



## PROGRAMME FOR BOPIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### **Facing the Crisis: Building Solidarity and Social Cohesion in Our Communities - Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov** **Goldsmiths University of London, London SE14 6NW 10.15-16.30**

- 9.45 to 10.15 Coffee and registration
- 10.15
- Welcome and Introduction by Sinna Mani, Chair of BOPIO
  - Sir Steve Bullock, Mayor of Lewisham
  - Lord Patel of Blackburn - Opening remarks
- 10.30
- “THE RISE OF XENOPHOBIA IN EUROPE”**
- Chair: Dr Paul Flather
- Glyn Ford former MEP, Head of POLINT
  - Professor Joan Anim-Addo
  - Wilf Sullivan - TUC
- 11.45
- Break**
- 12.00
- “THE FIGHT AGAINST XENOPHOBIA, ISLAMOPHOBIA AND RACISM”**
- Chair: Sat Pal Muman
- Baroness Verma, Under Secretary of State, Climate Change and Energy
  - Furrkh Aslam,
  - Anuja Prashar,
  - Jeremy Corbyn MP for Islington North
- 13.00
- Lunch Break- Canteen will be open**
- 13.45 to 14.45
- WORKSHOPS ON BUILDING SOLIDARITY**  
*Each work shop will include experts.*
- A: Xenophobia + Islamophobia** Co-ordinator - Furrkh Aslam  
**B: Health + Disability** Co-ordinator- Pravin Amin  
**C: Human Rights Abuses in Sri Lanka** Chair- Paul Flather  
**D: Business Strategy in the Crisis** Co-ordinator - Mahendra Jadeja
- 14.45
- “SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZE BUSINESSES FACING THE FUTURE”**
- Chair: Mahendra Jadeja / Cllr. Rabindranath Martins
- Chan Chowdhry Secretary –general GOPIO UNITED, M.D. Farrell Engineering Ltd.
  - Madhu Patel, Editor-in-Chief, NRI Today
  - Dr Rami Ranger, Managing Director of Sun Mark Ltd.
  - Chris Rebello, Assistant Director of Confederation of British Industry
  - Subash Thakrar, Chair of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry
  - Baroness Verma, Under-Secretary of State, Climate Change and Energy
- 15.45
- PLENARY SESSION ON SOCIAL COHESION**
- Chair: Dr Paul Flather - including Workshop Reports and general discussion
- 16.30
- Closing Remarks** Sinna Mani, Chair of BOPIO