

TENTH COORDINATION MEETING ON INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

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ECA ACTIVITIES ON INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

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International migration is increasingly gaining importance and priority in the development discourse at the national and regional levels in Africa:

1. Increasing financial contribution of migration to development in Africa, through formal and informal remittances
2. Diaspora investment in home countries
3. Flurry of frameworks on migration focusing on bilateral and multilateral relations, including (EU-AU relations, Africa-China relations, Africa-India, etc.)
4. Migration Policy Framework adopted by the African Heads of State and Governments in Banjul in 2006. This framework provided impetus for formulation of national migration policies in the continent.

ECA Activities on International Migration

- The High Level Dialogue (HLD) 2006 marks the beginning of ECA's strategic activities on IM. As contribution to the HLD, ECA has prepared a regional report titled *international migration and development: implications for Africa*.
- ECA's reform in 2006 resulted into the placement of international migration within a newly created social development sub-program 10. Since then research activities on IM have been based on two ECA's strategic pillars of:
 - a) Promoting regional integration in support of the African Union vision and priorities; and
 - b) Meeting Africa's special needs and emerging global challenges.

ECA Activities on International Migration

- Inclusion of IM in the African Development Forum.
 - a. ADF-V (November 2006) focused on *Youth leadership in the 21st Century*.
 - b. ADF-VI (November 2008) focused on *Gender Equality, Women's Empowerment and Ending Violence Against Women in Africa*,
 - c. ADF-VII focused on *Acting on Climate Change for Sustainable Development*.

- Implementation of the DA project “Strengthening national capacities to deal with international migration: maximizing development benefits and minimizing negative impacts”:
 - a. ECA coordinated the preparation of a study on International Migration: Trends and institutional frameworks from the African perspective
 - b. Interregional workshop in Geneva.

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- Organization of the first Africa Regional Dialogue on International Migration (ARDIM), under the theme of *cooperation and policy dialogue to promote regional integration*
- Participation in the GMG and the GMG working group meetings
- Activities undertaken by ECA SRO, particularly in Lusaka and Rabat

ECA Activities on International Migration



Economic Commission
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International Migration
and Development:
Implications for Africa



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**International Migration and
Development in Africa:**
Financial Crisis, Human Rights and
Regional Integration

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**International Migration and
Development in Africa:
The Migration and Climate Nexus**

Impacts

- The activities and reports have greatly enhanced ECA's role on international migration and development in Africa.
- Sharing achievements with the statutory bodies (Ministerial Conference, Intergovernmental Committees of Experts, Statutory Committees)
- Sharing the reports and outcomes of activities with member States, AUC, RECs, and research institutions
- Involvement of experts in ECA activities on international migration.
- Use of international migration for capacity development (research fellows and interns)
- Contribution of development partners (X budgetary)

Activities for 2012-2013

- As part of the strategic framework for subprogram 10 Social Development, for the biennium 2012-2013, ECA will prepare its fifth report on international migration and development. Theme of this report will cover areas of importance for Africa and to support the role of member States in the HLD in 2013.
- Expert group meetings on international migration (regional and sub-regional with SRO – NA)
- Establish an E-Network as a platform for policy dialogue, knowledge sharing and documentation of best practices as well as documentation of bilateral and multilateral agreements.

Activities for 2012-2013

- Continue the dialogue on international migration and development leading to the High Level Dialogue in 2013.
- Support to the Government of Mauritius, which is an ECA and AU member State that has recently taken up the responsibility as chair-in-office of the GMFD in 2012. ECA will share with the Advisor its activities on international migration and development in Africa, and will discuss with the Government of Mauritius the kind of support it needs for making GMFD in 2012 a successful event.
- Continue to be involved with GMG and GMG Working Group

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