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DOCUMENT 1: *PROMOTING REGIONAL INTEGRATION, MIGRATION, INTRA-AFRICA TRADE, AND LAND USE SUSTAINABILITY:*

Promoting regional integration, migration, intra-Africa trade, and sustainable land use is of paramount importance for the development and prosperity of Africa. This summary presents key issues that will be discussed at the CLPA 2023, with a focus on best practices to enhance regional integration and ensure sustainable land use.

Effective regional cooperation and coordination are fundamental for successful regional integration. Best practices should prioritize the establishment of efficient regional mechanisms and institutions that foster collaboration among member states. This includes harmonizing policies, regulations, and standards related to migration, trade, and land use to facilitate seamless cross-border transactions and sustainable resource management. Best practices in addressing land border disputes, regional conflict areas and fragile areas are also integral to regional integration.

Facilitating safe and orderly migration is crucial for harnessing the economic, social, and cultural potential of migration within Africa. Best practices should emphasize the development of policies and mechanisms that enable safe, orderly, and regular migration. This includes establishing legal frameworks that protect the rights of migrants, promoting labor mobility, and facilitating the integration of migrants into host communities.

Promoting intra-Africa trade is essential to enhance economic growth and regional integration. Best practices should prioritize the removal of barriers to trade and the improvement of trade facilitation measures. This includes reducing tariffs, streamlining customs procedures, and investing in transportation infrastructure to enhance connectivity across borders. Furthermore, promoting regional value chains and supporting small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) can stimulate economic growth, create jobs, and boost intra-Africa trade.

Sustainable land use and management are critical for Africa's long-term environmental and economic sustainability. Best practices should advocate for responsible land use practices that strike a balance between economic development and environmental conservation. This involves promoting sustainable agriculture, land restoration, and conservation practices. Implementing land-use planning frameworks and integrating climate change considerations into land management strategies can contribute to sustainable development and resilience.

Community participation and ensuring land tenure security are essential elements of sustainable land use. Best practices should prioritize participatory approaches in land management decision-making processes. This includes recognizing and protecting customary land rights, supporting community-based natural resource management, and establishing mechanisms for resolving land disputes. Ensuring land tenure security for marginalized groups, including indigenous communities and women, is crucial for fostering inclusive and sustainable land governance.

By implementing these best practices, Africa can unlock its full potential in regional integration, migration, intra-Africa trade, and sustainable land use. This will foster economic growth, social development, and environmental sustainability, leading to a more prosperous and resilient continent.