

**Meeting to validate the Report of the Evaluation of the Migration Policy Framework for Africa, the Revised Migration Policy Framework for Africa and the Ten-year Plan of Action of the Revised Migration Policy Framework for Africa**

**Victoria Falls, 24 – 25 August, 2017**

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

Africa has several migration legal instruments and policies that provide the continent, Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and Member States (MSs) with guidance on migration management, including the AU Migration Policy Framework for Africa (MPFA). While the MPFA has been in existence for the past 10 years, its implementation has not been assessed. In this regard, the AU Commission embarked on an evaluation of the MPFA in 2016. The purpose of the evaluation would be to establish the extent to which the framework has provided guidance to RECs and Member States in managing migration, assess its continued relevance within the context of the current migration dynamics, and provide evidence that would help in revising the framework and its implementation strategy. It is against this background that the AUC evaluated the MPFA between September and November 2016, the report of which was presented to, and discussed by Member States and RECs in Zanzibar from 24 - 25 November 2016 in Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania. The meeting was attended by AU Member States and RECs.

The meeting made a number of recommendations, including that:

- a) The consultants should incorporate comments made by the meeting into the evaluation report;
- b) The deadline for completing the on-line questionnaire should be extended to 15 December 2016 to allow more Member States and RECs to participate in the evaluation;
- c) The revised evaluation report should be circulated to Member States and RECs by the end of February 2017 for comment before it is finalized for presentation to Member States and RECs in a workshop to be held during the second quarter of 2017.<sup>1</sup>
- d) The AUC should proceed to revise the MPFA on the basis of the current migration realities on the continent as presented in the evaluation report.
- e) The revised MPFA must be accompanied by an implementation framework, and both documents should be presented to Member States and RECs in a workshop to be held during the second quarter of 2017.
- f) The AUC should circulate the revised MPFA and its implementation plan prior to their presentation to the Specialized Technical Committee on Migration, Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) for adoption

<sup>1</sup> Due to unforeseen circumstances, there were delays in finalizing the evaluation and the meeting of Member States and RECs will be held in August 2017.

The evaluation report of the MPFA, the revised MPFA and the 10-year plan of action for its implementation are now complete, and will be presented to Member States and RECs in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe from 24 -25 August 2017.

## 2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the meeting workshop will be to:

- 1) Present the following documents to Member States and RECs for their consideration and adoption:
  - a. The report of *Evaluation of the African Union Migration Policy Framework for Africa*;
  - b. The draft *Revised Migration Policy Framework for Africa and Plan of Action (2018 – 2027)*.

## 3. EXPECTED OUTCOME

At the end of the meeting, it is expected that Member States and RECs would have adopted the following documents.

- a. The report of *Evaluation of the AU Migration Policy Framework for Africa*;
- b. The draft *Revised Migration Policy Framework for Africa and Plan of Action (2018 – 2027)*.

## 4. FORMAT

- **Language:** The meeting will be held in English, and there will be simultaneous interpretation into Arabic, French, and Portuguese.
- **Duration:** two working days.

## 5. TARGET PARTICIPANTS

The target group for this meeting are Migration Experts.

## 6. DATES AND VENUE

- Start date: 24 August 2017;
- End date: 25 August 2017.

## 7. VENUE

- To be advised, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

## 8. CONTACT PERSONS

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Nominations should reach the AU Commission not later than 7 August, 2017.

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## Draft Agenda

	<b>24 AUGUST 2017: ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>PRSESENER</b>	<b>CHAIR</b>
08.30 – 09.00	Registration of participants		AUC
09.00 – 09.15	Background and purpose of meeting	AU Commission	
09.15 – 10.30	Presentation of the evaluation report of the Migration Policy Framework for Africa (MPFA) and discussion in plenary	AU Commission	
10.30 – 11.00	<b>TEA/COFFEE BREAK</b>		
11.00 – 12.30	Presentation of the draft revised MPFA and discussion in plenary	AU Commission	AUC
12.30 – 14.00	<b>LUNCH</b>		
14.00 – 15.30	Presentation of the draft revised MPFA and discussion in plenary	AU Commission	Member State / REC
15.30 – 16.00	<b>TEA/COFFEE / DEPARTURE</b>		
16.00 – 17.00	Presentation of the draft revised MPFA and discussion in plenary	AU Commission	Member State / REC

	<b>25 AUGUST 2017: ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>PRSESENER</b>	<b>CHAIR</b>
09.00 – 09.45	Presentation of the draft <i>Plan of Action of the Revised Migration Policy Framework for Africa (2018 – 2027)</i> and discussion in plenary	AU Commission	Member State /REC
10.30 – 11.00	<b>TEA/COFFEE BREAK</b>		
11.00 – 13.00	Presentation of the draft <i>Plan of Action of the Revised MPFA (2018 – 2027)</i> and discussion in plenary	AU Commission	Member State /REC
13.00 – 14.00	<b>LUNCH</b>		
14.00 – 15.00	Presentation of the draft <i>Plan of Action of the Revised MPFA (2018 – 2027)</i> and discussion in plenary	AU Commission	Member State /REC
15.00 – 15.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoption of the revised MPFA and its plan of action</li> <li>The next steps</li> </ul>	AU Commission	AUC
15.25 – 15.30	Closing Remarks	AU Commission	