



## **The 6<sup>th</sup> PAN-AFRICAN FORUM ON MIGRATION (PAFoM 6)**

**11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> of September 2021**

**Dakar, Senegal**

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**FINAL**

**Theme: “Strengthening Labor Migration Governance in Africa in the context of a pandemic for accelerated socioeconomic development and continental Integration.”**

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Day One -11 <sup>th</sup> September, 2021			
Time	Activity	Facilitator	Session Chair
8.00-9.00	Registration, Online Logging in and Covid 19 Protocols for the in person participants.	Secretariat	n/a
9.00-10.00	<b>Official Opening Ceremony:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Mrs. Aissata KANE</b>, Senior Regional Advisor for Sub Saharan Africa, IOM</li> <li>2. <b>Ms. Cynthia Samuel-Olunjowon</b>, ILO Regional Director for Africa (online)</li> <li>3. Mr. Alves D'Almanda, Head of Division, ECOWAS</li> <li>4. <b>Mrs. Cisse Mariama Mohammed</b>, Director for Health, Humanitarian and Social Development Department, AUC</li> <li>5. <b>Amb. Neveen El-Husseiny</b>, Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for Refugees and Migration and PAFOM 5</li> <li>6. <b>HE Mme Aïssata TALL SALL</b>, Ministre des Affaires Etrangères et des Sénégalais de l'Extérieu</li> </ol>	<b>Mr. Sabelo Mbokazi</b> , Head of Labor, Employment and Migration.	<b>Republic of Senegal</b>
10.00 - 10.15	Group Photo for the in-person participants and press briefing	Secretariat	
10.15 - 10.30	Health Break		

<p><b>10:30 – 11:15</b></p>	<p><b>Setting the scene: meeting objectives and expected meeting outcome.</b></p> <p>Presenter: <b>Mr. Geoffrey Wafula</b>, Migration Program Coordinator, AUC</p>	<p><b>F e d e r a l Republic of Djibouti</b></p>
<p><b>11:15 – 11:30am</b></p>	<p><b>Session1: Report of the PAFOM 5 Chair and official handing over of the PAFOM Chairmanship</b></p> <p><i>This session provides an opportunity for the outgoing PAFOM 5 Chair, Egypt, to report back to the PAFOM Member States and participants on key achievements undertaken as per the deliberations and outcome of the PAFOM 5 in Cairo, Egypt. This is to enhance continuity and follow up of key outcomes of this dialogue forum.</i></p>	
<p><b>11.30-12.00am</b></p>	<p>Plenary session including Q and A</p>	
<p><b>12.00 – 12:30</b></p>	<p><b>Session 2: Supporting MS and RECs in strengthening Labor Migration in Africa: Overview of the ongoing Labor Migration Initiatives and Programs including the Joint Labor Migration Program in the continent.</b></p> <p>Presenter:</p> <p><b>Discussants:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Mr. Sabelo Mbokazi</b>, Head of Labor, Employment and Migration</li> <li>2. <b>Ms. Lucy Daxbacher</b>, Labor Migration Officer, IGAD,</li> <li>3. <b>Mr. Maxime AKE</b>, Expert Sport et Emploi des Jeunes, ECCAS</li> <li>4. <b>Dr Alves D’Almada Fernando Jorge</b>, Head of Division Social Affairs , ECOWAS,</li> <li>5. <b>Mr. Olabisi Lawal</b>, Director of Health, Education and Social Affairs, CENSAD</li> </ol> <p>Moderator: <b>Amb. Neveen El-Husseiny</b>, Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for Refugees and Migration</p>	<p><b>Republic of Zambia</b></p>
<p><b>12.30-1.00pm</b></p>	<p>Plenary session including Q and A</p>	
<p><b>1.00-2.00pm</b></p>	<p><b>HEALTH BREAK-LUNCH</b></p>	

<p><b>2:00 – 2.30</b></p>	<p><b>Session 3: The Impact of Covid 19 Pandemic on Labor Migration Governance in Africa: Challenges, Lessons learnt and opportunities.</b></p> <p><i>The Covid 19 pandemic had a huge impact to Labor Migration Governance in Africa. Many migrant workers have lost their source of livelihood, others got stranded both in transit, home or their host countries due to several restrictions put in place by many States to contain the situation. Most Governments, employers and other stakeholders were also caught unprepared by this pandemic hence disrupting their programs and investments. This session will provide an opportunity for participants to reflect on the impact of the pandemic to labor migration governance and share their experiences in a bid to learn from each other and be better prepared in such kind of health emergencies, should they happen in future.</i></p> <p><b>Panel discussion:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Mr. Demissie Dereje Bayene</b>, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (tbc)</li> <li>2. <b>Mr Abdelali DROUA</b>, Directeur Central Republic of Algeria (tbc)</li> <li>3. <b>Amb. Amadou François Gaye</b>, Directeur Général d’Appui aux Sénégalais de l’Extérieur (DGASE, MAESE)</li> <li>4. <b>Ms. Gonaya Sethora</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Business Woman Africa</li> <li>5. <b>Mr. Akhator Joel Odigie</b>, Deputy Secretary General, ITUC</li> </ol> <p>Moderator: <b>Amb. Sylvain Sambou</b>, Director of Africa and African Union, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Senegal</p>	<p><b>Republic of Cameroon</b></p>
<p><b>2.30-3.00</b></p>	<p>Plenary session and Q/A,</p>	
<p><b>3.00-3.30</b></p>	<p><b>HEALTH BREAK</b></p>	

<p><b>3.30-3.45</b></p>	<p><b>Session 4: Strengthening national, regional and interstates collaboration and interstates dialogue on labor migration Governance in Africa</b></p> <p><b>Panel discussion</b>  <i>Enhancing Intra-Africa and inter-Africa Cooperation and collaboration on labor migration governance is key for sustainable innovative solutions in this sector. There is need for Member States and other stakeholders to develop partnership and cooperation frameworks, including bilateral and multilateral agreements and dialogue processes at both national, regional and continental levels to enhance information sharing, capacity building and best practices among them. These frameworks must complement and contribute to existing national, regional and continental dialogue and cooperation framework for sustainable implementation.</i></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Mr. MGHARI MOHAMED</b>, Directeur Regional du Plan à Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco</li> <li>2. <b>Maemo Machethe</b>, Deputy Director for Immigration Services Republic of South Africa</li> <li>3. <b>Mr. Sheku Turay</b>, Councilor of Freetown, Sierra Leone (Representative of Chair Mayors Forum)</li> <li>4. <b>Mr. Maxime AKE</b>, Expert Sport et Emploi des Jeunes, ECCAS</li> <li>5. <b>Ms. Lucy Daxbacher</b>, Head of IGAD Mission to the Republic of Uganda</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Charles Kwenin</b>, IOM Regional Director for Southern Africa.</p>	<p><b>Republic of Rwanda</b></p>
<p><b>3.45-4.30</b></p>	<p>Plenary session and Q/A</p>	
<p><b>4.30-4.45</b></p>	<p><b>HEALTH BREAK</b></p>	

<p><b>4.45-5.1 5</b></p>	<p><b>Session 5: Strengthening labor migration research, data and statistics for evidence based policy formulation and implementation in Africa.</b></p> <p><b>Panel Discussion:</b></p> <p>There is need for AU Member States and RECs to invest in the collection and analysis of labor migration data and statistics for evidence based policy formulation and implementation – both on the basis of statistical and administrative data sources. States need to invest and build the capacity of national, regional and continental research and statistical institutions and promote collaboration of various research and labor migration data centers, harmonizing their methodologies to avoid duplication of efforts. Given challenges with migration data on the continent, it is important to continue exploring the potential of innovative approaches, including big data, social media data, operational data.</p> <p>This session will explore ways of developing innovative ways of strengthening labor migration statistics, research and data in the continent with key focus on integrating education, economic activities and qualification indicators in surveys/Census/Administrative Records.</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. <b>Hammami Ep Mezzi Ahlem</b> Directrice coopération Bilatérale et Multilatérale en matière de Migration Republic of Tunisia</li> <li>2. Director General, CAPMAS, Government of Egypt (online)</li> <li>3. <b>Mr. Frank Laczko</b>, Director, IOM-GMDAC</li> <li>4. <b>Dr Mamadou dit Ndongo DIMÉ</b>, Enseignant-chercheur, Université Gaston Berger Saint-Louis.</li> <li>5. <b>Mr. Diallo Yacouba</b>, Senior Regional Labor Migration Statistician, ILO</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderator:Mr. Abdulkadir Amin Awes</b>, Director, Population and Social Statistics,, Kenya National Statistics Bureau</p>	<p><b>Republic of Democratic Republic of Congo</b></p>
<p><b>5.15-6.0 0</b></p>	<p>Plenary session and Q/A</p>	

<b>6.00</b>	End of Day One
<b>7.00-9.00pm</b>	<b>Official Cocktail Reception from the Government –Swimming Pool Area, King Fahd Hotel</b>

<b>Day Two- 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2021</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Session Chair</b>
<b>8.00-9.00</b>	Registration, Online Logging in and Covid 19 Protocols for the in person participants	
<b>9.00-9.05–</b>	Recap of Day One	<b>Republic of Mali</b>

<p><b>9.05-9.30</b></p>	<p><b>Session 6: Promoting skills development, mobility, mutual recognition of skills, qualifications and competencies of migrant workers in Africa</b></p> <p><b>Panel Discussion:</b>  Labor migration can contribute greatly to the continent’s aspiration of rapid integration through transfer of skills that is demand driven to enhance optimal distribution of labour resources, including migrant workers, across the continent. As such, there is need for Africa to develop innovative standards and guidelines for mutual recognition of foreign qualifications, enhance transparency of certifications and compatibility of national qualifications frameworks and embrace skills mobility partnerships, among other measures as advocated by the Global Compact for Migration and other continental and international Labor migration policy frameworks.</p> <p>This session will explore these and many other measures in detail and provide innovative solutions on how the continent can achieve the above aspirations.</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Prof. Jeffy Mukora</b>, Director, External Assessment, National Council for Quality Assurance in Higher Education, Government of Mozambique</li> <li>2. <b>Dr. Eusebius Juma Mukhwana</b>, CEO, Kenya National Qualifications Authority of Kenya</li> <li>3. <b>Professor Aly Tandia</b>, University Gaston Berger, Saint Louis-Senegal</li> <li>4. <b>Dr. Princess Ocansey</b>, Diaspora Africa Forum</li> <li>5. <b>Dr Tunji Asaolo</b>, Former Chair of Social Affairs Cluster, AU ECOSOC</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Alexio Musindo</b>, ILO Regional Director and Representative to the African Union</p>
<p><b>9.30-10.00-10.45-</b></p>	<p>Plenary session and Q/A</p>
<p><b>10.00-10.30</b></p>	<p><b>HEALTH BREAK</b></p>



<p><b>10.30-11.00</b></p>	<p><b>Session 7: Promoting protection of migrant workers in Africa: Strengthening the protection and policy framework of African Migrant workers in the continent and beyond.</b></p> <p><b>Panel Discussion:</b>  <i>Promoting decent work in Africa through the protection of migrant workers and members of their family is at the centre of effective labor migration governance in the Continent. African Migrant workers must be protected from unfair and unethical recruitment practices, guaranteed social protection and are empowered to contribute to the host country socio economic development. Proactive prospects are found in the development of a Declaration on the rights of migrant workers, a Migrant welfare programme, Bilateral labour Agreement, etc</i></p> <p><i>This session will explore different ways in which States can promote decent work and guarantee migrant workers human rights.</i></p> <p><b>Panelist:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Republic of Ethiopia (tbc)</li> <li>2. <b>Mr. John Nyamali Audu</b>, Director, International Labor Migration, Republic of Nigeria</li> <li>3. <b>Mr. Cheikh Tidiane Tounkara</b> CEO, CIPRES</li> <li>4. <b>Mr. Sekone Phillipe</b>, Rights Officer, Ag. Secretary, African Committee of Experts for Rights and Welfare of the African Child (ACERWC)</li> <li>5. <b>Mr. Bruce Orina</b>, Head of Delegation of the ICRC to the African Union (online)</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Ibrahima KANE</b>, Director, Open Society, West Africa (OSIWA)</p>	<p><b>Republic of Burundi</b></p>
<p><b>11.00-11.54</b></p>	<p>Plenary Session and Q/A</p>	
<p><b>12.00-1.00</b></p>	<p><b>Health Break-Lunch</b></p>	

<p><b>1.00-1.30</b></p>	<p><b>Session 8: The Nexus between Labor Migration and mobility and the African Continental Free Trade Area:</b></p> <p><b>Panel Discussion:</b>  <i>As the continent embraces and implements the African Continental Free Area regime, there is need to evaluate the role of labor migration governance in the promotion of AfCFTA. Is it an enabler or a competing interest? Can African States trade with each other without strengthening labor migration and mobility in the continent? Where is the synergy of the two?</i></p> <p><i>This panel discussion will seek to answer these and many other questions and explore ways in which both regimes can work together to complement each other.</i></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Mr. Mamadou ILBOUDO</b>, Republic of Burkina Faso</li> <li>2. Republic of Tanzania (tbc)</li> <li>3. <b>Ms. Barbara Banda</b>, Executive Director, National Association of Business Women</li> <li>4. <b>Ms. Ms. Maureen Achieng</b>, IOM Ethiopia Chief of Mission and Representative to the African Union and UNECA</li> <li>5. <b>Dr. Talkmore Chidede</b>, Investment Expert, Trade in Services, Investment, Intellectual Property and Digital trade Department, AfCFTA Secretariat</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Gideon Rutaremwa</b>, Policy Officer, Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division, ECA</p>	<p><b>Republic of Malawi</b></p>
<p><b>1.30-2.00</b></p>	<p>Plenary session and Q/A,</p>	
<p><b>2.00-3.00</b></p>	<p><b>Session 9: Meeting Conclusion and Consideration of meeting report and Designation of PAFOM 8 Host Country</b></p> <p>Presenter: <b>Mr. Geoffrey Wafula</b>, Migration Program Coordinator, , <b>AUC</b></p>	<p><b>Republic of Senegal</b></p>

3.00-3.300	<b>Official Closing Ceremony:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Mrs. Cisse Mariama Mohammed</b>, Director for Health, Humanitarian and Social Development Department, AUC</li> <li>2. <b>M. Moïse SARR, Secrétaire d'Etat chargé des Sénégalais de l'Extérieur</b>, Government of Senegal (tbc)</li> </ol> <p>MC: <b>Mr. Sabelo Mbokazi, Head of Labor, Employment and Migration.</b></p>	
3.30-4.00p m	Health Break	Secretariat
5.00-7.00p m	Official Government Visit to Renaissance Statue in Dakar	Government of Senegal
7.30-9.30p m	Official Government PAFOM Closing Dinner	
9.30pm	End of Day 2	