

# Africa and Migration: challenges, problems, solutions

Rabat, 22 - 24 May 2008

## DRAFT PROGRAMME

Thursday, 22 May 2008

- 8 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. Registration of participants and distribution of documents
- 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. ► **Inaugural session**
- > Speech by H.E. Mustafa Oukacha, President of the House of Councillors (Morocco)
  - > Speech by H.E. Mustapha Mansouri, President of the House of Representatives (Morocco)
  - > Speech by Mr. Anders Johnsson, Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union
  - > Speech by H.E. Dr. Pie Ntavyohanyuma, President of the Executive Committee of the African Parliamentary Union
  - > Statements by the representatives of the ILO, IOM, and the OHCHR
- Election of the President and Rapporteur of the seminar and approval of the draft rules of procedure of the conference
- 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. Coffee break
- 11.00 a.m. - 1 p.m. ► **Plenary session**
- **Keynote address: Globalization and migration**
- Mr. Abdelhamid El Jamri, Chairperson of the United Nations Committee on Migrant Workers*
- Debate
- 1 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. Lunch break
- 3.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. Plenary session
- Legal and policy frameworks for the governance of migration**
- > International and regional standards on migration as a fundamental element of migration management
  - > Juridical aspects of labour migration; irregular migration
  - > Global and African migration policy frameworks
  - > Regional integration frameworks: circulation of persons
  - > Incorporation and implementation of international standards on migration into national law, and the role of parliaments in that field
- *Mr. Mélégué Traoré, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Committee of the West African Economic and Monetary Union, (WAEMU)*
  - *Mr. Ibrahim Awad, ILO, Director International Migration*
  - *Mr. Ryszard Cholewinski, Labour Migration Specialist, IOM*
- Debate



Friday, 23 May 2008

Workshops (workshop participants will elect a chairperson / moderator and a rapporteur to work closely with the general rapporteur)

9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Workshop One:

**Migration and development: Labour mobility in a globalized world; contribution of migrants to development**

- > Strategies of maximizing benefits and minimizing the negative impacts of international migration (e.g. brain drain)
- > Skilled and less skilled labour migration: the impact on source and destination countries, including human resource development and skills recognition; policy and legislative responses
- > Contribution to development through temporary and circular labour migration
- > The impact of migrant remittances on development of countries of origin
  - *Prof. Eugene Campbell, Southern African Migration Project, Botswana*
  - *Mr. Oumar Mariko, President of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Parliament of Mali*

Workshop Two:

**Humanitarian aspects of migration**

- > Humanitarian principles of migration
- > Mixed flows (asylum/migration nexus)
- > Special needs and humanitarian assistance rendered to special categories: migrant women, children, youth and the elderly
- > Environmental migration
  - *Mr. Laurent Burkhalter and Mr. Yves Petermann, International Committee of the Red Cross*
  - *Mr. Johannes van der Klaauw, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*

12.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.

Lunch break

3.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

Workshop 3

**Migration and human rights: regulating migration in a human rights-compatible way**

- > Protection of migrants' rights, including the right to social security; particularly of migrant workers especially at risk of abuse and exploitation
- > Addressing irregular migration in the African context
- > Preventing migrant smuggling and human trafficking
- > The participation of migrants in host societies: addressing discrimination
  - *Ms. Cathérine Phuong, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*
  - *Ms. Njoki Susan Ndungu, former Member of the National Assembly of Kenya*

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3.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. ▶ Workshop 4

**Regional initiatives, cooperation, partnership and coherence in migration governance:**

- > Labour mobility and free circulation in regional economic integration areas
  - > Cooperation in harmonization of national policies, structures and legislations pertaining to labour migration movement in regional economic communities
  - > Regional cooperation processes (RCPs)
  - > Building coherence and partnerships in migration and development
- *Mr. Yaovi Beleki Akoute, ITUC Africa, Deputy Secretary General*
  - *Executive of the Pan-African Employers Confederation*

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**Saturday, 24 May 2008**

Plenary session

9.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

▶ **Reports from the workshops and plenary debate**

1 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.

Lunch break

3.30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

▶ **Drafting of the Final Declaration**

5 p.m.

▶ **Adoption of the Final Declaration and closing session**

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