

**Side event at
International Migration Review Forum (IMRF)
United Nations General Assembly, New York, May 17-20, 2022**

**Migration policies in Africa:
Recent developments in the light of 2018 the Global Compact for Migration**

May 18, 2022, 13h15-14h30, Conference Room D

Africa is often seen as a continent of mass migration and displacement caused by poverty, violent conflict and environmental stress. Yet such perceptions are based on stereotypes rather than facts where nearly 80% of African migration is intra-African migration. The bulk of African migration is contained within the continent and, more specifically, occurs between neighbouring countries.

African countries are aware of the role of migration in development and have put in place policies and strategies to better manage the migration issue and aim at better integration of migrants in a "win-win" mechanism in all aspect of economic; social and cultural enrichments.

The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) represents a real step forward in the global governance of migration. The Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), through its program "Migration statistics and recognition of migrants' skills in Africa for the GCM" conducted since 2020, , to build national capacities in 6 member countries (Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Morocco, Senegal, South Africa and Zimbabwe) to implement Goal 1 of the GCM "*collect and make use of accurate and disaggregated data, serving as a basis for evidence-based policies*" and Goal 18 "*... facilitate the mutual recognition of skills, qualifications and skills*".

Several achievements have taken place through the ECA programme. This event on the one hand will give the opportunity to three countries (Senegal, Mali and South Africa) to share their migration policies and highlight the notable progress made in the member states within the framework of 2018 GCM.

Speakers:

- Mr. Babacar Ba, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Senegalese Abroad. Senegal.
- Mr. Fousseyni Sogodogo, General Delegate of Malians Abroad, Ministry of Malians Abroad and African Integration. Mali.
- Mr. Wisemane Magasela, Executive Director, Clermont Analytics. South Africa.

Moderator:

- Mr. Khaled Hussein, Chief of Section, UN Economic Commission for Africa.

Languages: English

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Agenda

13h15 – 13h25	Opening Remarks Mr. Khaled Hussein, Chief of Section, UN Economic Commission for Africa.
13h25 - 13h40	Migration Statistics and Skills Recognition in Africa: The Case of Senegal. Mr. Babacar Ba, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Senegalese Abroad. Senegal.
13h40 - 13h55	Building Digital Platform for Migration Statistics in Mali. Mr. Fousseyni Sogodogo, General Delegate of Malians Abroad, Ministry of Malians Abroad and African Integration. Mali.
13h55 – 14h10	Recognition of Qualifications and Skills of International Migrants in South Africa. Mr. Wisemane Magasela, Executive Director, Clermont Analytics. South Africa.
14h10 – 14h30	Discussion