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CONCEPT NOTE

African Union Labour Migration Advisory Committee (AU-LMAC) Annual Meeting in Dakar, Senegal

10th September 2021

I. Background

Considering the lacuna due to the absence of regional mechanisms for dialogue and advisory support on labour migration law, policy and practice across Africa, the AUC-ILO-IOM-ECA Joint Programme on Labour Migration provided for the necessary continental dialogue platform through the establishment and operationalization of an “AU-LSAC associated consultative-advisory body on labour migration established with links to REC forums/mechanisms”.

The AU Plan of Action on Employment, Poverty Eradication and Inclusive Development request the AUC to “Create a tripartite African Labour Migration Advisory Committee (LMAC) of the AU LSAC to improve labour migration governance in Africa, addressing the issues of labour force gaps, social protection mechanisms initiated by member states, and RECs”. In addition, the Revised Migration Policy Framework for Africa and its Plan of Action (2018-2030) called for the operationalisation of the LMAC.

The LMAC is comprised of representatives of AU-RECs, Pan African Parliament, ECOSOCC, African Commission on Human and People’s Rights, African Committee of Experts on the rights of Welfare of the Children, OATUU, ITUC-Africa, Business Africa, ILO, IOM, ECA, Universities and Research Institutions, two African Diaspora Organizations and Women in Cross-Border Traders. It is the first of a three-layer comprehensive and integrated consultation mechanism on labour migration/mobility consisting of coordination and consultation structures at national, RECs and continental levels. It is constituted without representation of Governments given that it is being established to proffer advice to Governments. Its efforts consolidate an ongoing structured and result-oriented dialogue on labour migration among social partners and relevant government entities, namely ministries of labour/employment. This dialogue supports and facilitates national and regional governance of free movement and labour migration.

The LMAC held its first meeting and its inauguration in Dakar, Senegal in 2018. In order to mark 3 years since its inauguration, the LMAC wishes to hold a meeting in Senegal to take stock of its achievements and discuss the way forward of the JLMP.



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II. Objectives

The meeting aims to:

- Take stock of LMAC's achievements since its inauguration;
- Discuss the JLMP progress and the ongoing activities;
- Introduce the JLMP SDC project and the mandate of the LMAC in the project for its successful implementation;
- Discuss and adopt the LMAC workplan;
- Gather information, understand, and share experiences on the labour migration activities and plans of LMAC members; and
- Discuss the proposed establishment of an inter-REC cooperation dialogue aimed at improving labour migration governance by addressing amongst others the issues of labour force gaps, migrant workers' labour market situation, social protection mechanisms, gender dimensions of labour migration governance, etc;
- Advise on the AU Continental Labour Migration Multilateral Cooperation Mechanism
- Discussion on international cooperation and exchange with similar organization (UK Migration Advisory Committee)

III. Expected Outcomes:

- Achievements of LMAC documented
- JLMP progress of activities documented
- LMAC workplan in place
- Experiences, Lessons Learnt and Best Practices on LM implementation shared
- JLMP SDC project successfully introduced
- Mandate of LMAC outlined to support successful implementation of JLMP activities
- Advise issued on the AU Continental Labour Migration Multilateral Cooperation Mechanism
- Discussion initiated on international cooperation and exchange with similar organization (UK Migration Advisory Committee)



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- Progress report on the facilitation the establishment of Inter-REC cooperation dialogue for the improvement of LM governance to address labour force gaps; social protection mechanisms, migrant workers labour market situation and gender dimensions of labour migration.

IV. ORGANIZATION OF THE MISSION

The team will consist of:

1. One representative of Business Africa;
2. Three representatives of ECOWAS;
3. One representative of COMESA;
4. One representative from SADC;
5. One representative of IGAD, UMA, CENSAD, ECCAS
6. Two representatives of EAC (1 political and 1 technical)
7. One representative of Trade Unions (OATUU and ITUC-Africa);
8. One representative of CIDO;
9. One representative of ECOSSOC;
10. One representative of Women Cross Border Traders;
11. Two representatives of AU Diaspora Forum Africa and Overseas);
12. One representative of Pan African Parliament;
13. Representative of the Pan-African University, Yaoundé
14. Representatives of AUC – HHS Department; including JLMP Officers at ECA AND ECOWAS
15. Representatives of IOM; and
16. Representatives of ILO.



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V. APPROACH/FORMAT OF THE MEETING

The format of the meeting will be in the form of a discussion and reporting session whereupon LMAC and the JLMP team will give presentations.

VI. PARTICIPANTS OF THE MEETING

Participants of the meeting include: LMAC Members, AUC Departments (HHS, etc), donors (SIDA, SDC, GIZ, etc) at least for the opening and closing sessions.

VII. DATE AND VENUE

Date: 10 September 2021

Venue: Dakar, Senegal

VIII. LANGUAGE

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in two working languages of the African Union (English and French) during the consultative workshop.