



African Centre for the Study and Research on Migration's Working Paper Series on African Migration

The African Centre for the Study and Research on Migration is the African Union Commission's specialized technical office, based in Bamako, Mali, with the mandate to enhance understanding of Africa's migration to ensure well-evidenced and data-driven policies that foster migration governance and the role of migration on inclusive sustainable social and economic development of the African continent.

The African Centre for the Study and Research on Migration (ACSRM) is launching a Working Papers Series on African migration trends, patterns, and dynamics. This Working Paper Series will be a permanent initiative of the ACSRМ and depends on the voluntary manuscripts' submissions by authors (migration experts, policymakers, researchers, scholars, students, and practitioners). Authors will not receive any payment or compensation when submitting papers or when they are accepted for publication.

Through these Working Paper Series, the ACSRМ endeavors to contribute to an in-depth analysis of Africa's migration trends and patterns to strengthen migration governance and the role of migration in the inclusive, sustainable social and economic development of the African continent.

A Working Paper or a Technical Paper aims to provide an in-depth understanding of a specific thematic issue. The objective of a Working Paper or Technical Paper or Technical Report is to study in-depth a specific problem or situation, mainly to provide suggestions or suggest ways to address this issue. In general, working papers are research papers that have not been published in a peer-reviewed journal and aim to present the scholars' and researchers' progress on their research findings and are posted on websites.

Both empirical/ academic and policy-oriented papers are welcome. Papers considered for inclusion in this Working Paper Series should contribute to enhancing understanding of migration patterns, trends, dynamics, and challenges and the ensuing policy implications. Papers selected as part of this Working Paper Series are expected to contribute to new theoretical and methodological approaches to understanding Africa's migration.

The ACSRМ considers Working Papers on wide-ranging migration topics. These include, but are not limited to the following topics: causes and drivers of Africa's migration; labor migration; migration and poverty; migration and development; highly skilled international migration; child migration; student migration; migration, women, and gender; international migration of health professionals; migration policy; migration governance; migration, climate change, and environmental degradation; irregular migration; human trafficking; smuggling of migrants; mixed migration; migration and human rights; etc. All the contemporary patterns, dynamics, and meanings of African migration are considered in this Working Paper Series.

Submission

Submissions are expected to enhance understanding of the various causes, drivers, patterns, and trends of Africa's migration and the policy implications to address the challenges and opportunities of Africa's migration.

All submissions as part of this Working Paper should be sent to Ibrahima.Dia@africa-union.org

The draft must be an editable electronic version (including diagrams and pictures). Authors who wish to submit draft papers are required to refer to the following guidelines:

- An abstract of no more than 200 words.
- A non-technical summary of the draft paper for policymakers and the broad audience of 150 words.
- 5 to 9 keywords
- Author's contact details (email and affiliation)
- Any information about the draft paper, i.e., whether it has been submitted previously to a journal presented at a workshop, conference or seminar.
- Word count (paper's length: no more than 10,000 words).

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The manuscripts will be subject to a double-blind peer review to be accepted into the final publication in the forthcoming website of the African Centre for the Study and Research on Migration (ACSRM).

After the pre-selection, the authors will be informed, and all the critics, comments, and contributions of the reviewers on the manuscripts will be notified to the authors. The papers will be only accepted and published once they meet high-quality standards. Accepted working papers will be published as repositories on the African Centre for the Study and Research on Migration (ACSRM) website.

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