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***Workshop on
Contribution of Migration to Development in Africa***

17-18 January 2024

***Radisson Blu Hotel, Dakar Sea Plaza
Dakar, Senegal***



Concept Note

I. INTRODUCTION

Migration is an important aspect of globalization and regional integration in Africa, which until recently has often been under-recognized. While the official number of international migrants (people residing outside their country of birth/citizenship) in Africa is a mere 16 million people, in 2020.

Migrants in Africa often bring skills, boost the workforce, and contribute to human capital development and technological progress. Those who decide to return home can bring back with them new skill sets that they had learned and contribute to knowledge transfer. The remittances of migrants can improve the living conditions of families and facilitate the accumulation of human capital in countries of origin, thus reducing poverty and boosting development. In Africa, remittance inflows have outstripped FDI since 2015. However, the positive contribution of international migrants is overlooked. And while countries have made some progress on capitalizing on migrants' contribution to development, in African countries these efforts continue to be a missed opportunity. Understanding migrants' positive contribution to their receiving countries and designing policies that protect and empower them is key for maximizing the benefits of migration.

More broadly, in providing support to migrants, public policies are expected to create a "win-win" relationship benefitting the migrant, the country of origin, and the host country. Knowing the importance that migrant's economic contribution, mainly remittances, and to facilitate evidence-based policies and their implementation, the governments, the private sector, and the NGOs need clear tools, framework and policies that help to better optimize the contribution of Diasporas in the development of their countries of origin.

The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), adopted in Morocco in December 2018, has given regional commissions the responsibility to support member states in reviewing, monitoring, and implementing the Compact. The Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) is supporting countries to better achieve the GCM goals, Agenda 2030, and Agenda 2063.

In the spirit of "leaving no one behind", migration is a cross-cutting issue for sustainable development and therefore directly linked to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The ECA project addresses in particular SDG 8 (decent work and growth), SDG 1 (end poverty); SDG 10 (reduce inequalities) and SDG 4 (quality education for all).

The ECA project supports six African Member States: Morocco (North Africa), Ivory Coast, Mali, and Senegal (West Africa), Zimbabwe and South Africa (Southern Africa). The selected countries have a long history of migration and have demonstrated a strong commitment to addressing migration-related challenges. The interregional approach of this project is premised on the principle that South-South cooperation can foster the exchange of experiences on common areas and facilitate the dissemination of relevant good practices.

Senegal is a country with a strong impetus in several areas, among which of migration. Being a country of origin, transit and destination of migrants, Senegal has made migration one of its major areas of concern and priority. The ECA program in Senegal aims to provide support government's efforts on migration-related issues while also facilitating the country's goal to be a source of knowledge and good practices on migration in Africa.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and of Senegalese Abroad is the focal Ministry for collaboration under this project. As part of the support to Senegal under this project, The ECA Sub-regional office of North Africa will organize a workshop on the contribution of Migration to Development in Africa.

II. WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

The overall objectives of the workshop are:

- To present and discuss countries experience to ensure better use of Diasporas' contribution to development.
- To identify the needs to better understand and integrate migrant's contribution to the development of the country of origin, and
- To share experiences and best practices among African countries to optimize the contribution of migrants working to their country of origin for sustainable development.

III. EXPECTED RESULTS

It is expected that the workshop will achieve the below results:

- i. Enhanced knowledge and understanding of the role of diasporas' contribution to sustainable development.
- ii. Improved knowledge of the existing tools/actions/policies to optimize diasporas' contribution to development.
- iii. Improved understanding of the importance of migrants' contribution to development in their country of origin; and
- iv. Enhanced networking and collaboration among stakeholders dealing with migration issues in Africa.

IV. PARTICIPANTS:

The workshop will bring together around 50 participants from sectoral ministries and other government institutions responsible for migration in Senegal. The format of the workshop will be structured around plenary sessions. Discussion and exchange will enrich the workshop. Resource people will make their contributions at different stages to achieve the objectives.

V. DATE AND PLACE

The workshop will take place on **17-18 January 2024**, in Dakar, Senegal at Radisson Blu Hotel, Dakar Sea Plaza.

VI. WORKING LANGUAGES

The language of the meeting will be in both French and English with simultaneous interpretation service into French/English.

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AGENDA

Day 1 : 17 January 2024

10h00 – 10h30 : Registration

10h30 – 10h45 : Opening Session

- **Excellency Mr. Ambassador Ibrahima CISSE**, Foreign Affairs Advisor, Director of Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Senegalese Abroad
- **Mr. Khaled Hussein**, Chief of Section, North Africa Office of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA/SRO-NA)

10h45 – 11h00 : Group Photo Shoot

11h00 – 11h15 Coffee break

11h15 – 11h30 : Session 1: Presentation of the objectives of the workshop and adoption of the programme of work

- **Mrs. Samia Hamouda**, Economic Affairs Officer, North Africa Office, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA/SRO NA)

11h30 – 13h00 : Session 2: Presentation of Member States on the contribution of migration to development

- **Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Senegalese Abroad:** M. El Hadji Abdoul Karim Cisse, Technical Advisor, *Presentation of Senegal's migration policy*

Discussions and debates

- **Moderators:**
Mr. Amadou Diouf, Economic Affairs Officer, West Africa Office, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA/SRO WA)
Mrs. Odette SARR BOLLY, Programme Coordinator AUC – JLMP, **African Union**

13h00 – 14h00 Lunch

14h00 – 15h30 : Session 3: Presentation of Member States on the contribution of migration to development

- **Ghana:** Mr. Ferdinand Ahiakpor, Professor, School of Economics, University of Cape Coast
- **Zimbabwe:** Mr. Timothy Mudakureva, Ministry of Public Service, Labour, and Social Security

Discussions and debates

- **Moderator:** Ms. Vimbai M. Chiza, Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare, **Zimbabwe**

15h30 – 16h00 Coffee break

Day 2 : 18 January 2024

10h00 – 10h30 : Arrival and registration of participants

10h30 – 11h30 : **Session 4: Migration and the Diaspora in the service of development in Senegal**

- **Mr. Babacar Sané BA**, Ambassador, Director of Partnerships and Economic and Cultural Promotion, Senegal: *Difficulties and challenges of the economic and financial contribution of the Senegalese diaspora to financing development*
- Mr. Ismaila Alioune, Consultant: *Contribution of migration to development*

Discussions and debates

- **Moderator:** Mr. Karamoko Gaoussou, Ambassador, Director General, General Directorate of the Diaspora, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, African Integration, and Ivorians Abroad, responsible for African Integration and Ivorians Abroad, **Ivory Coast**

11h30 – 11h45 **Coffee break**

11h45 – 13h00 : **Session 5: Presentation of Member States on the contribution of migration to development**

- **Ivory Coast:** Mr. Kone Lanzéni, Director of Skills Mobilization and Resources of the Diaspora, General Directorate of the Diaspora, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, African Integration, and Ivorians Abroad, responsible for African Integration and Ivorians Abroad
- **Mauritania:** Mr. Sidi Mohamed Zenvour, Deputy Director, Education and Training Projects Directorate

Discussions and debates

- **Moderator:** M. Kodjo Esseim Mensah-Abrampa, General Director National Development Planning Commission, **Ghana**

13h00 – 14h00 **Lunch**

14h00 – 15h00 : **Session 6: Experience and Best Practices Among African Countries to Optimize Migrants' Contribution to Development and the Way Forward**

Speaker: M. Amadou Cisse, Executive Director, The African Institute of Remittances (AIR), **African Union**

Moderator: Mr. Cheikhna Ould Beddad, Director General of Development Strategies and Policies, **Mauritania**

Discussions and debates

15h00 – 15h30 : **Closing Session**

- **Excellency Mr. Ambassador Ibrahima CISSE**, Foreign Affairs Advisor, Director of Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Senegalese Abroad
- **Mr. Khaled Hussein**, Chief of Section, North Africa Bureau, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA/SRO NA)

15h30 – 16h00 **Coffee break**