

**STATEMENT BY THE ACTING CHIEF DIRECTOR OF THE
MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR, MRS. DOREEN PANYIN
ANNAN AT THE CLOSE OF A TWO-DAY AFRICAN UNION
SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING FOR THE VALIDATION OF
THE ACTION PLAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
GLOBAL COMPACT ON MIGRATION ON 29TH AUGUST,
2024 AT THE ALISA HOTEL, ACCRA**

**The Director-General, Department of Immigration of
Zambia and Chair on Migration, Refugees and Internally
Displaced Persons,**

The Chief of Mission, IOM Ghana, Togo and Benin,

**The Representative from the Embassy of the Federal
Republic of Germany,**

Senior Officials from Member States,

Delegates from the various Regional bodies,

Experts from the UN Network on Migration,

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen

Good Afternoon.

I am pleased to join you for the closing of the two-day African Union Senior Officials Meeting to validate the Continent's Action Plan for the implementation of the ***Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)***. *This meeting has witnessed the gathering of a good number of Senior government officials from Member States to build on discussions and inputs that were received from Member States in the middle of the year*

and has brought to the fore the important role of initiating the GCM and consolidating the considerable gains recorded from the previous meetings.

Excellencies, distinguished ladies and gentlemen

I would like to, first of all, congratulate the African Union Commission for their leadership during these two days of deliberation. Your leadership in steering the validation initiative cannot be underestimated as you have worked collaboratively to raise the bar.

Further, my appreciation goes to GIZ and the UN Network on Migration for the technical and financial support in ensuring a successful meeting. As a UN member State, Ghana is delighted to see the UN join forces to deliver as one UN, avoiding the duplication of efforts to achieve the desired outcome for migrants.

I am happy to inform you that in Ghana's efforts to implement the GCM, we have for the first time seen in our migration governance and architecture the Commission of Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ), as a human rights body, playing significant role due to the human rights dimensions of the GCM. It must also be mentioned that the implementation of the GCM is not left with only government or state agencies. Civil

Society Organizations have a role to play. For that matter the UN Network in Ghana has set up a CSOs platform for the Global Compact on Migration in order for them to make an input to the process.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Migration, as we are all aware, has assumed an important role in the global agenda as the prospects for its social and economic development is increasingly gaining recognition. In Ghana for instance the contribution of migrants have played a great role in shaping national development over the years. There has also been a proactive approach by the Government to harness the benefits of a large Ghanaian diaspora.

The benefits of migration are numerous. For example the flows of migrant remittances into the African continent continues to outweigh foreign direct investment and official development assistance. Furthermore, migration has unlocked new channels and opportunities for Africa as brain gain initiatives contribute to national development on the continent. The complex migration dynamics confronting Member States especially in the sub-Saharan regions and West Africa in particular mean that in addition to the benefits of migration, there are also significant challenges. The specific challenges include movement of people

from rural areas of the countries into urban centres resulting in rapid urbanization and urban growth with its challenge of growing urban poor, pervasive and growing trend in trafficking and smuggling of migrants and abuse of migrants' rights.

Excellencies, distinguished ladies and gentlemen,

As we depart Accra today, we are reminded of the stark realities of vulnerabilities faced by migrants around the globe and the need to accelerate the implementation of the GCM objectives to achieve sustainable development for migrants as well as host communities.

We cannot fail. Let's build on the partnership we have established in Accra towards the achievement of the Compact. Let's continue to foster information sharing, and exchanging best practices to ensure that we collectively achieve the GCM objectives and its accompanying commitments.

I encourage you all to remain committed to the GCM and the progress report from this meeting as we commence the process for the second International Migration Review Forum in Addis Ababa expected to take place in October this year.

To conclude, let's be reminded that the GCM remains our safest anchor for international cooperation on migration management and the realisation of sustainable development for migrants.

I thank you all for your tireless dedication to this call.

I wish you safe trip back home.

Thank you.