

A REVIEW OF MIGRATION POLICIES IN THE GHA REGION: PERSPECTIVES AND GAPS FOR RESEARCH

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1. INTRODUCTION

- Diversity of internal and international migration
- Patchy work on migration with researchers and policy makers insulated, not collaborating
- GHA the least researched, least vibrant of AU regions in migration work
- MOP/RCP a timely vehicle requiring more support

2. GHA: GEO-POLITICS AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION INITIATIVES

2.1 Geo-Politics: Great Lakes Region, East Africa, Horn of Africa; emerging Southern Sudan

2.2 Regional Integration in terms of RECs

- REC blocs: EA, EAC, COMESA, SADC
- Multiplicity of membership of REC blocs
- Competition/rivalry among REC
- Differences in perceptions and practices in migration appreciation in RECs' MS/PS

3. TYPOLOGY AND PERSPECTIVES OF MIGRATION

□ *Typology of migration:*

i. Internal

- Voluntary: rural-rural, rural-urban, urban-urban, urban-rural
- Forced: internal displacement (IDPs)

i. International

- Voluntary: Permanent, labour, clandestine, irregular

3. TYPOLOGY AND PERSPECTIVES

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- Forced: refugees

Note:

- Study IOM and AU classification within the framework of the Migration Policy Framework for Migration in Africa (Banjul, 2006)
- There can never be “one-fits all” policy for these types of migration
- Policies to underpin particular types of migration

4. MIGRATION POLICY ENVIRONMENT

- The policy environment since independence/liberalization of GHA countries
- Ministries with migration portfolio: Internal Affairs/Interior, Foreign Affairs, Labour
- Migration portfolios of other sectoral/departmental outfits
- Policy incoherence
- Need for migration policy coherence

4. MIGRATION POLICY ENVIRONMENT

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- Legislative provisions & frameworks
- Constitutional provisions
- Benefiting from and domestication of international instruments
- Benefiting from AU frameworks
- Taking into account RECs' FMOP initiatives
- Security implications of migration
- National and regional harmonisation of migration legislation and policies

4. MIGRATION POLICY ENVIRONMENT

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- Pertinent questions:
 - ✓ What has been happening?
 - ✓ How has it been happening?
 - ✓ What gaps exist in knowledge?
 - ✓ Particular research questions?

5. GAPS IN RESEARCH

- No solid research underpinning different types of migration and policies that relate closely to migration
- Lack of data by national CSOs for analysis
- Disconnect between research and policy
- Lack of knowledge on citizen perceptions and attitudes after Summit & higher level decisions
- Non-engagement of highly educated, trained nationals, regional citizens

6. CONCLUSION

- Lack of inter-REC co-operation
- Inter-REC animosity, lack of trust
- Capacity development of individuals and REC MS/PS
- AMADPOC comes in handy for review, M &E of migration policies for updating