



national network for immigrant and refugee rights

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The road ahead... NNIRR in 2010

We can't help but be excited by opportunities to stretch and build the movement in the next period, but we are also daunted by the economic environment and the challenges for the broad social justice movement. We will be doing our best to work with members and supporters to build a more sustainable operation from increased "grassroots" support. **We will ask members and friends to join us in this venture to support both the activities and role that NNIRR hopes to and will play in the coming period:**

- We will keep up the pressure on the Administration and Congress to put together and pass immigration policies that are fair and just.
- We'll ramp up efforts to end immigration enforcement actions, including raids, detentions and deportations, including a **call for a moratorium on such actions at least through July, to help ensure a safe, equitable and thorough Census 2010 count in immigrant communities.**
- We're expanding our outreach and leadership development through a new LGBTIQ Project, which will mobilize members to raise awareness in immigrant communities and address critical rights issues.
- ***Raising Women's Voices for Immigrant Justice*** will strengthen our work on gender issues, including alliance building with the broader women's movement and mobilizing immigrant women here and internationally to raise our voices at the UN's "Beijing+15" in New York.
- We'll be gathering NNIRR members in Detroit in late June at the US Social Forum, where we hope to strengthen alliances with partners in the social and economic justice movement, connect with local communities and provide strategizing opportunities for members and friends.
- The next intergovernmental Global Forum on Migration and Development will take place in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, next Fall, and **we expect to be working closely with our partners internationally, and especially in the Americas, to build greater solidarity and advocate for human rights and a powerful migrants' voice.**

- While hopes are fading for any significant outcomes from the UN Climate Summit in Copenhagen in December, **NNIRR will continue to work with US and allies and global partners to advance a new framework on climate change, migration and human rights** as part of an international strategy to address the devastating effects of climate change.
- **Develop a new edition of BRIDGE** – we hope to move a new edition, updating the core modules and adding several new ones to a more accessible DVD format.



NNIRR and global partners converged in Athens, Greece in November to call for human rights as governments deliberated on migration and development. The activities move to Mexico in 2010.

What else we need to do:

These challenging political and economic times also give us pause to consider how we can be a more effective and sustainable organization. It's certainly not been easy to grow and maintain a progressive organization like the National Network. ***And while we will celebrate our 25th anniversary in 2011, we do not at all take for granted the support we have received from the grassroots and from foundations.*** These are some tasks before us in the coming year:

- ⇒ Strengthen the Network's **opportunities for member participation** through working groups and campaigns;
- ⇒ Continue to build and regularize our **online communications and content of the website** – we've made some progress but have a ways to go;
- ⇒ **Develop and popularize more analysis on the immigrant rights issues and intersections that address race, gender, human rights, and social and economic justice.**
- ⇒ Last, but not least, **strengthen the ways that we financially sustain the organization** – increasing grassroots-based support in proportion to foundation grants.