

Brief Report on Migration in EAC, East and Horn of Africa

Presentation to EAC Parliamentarian

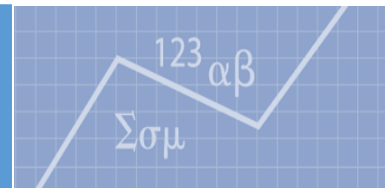
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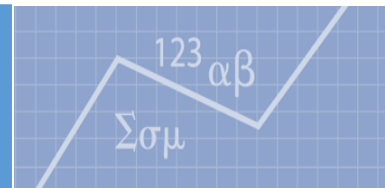


Outline of presentation

1. Regional Ministerial Forum on Migration on Harmonizing Labour Migration Policies in East and Horn of Africa – Nairobi process;
2. Conferences for the Formation of East African Community Regional Consultative Process (EAC-RCP) On Migration;
3. EU-Horn of Africa Migration Route Initiative – Khartoum Process;
4. IGAD Ministers of Labour Forum on Migration.



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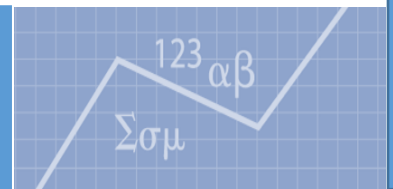


3rd Regional Ministerial Forum on Migration on Harmonizing Labour Migration Policies in East and Horn of Africa - Overall objectives of the Forum

- Strengthening cooperation, sharing of experience, expertise and best practices;
- Coordinating and monitoring actions identified by the RMFM Road Map under the below thematic areas:
 1. Consular/Labour Attaches/Diaspora collaboration for the protection of rights of migrant workers in countries of destination
 2. Gender/Diaspora/Private Sector engagement
 3. Bilateral Labour Migration Agreements (BLMAS), Ethical Recruitment, International Migration Law (IML) and migrant workers' rights
 4. Return and re-integration , skills and youth employment.



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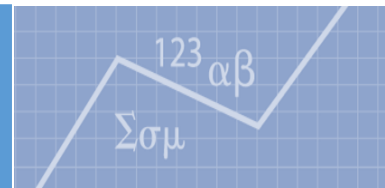


Specific objectives of the RMFM 1/2

1. Support Member States and Regional Economic Communities to develop and adopt and implement bilateral and multilateral labour agreements with and from Africa with destination countries.
2. Promote common African policy responses to implement existing legal and policy frameworks.
3. Establish or reinforce existing labour market information systems within Africa to identify labour market needs for migrant workers and strengthening capacity of labour market institutions on labour migration.



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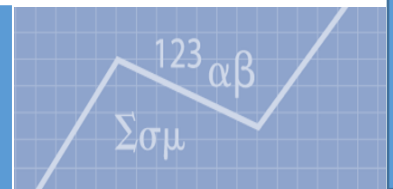


Specific objectives of the RMFM 2/2

4. Governments and Regional Economic Communities to identify and evaluate their existing capacity and training needs in the area of labour migration statistics.
5. Governments to enhance inter-state and inter-regional cooperation for implementation of the AUC/IOMILO joint labour migration programs.
6. Governments to support the overall strengthening of social security and welfare institutions in Member States in order to extend social security to migrant workers, promoting in particular the mainstreaming of gender and disability issues.



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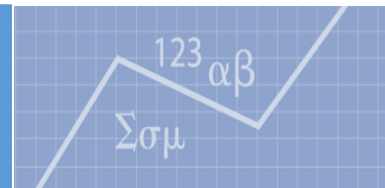
Recommendation

- **Solemnly affirm** to unite as a block to realize the potential of labour migration and address the related challenges within East and Horn of Africa as Region.
- **Call on** Member States to ratify relevant human rights, labour and other international and regional instruments related to labour migration.
- **Further affirm** to remain committed to institutionalize and strengthen the three-tier structure established by consensus of member states under the RMFM with the high-level Ministerial Meetings at the helm.

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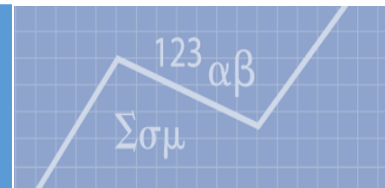


Report on the Regional Conferences for the Formation of EAC Regional Consultative Process (RCP) On Migration

- These Conferences were convened in accordance with the EAC Calendar of Activities January-June 2022:
 - ✓ First conference was held in Kigali, Rwanda, February 14th – 16th 2022
 - ✓ Second in Nairobi, Kenya 30th – 31st March 2022
- It comprises of three sessions: Experts session, Permanent Undersecretaries session and Hon. Ministers of Labour session.
- The session of the experts was held on the 30th March 2022
- Followed by the session of Honorable Permanent secretaries and Undersecretaries and Ministers of Labour on 31st March 2022.



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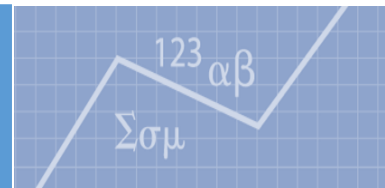
Purpose of the Conferences

These Conferences were convened to consider and discuss the proposal for the establishment of the Regional Consultative Process (RCP) on Migration for the East African Community as a platform for regional information sharing and policy dialogue dedicated to discussing specific migration issue (s) in a cooperative manner among EAC Partner States, and a tool for resources mobilization within and beyond the region .



Participants

These conferences were attended by Ministers and Cabinet Secretaries, Permanent/Principal /Undersecretaries and experts responsible for Migration, EAC Affairs, Labour, Internal Home Affairs and Directorates of Immigration; the Democratic Republic of Congo; Staff from EAC Secretariat; the African Union Commission; the IOM; the United Nations Resident Coordinators Office (UNRC) and SOS Global.

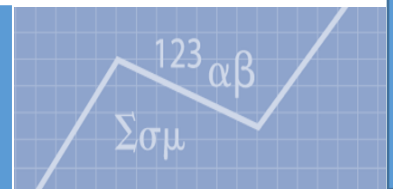


The Activities of the Conference

- Presentation of the Concept Note for the establishment of the EAC-RCP for the team of experts.
- Presentation of the operating modalities for the team of experts.
- Consideration of the outcome of the work of experts by permanent Secretaries and Undersecretaries
- Consideration of the outcome of the work of the Permanent secretaries and Undersecretaries by honorable Ministers of Labour



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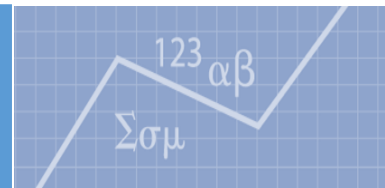


Observations on Draft Operating Modalities

- All Partner States found it appropriate for the EAC to establish a Regional Consultative Process on Migration;
- The EAC-RCP to perform its functions in accordance with the EAC Rules of Procedure; There is need to harmonize migration training curricula on migration matters in the EAC region;
- Benchmark best practices among existing centers of excellence in the region and beyond;
- Serve as single platform for Partner States and Development Partners to collectively mobilize resources for migration priorities within the region;
- The RCP is not binding, Partner States to contribute for the running of the RCP

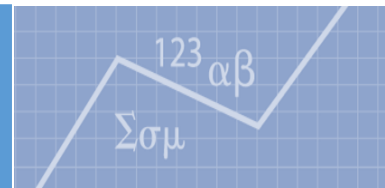


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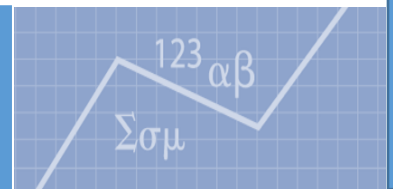
Recommendations 1/3

- The Conference took note of the need for the establishment of a Regional Consultative Process on Migration for the East African Community- to discuss and share experiences on matters pertaining to migration;
- The EAC Secretariat to improve the Concept Paper for the Establishment of the RCP and the draft Operational Modalities 1 Terms of Reference in line with the observations of the Conference and submit it to Partner States by 4th March 2022;



Recommendations 2/3

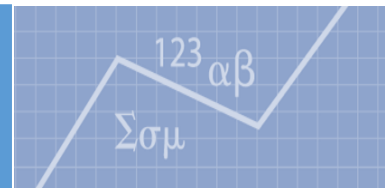
- Convene the Meeting of Partner States experts by 25th March 2022 to consider and incorporate inputs from Partner States on the Concept Paper for the Establishment of the RCP and the draft Operational Modalities¹ Terms of Reference; and
- Convene a meeting of Permanent/Principal/Undersecretaries and Ministers by 6th April 2022 to deliberate on the establishment of the RCP.



Recommendations 3/3

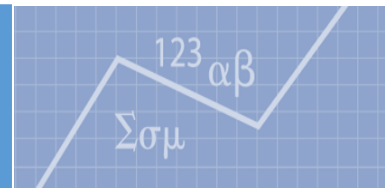
▪ Council of Ministers responsible for EAC Affairs and Planning to:

- ✓ Approve the draft concept note and draft operational modalities for the establishment of an EAC – RCP;
- ✓ Consider and endorse the establishment of an EAC-RCP.



EU-Horn of Africa Migration Route Initiative – Khartoum Process - Establishment

- **Established:** in November 2014, currently chaired by South Sudan with the Netherlands with as outgoing Chair;
- **Secretariat:** African Union Commission and European Commission;
- **African Member States,** Egypt, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Sudan, South Sudan, as well as the African Union Commission, European Commission and the European External Action Service.



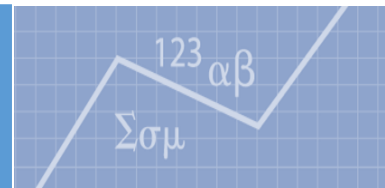
Khartoum Process – Background 1/2

- Is a regional dialogue, implemented with the overarching framework of the Global Approach to Migration and Mobility (GAMM), the framework of the external dimension of EU migration policy, it builds upon the positive outcomes of the African Union Regional Ministerial conference on human trafficking and smuggling of migrants in the horn of Africa held in Khartoum 13 – 16 October 2014



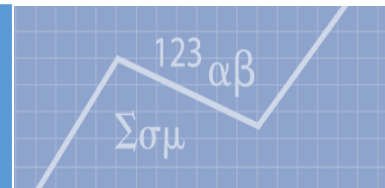
Khartoum Process – Background 2/2

- The member states met in Rome for Ministerial Conference and signed a declaration agreeing to undertake concrete actions to prevent and tackle the challenges of trafficking in human beings and smuggling of migrants between the Horn of Africa and Europe, in a spirit of partnership, shared responsibility and cooperation.
- A number of priority areas for cooperation on a voluntary basis were define



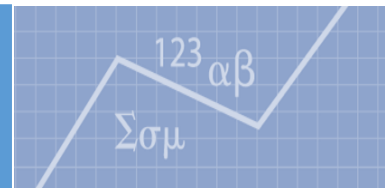
Khartoum Process – Scope 1/2

- Represents a platform for consultation, coordination, and political cooperation among the countries along the migration route between the Horn of Africa and Europe on trafficking in human beings and smuggling of migrants.
- It thus fosters a common understanding on the associated challenges and encourages opportunities for partnership, as well as the implementation of concrete actions, on a voluntary basis.



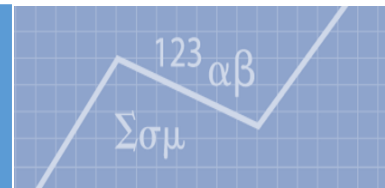
Khartoum Process – Scope 2/2

- Aims to give new impetus to the regional collaboration between countries of origin, transit and destination along the migration route between the Horn of Africa and Europe;
- Provide a platform for sharing knowledge and experience to strengthen inter-governmental cooperation, with the support of international organizations (ICMPD, IOM, UNHCR, UNODC) as well as of IGAD as a regional organization.



Khartoum Process – 4Ps

- 4Ps (Prevention, Protection, Prosecution, Partnership) framework provided partners with the conceptual structure to revisit the topic of trafficking in human beings from the perspective of recent and current good practices examples and initiatives from members and, if and where applicable, reflect on the transformations triggered by the COVID-19 health crisis in these four areas of collaboration.



Conclusion

Thank you very much
for
your kind attention



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