DC 20036
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8:30 AM – 6:00 PM

As the Obama Administration begins to consider the key issues of U.S. immigration reform this summer, the Center for Global Development (CGD) and the Center for International Development at Harvard University will convene a research conference on May 26th with thought leaders from Harvard University, CGD, the University of Chicago, and the World Bank, among others, to offer groundbreaking insights into the links between migration, remittances and prosperity. They will be joined by leading voices from the policy community who will offer new perspectives on the politics and possibilities of comprehensive immigration reform in the United States.

Conference Overview

The event will address a powerful disconnect in today's immigration and development debates. Cross-border movements of people and the money that migrants send home have an enormous impact on global development. Yet the development impacts of migration are often overlooked or misconstrued, both in heated domestic debates about the impact of migration on receiving societies and in discussions of development policy. The migration-development disconnect makes it harder to create prosperity at the global level and undermines the development of policy solutions, such as temporary worker programs, that would benefit both developed and developing countries.

Agenda

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM **Continental Breakfast**

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM **Welcome**

LAWRENCE MACDONALD, Vice President for Communications and Policy Outreach, Center for Global Development

RICARDO HAUSMANN, Director, Center for International Development at Harvard University

9:15 AM – 9:45 AM **Leveraging Remittances and Migration for Development**

DILIP RATHA, World Bank Development Prospects Group

9:45 AM – 10:15 AM **Immigration is a Development Tool**

LANT PRITCHETT, Harvard University

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM **Coffee Break**

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM **Pursuing Prosperity: Effects of Migration on Migrants and Families in Developing Economies**

Moderator: MICHAEL KREMER, Harvard University

SENDHIL MULLAINATHAN, Harvard University
Financial innovations and savings from remittances

DEAN YANG, University of Michigan
Effects of greater migrant control over remittances

LANT PRITCHETT, Harvard University
The wage gains from immigrating to the United States

DAVID MCKENZIE, World Bank Development Research Group
Development effects of guest worker programs

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM **Lunch Speakers: Immigration Reform and the Obama Administration**

ALI NOORANI, Executive Director, National Immigration Forum

ROBERT HILDRETH, CEO, International Bank Services and Founder and Executive Director, Foundation for An Open America

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM **The Big Picture: Macroeconomic Effects of Migration and Remittances in Developing Economies**

Moderator: LANT PRITCHETT, Harvard University

JEFF FRANKEL, Harvard University
Remittances and currency integration in Southern Africa

ANTONIO SPILIMBERGO, International Monetary Fund Research Department
How foreign students in the U.S. spread democracy abroad

MICHAEL CLEMENS, Center for Global Development
Effects of high-skill emigration on education investment at home

DEVESH KAPUR, Director, Centre for Advanced Study of India at University of Pennsylvania and Non-Resident Fellow, Center for Global Development
How high-skill emigration shapes technology transfer and political change

3:30 PM – 3:45 PM **Coffee Break**

3:45 PM – 5:45 PM **Win-Win Reform: Maximizing the Benefits of Immigration Policy on Both Sides of the Border**

Moderator: LAWRENCE MACDONALD, Center for Global Development,

PATRICIA CORTES, University of Chicago
Effects of immigration on U.S. prices and labor markets

MICHAEL KREMER, Harvard University
Broader effects of immigration on labor markets and labor force participation

KATHLEEN NEWLAND, Director, Migration Policy Institute
The role of international development in immigration policy

EDWARD SCHUMACHER-MATOS, Harvard University
Temporary worker programs and long-term immigration solutions

5:45 PM **Closing Remarks**

RICARDO HAUSMANN will offer final remarks to close the session.

6:00 PM **Cocktail Reception**