



# **The contribution of Migration to Sustainable Development: *Strengthening the linkages- AU Context***

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## **I. Introduction and Context**

### **I. Migration in the SDGs/Migration and Development**

### **II. Migration in key AU Frameworks**

### **III. Policy Recommendations**

# I. Introduction

Migrants represent approximately 3% of the world's population, but produce more than 9% of global GDP.

International Organization for Migration (IOM) and  
McKinsey & Company (2018)

# Introduction

- Number of international migrants within Africa - 24.7 Million
- More than 80% of which are labour migrants
- 226m Youth - 19 percent of the total global figure 80% of Migrants are Labour Migrants
- Youth unemployment (60%)
- An estimated 70,000 skilled professionals emigrate from Africa each year.

# Introduction

*“No longer is human mobility seen as just background context for development, or worse merely seen as a consequence of lack of development. Rather, with the SDGs, **migration is an issue to act upon to enhance sustainable development** and IOM is an important actor both for advising on prioritization and implementation on the ground.”*

William Lacy Swing IOM Director General

# Introduction

*“ We [...] recognize that international migration is a multidimensional reality of major relevance for the development of countries of origin, transit and destination, which requires coherent and comprehensive responses. Migrants can make positive and profound contributions to economic and social development in their host societies and to global wealth creation”.*

The New York Declaration for Refugees and migrants,  
19 September 2016

# Introduction

- *“Migration can be an effective **tool for development** by enhancing income distribution, promoting productive work for growth in Africa, enhancing women empowerment and gender equality, combating HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis amongst migrant population and improving partnership amongst the developed and African countries and other stakeholders.*

**.....” Common African Position on Migration and Development 2006**

## II. Migration in the SDGs

- Migration included in the 2030 Development agenda as a **development enabler**.
- Specific reference under 6 development goals and indirect linkages to 4 additional goals = in 10 SDGs in total
- Target 10.7: **Facilitate orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people, including through implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies** – under SDG 10 on “*Reducing inequality within and among countries*”.





## Migration in the goal and target framework

Specific references



**4.b** SCHOLARSHIPS  
(STUDENT MOBILITY)



**5.2** TRAFFICKING  
(FOCUS ON  
WOMEN AND  
GIRLS)



**8.7** TRAFFICKING  
**8.8** MIGRANT  
WORKER RIGHTS  
(ESP. WOMEN  
MIGRANTS)



**10.7** WELL-MANAGED  
MIGRATION POLICIES  
**10.c** REMITTANCES



**16.2** TRAFFICKING



**17.16** GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP  
**17.17** PUBLIC, PRIVATE AND CS  
PARTNERSHIPS  
**17.18** DATA DISAGGREGATION  
(INCLUDING BY MIGRATORY  
STATUS)

Other entry points



**3.8** ACHIEVING  
UNIVERSAL HEALTH  
COVERAGE



**1.5** RESILIENCE TO  
CLIMATE EVENTS  
AND SOCIO  
ECONOMIC SHOCKS



**13.1-3** RESILIENCE  
TO CLIMATE  
HAZARDS AND  
NATURAL  
DISASTERS



**11.5** REDUCE DEATHS AND  
NUMBER OF PEOPLE  
AFFECTED AND ECONOMIC  
LOSSES CAUSED BY DISASTERS  
**11.B** CITIES IMPLEMENTING  
INTEGRATED POLICIES

Target 10.7 of the SDGs:

***“facilitate orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people, including through the implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies.”***

# The multifaceted links between migration and development

- Development inequality between nations a **push/pull factor** of migration.
- Migration as an outcome of **enhanced development**.
- Migration as a **contributor to individual development** of migrants and their families.
- Migration as a result of government led **development-related initiatives**.

## II. The multifaceted links between migration and development

- Migration **triggers for infrastructure cooperation and development-** cross border road/rail networks
- Labour migration leading to **skills transfer and factor of production to support industrialisation – UAE**
- Establishment of **new trade and investment links**, as well as boosting intra regional trade

## III. Migration in AU Frameworks

- African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, 1981 – Freedom to move within and in-and-out of own country
- 1991 Abuja Treaty – Stages of Integration and the Protocol on FMP
- Revised Migration Policy Framework for Africa ( 2006 – revised 2017) Policy recommendations and Strategies for Migration Management
- The African Common Position on Migration and Development (Algiers, 2006)

- Ouagadougou Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings Especially Women and Children ( 2006)
- AU Social Policy Framework of 2008
- AU Frameworks on refugees, returnees and IDPs (the Organization of African Union Refugee Convention adopted in 1969 and the 2009 Kampala Convention)
- AU Commission Initiative Against Trafficking (AU.COMMIT- 2009)

- The Minimum Integration Programme (MIP) 2009
- Declaration of the Global African Diaspora Summit (2012)
- Action Plan for Boosting Intra-Africa Trade (2012) – Free Movement of Persons to boost intra-African trade
- Youth and Women Employment Pact (2013), The Pact calls for an AU and RECs Labour Migration Plan



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- AU Horn of Africa Initiative on Human Trafficking and Smuggling of Migrants (2014)
- African Union Convention on Cross Border Cooperation ( Niamey Convention)
- AU Plan of Action on Employment, Poverty Eradication and Inclusive Development 2015
- Labour Migration Governance for Development (AUC/IOM/ILO/UNECA Joint Labour Migration Programme 2015
- CAP on GCM, FMP, CFTA 2018

# Agenda 2063

- Eradication of poverty thru investing in the productive capacities (skills and assets) of our people.
- Strengthening technical and vocational education and alignment to labour markets
- Harmonization of education standards and mutual recognition of academic and professional qualifications.
- An African Accreditation Agency -develop and monitor educational quality standards

## A. 2063 Flagship Projects/Initiatives

- Integrated High Speed Train Network
- **Africa Virtual and E-University**
- African Commodity Strategy
- Annual African Forum
- Continental Free Trade Area
- **African Passport and free movement of people**
- Grand Inga Dam Project
- Pan African E-Network
- Silencing the Guns
- African Outer Space Strategy
- Single Air-Transport Network
- Continental Financial Institutions

# AU/ILO/IOM/UNECA - JLMP

- Joint Labour Migration Programme (JLMP)- skills portability and the mutual recognition of qualifications, and the development of an African Qualifications Framework.

# Revised MPFA

- Equal access to employment, occupation, working conditions, remuneration, social security, education and geographical mobility.
- Portability of qualifications, encourage the conclusion of mutual recognition agreements
- Implement the AU Higher Education Harmonisation Strategy for Africa (2016-2025) and the Continental Education Strategy for Africa (2016-2025).

# Revised MPFA

- Develop National Qualification Frameworks to facilitate the portability of qualifications and the development of a Continental Qualifications Framework.
- Implement policies and processes that facilitate student and academic mobility.
- Develop and apply TVET Quality Assurance standards in order to facilitate skills and competencies mobility within RECs and at continental level.
- Counter the exodus of skilled nationals, particularly health professionals

# AU- FMP Protocol

- Right to enter and stay for a maximum of 90 days
- Free movement of residents of border communities
- Free Movement of Researchers and Students
- Free Movement of Workers

# AU- FMP Protocol

- Right to take residence in another AU MS
- Right to establish a business, trade, profession, vocation; or an economic activity as a self-employed person.
- Mutual Recognition of Qualifications
- Portability of Social Security Benefits
- Protection of Property
- Remittances



## IV. Policy Recommendations

- Mainstream migration in other in all other policies like Trade , Education, Tourism, among others
- Migration experts and Scholars ought to rebrand the concept focusing on the development angle to counter negative biases
- Innovation in education sector- Online education
- Investment in Joint infrastructure and inte-state cooperation



**Thank You!**