



## **1. *Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration***

Since 2017 ECA has worked closely with African Union Commission (AUC) and member States to develop a common position on migration and supported the negotiations on the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) through a series of sub-regional and regional consultations.

Five consultative meetings were organized in 2017 that brought together experts from various sectors to deliberate on migration issues in the respective sub-regions. These meetings were well covered by the media and the deliberations were disseminated in the regions, on the continent and globally. The outcomes of the meetings contributed to developing and strengthening the African position on the Global Compact.

The resultant outcome documents (Africa Common Position on Migration and Africa Regional Report on Migration) that provided detailed evidence-based account of priorities and action areas identified by African Member States served as the African regional input into the global stocktaking meeting that was held in Mexico in December 2017. ECA provided technical support by providing technical materials to the Africa Group involved in the intergovernmental negotiations. The intergovernmental negotiations produced a document which offers a 360 degrees' vision of migration and constitutes the first internationally-agreed normative and regulatory framework in the area of migration governance.

## **2. *High Level panel on International Migration in Africa (HLPM)***

The Ninth Joint Annual Meetings of the African Union Specialized Technical Committee on Finance, Monetary Affairs, Economic Planning and Integration and ECA Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 4-5 April 2016), setup a High Level Panel on International Migration. The High Level Panel on Migration is composed of 16 eminent persons including representatives of government, the private sector, academia and civil society. The panel members are notably selected on their individual capacity and institutional relevance to resolve issues emerging

programmes. To fulfil its mandate, the HLPM has committed to leverage on some of processes and initiatives that are complementary to its work, mainly the Global Compact for Migration, The Migration Policy Framework for Africa and the AUC Champion on Migration. The HLPM held a side event at the adoption of the GCM in Marrakech - Morocco in December 2018 to explore areas of synergy between the GCM and the future work of the HLPM.

### 3. ECA is participating in the Joint Programme on Labour Migration (JLPM) in Africa

The JLMP is a partnership comprising the African Union Commission, International Labour Organization (ILO), International Organization for Migration (IOM), with the objective of addressing the challenges of labour migration and mobility on the continent by enhancing the capacity of Member States and RECs to: achieve wider elaboration, adoption and implementation of harmonized free movement regimes and coherent national labour migration policy in the RECs, extend social security to migrants with access to portability regimes compatible, resolve skills shortages and skills–education mismatches while increasing recognition of harmonized qualifications across Africa.

### 4. Future ECA engagement on Migration

ECA together with UNDESA and ILO will implement a project – “**Improving migration statistics and skills recognition in Africa to implement the Global Compact**”. This proposed project seeks to strengthen the evidence base of international migration in Africa to inform policies and programmes to support the implementation of migration-related targets of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. Furthermore, the project will facilitate mutual recognition of skills and qualifications of African workers migrating within or outside the continent and enhance their abilities to access better paying jobs and support member States to implement and monitor the Global Compact.

This project will draw on experiences from past/ongoing ECA programs, joint migration programs with partners, ECA research outputs, regional protocols and frameworks on migration (including the African Union Convention on Cross Border Cooperation (Niamey Convention); the African Union Border Programme and Measures for its Consolidation; the Revised Migration Policy Framework for Africa; the African Common Position on Migration and Development; the Declaration on Migration; the Joint Labour Migration Programme; the African Continental Free Trade Area (ACFTA) agreement; and the Protocol on Free Movement of People and Goods) as well as recommendations from the African Regional Consultative Meeting on the GCM and the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

The Table below presents some of the recent key knowledge products on migration produced by ECA:

Title of Publication	Brief Synopsis
African Migration: <i>Facing</i>	

