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ICMPD Celebrates International Women’s Day

VIENNA, 4 March 2013 – ICMPD is holding a special event to celebrate International Women’s Day on Friday, 8 March 2013. The event, held in English and in German, will feature several prominent speakers and will discuss the varied paths of migrant women and the changing dynamics of international migration.

Nearly half of all migrants are female, constituting a key and growing element of the migrant community. The term ‘feminisation of migration’ has become a catchphrase; however, this term does not refer to the sex composition of migratory flows and the increase in the proportion of women migrants, but rather that more women are migrating independently in search of jobs, and not as ‘family dependants’. In this light, it is important to recognise their role in society and in international migration. Against the backdrop of ICMPD’s 20th anniversary, we will celebrate this International Women’s Day by discussing the diversity of migrant women’s experiences.

The event will be followed by a reception.

The programme of the event, including the list of speakers, can be downloaded here. More detailed information can also be found on the ICMPD website and ICMPD Facebook page.

Registration is possible via email at: Registration-WomensDay@icmpd.org

Date: Friday, 8 March 2013, 16:00 - 18:00
Location: C3 - Centre for International Development,
Address: Sensengasse 3, 1090 Vienna

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