

# Development Potentials of Migration in Africa

## Support to the African Union in the Area of Labour Migration and Free Movement of Persons

### The Challenge

Migration flows within the African continent are considerably more pronounced than those to Europe or other regions. Intra-regional forms of migration, such as seasonal labour migration, are essential to the livelihoods of millions of Africans. Increasing numbers of female and male labour migrants commute for short-term stays between their countries of origin and one or several host countries. In order to leverage the development potentials and minimise the risks of migration, the African Union (AU) strives to promote the free, safe and dignified movement of people in Africa. The AU Commission (AUC) contributes to these efforts by supporting the 55 AU member states in the development of continental policies and standards, by promoting their implementation through advice and expertise, and by representing the continent in regional and global policy processes. Moreover, in order to sustainably promote and steer regular migration, particularly labour mobility, there is a need to put in place appropriate legal and political frameworks. Hence in 2018, the AU adopted the Free Movement of Persons Protocol (FMP) as well as the “Migration Policy Framework for Africa” (MPFA) and is addressing their continental implementation.

### Our Approach

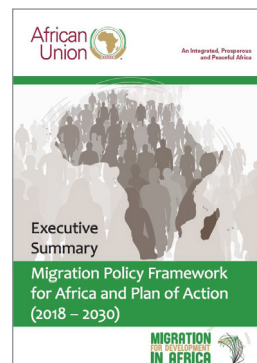
In order to fulfill this role and successfully design continental and international coordination and negotiation processes, the AUC and relevant AU bodies and institutions as well as other stakeholders (e.g. regional economic communities (RECs), AU member states, civil society organisations and private sector representatives) require not only technical expertise, but also political know-how. The GIZ project aims at supporting the AU and other actors in the implementation of continental migration policies in the areas of labour migration and free movement on the horizontal and vertical level and at strengthening their capacities.

To achieve this, the project focuses on three areas of intervention:

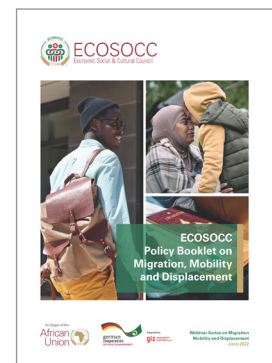
**1. Capacity Building and Coordination:** Institutional capacity building and coordination aims at supporting the AU in the implementation of the MPFA and its Plan of Action, particularly in the area of labour migration. This includes regular meetings of the AUC’s inter-departmental Coordination Committee on Migration (AU CCM) to design and coordinate measures in the MPFA action plan and the training of its members on organisational development.

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- 2. Dissemination and Implementation:** The dissemination and implementation of the MPFA on labour migration and the FMP at regional and national levels is to be promoted. AU member states and RECs should be familiarised with the issues of labour migration and free movement and be supported in the development or adjustment of regional and national policies. To support these efforts, the GIZ project provides technical assistance and advice on process design and management.
- 3. Sensitisation and Knowledge Management:** Relevant stakeholder groups, such as civil society actors and media representatives, should be sensitised on policies related to labour migration and the free movement of persons to empower them to contribute to the ratification and implementation of the AU FMP at continental, regional, and national levels.



Revised Migration Policy Framework for Africa and Plan of Action (2018 – 2030)



ECOSOCC Policy Booklet on Migration, Mobility and Displacement



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## Activities and Results

Together with the AUC, the project successfully implemented a number of crucial measures:

- Awareness of the FMP was strengthened amongst stakeholders within the continent through a number of in-person and virtual events such as regional CSO forums, national dialogues in Kenya, Zambia, and Mauritius, and a webinar series on free movement organised by AU ECOSOCC, supported by GIZ. These dialogue formats brought together over 1000 participants and included decision-makers from the AU and RECs as well as representatives from CSOs, youth organisations, academia and law.
- To reach a wider number of African citizens and sensitise them on labour migration and free movement, the AU Information and Communication Directorate (AU ICD) works with GIZ to implement the project “MOVE Africa” aimed at enhancing media engagement and outreach on these topics. In partnership with five African media organisations, the project will produce and disseminate engaging multi-media content and contribute to changing narratives around migration.
- The Joint Labour Migration Programme (JLMP) of the AU plays a key role in the successful implementation of the Global Compact on Migration and the efficient management of labour migration in Africa. In line with JLMP initiatives, GIZ supported a series of capacity building measures held in the framework of the JLMP Action project for various stakeholders.
- Jointly with the AUC, GIZ supported the development of national and regional labour migration policies in six AU member states and two RECs.

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