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## Youth Voices on Migration and Development

By Francis Koomson [francis.koomson@ypwc.org](mailto:francis.koomson@ypwc.org)

**B**etween October 8 and November 8 last year, some 100 young participants from various parts of the world met to share their views on migration-related issues. The event, organised by [NGO-Young People We Care](#) in partnership with [UNICEF Voices of Youth](#), [TakingItGlobal](#) and [UN Volunteers](#), provided them with a platform to discuss how migration has impacted them, their families and societies.



**Different Cultures, One Language:** The youth are increasingly taking a proactive role in migration and development. (Image Credit).

One of the key messages from the consultative meetings was that **proper management of migration can bring developmental gains for countries of origin, destination and migrants**. The young participants also emphasised the importance of promoting migrants' social and cultural rights—regardless of their migration status—as an integral step in achieving human development. “Education in the higher level is the major factor that can increase the potential of a developing country that will enhance the human development,” stated a 35-year old Ethiopian participant.

Another key message was the significance of enhancing initiatives that promote perception and strengthen institutions to safeguard the rights of young migrants and promote the link between migration, (human) development while reducing xenophobia and discrimination.

They agreed that circulating labour could benefit countries of origin, destination and migrants if migra-







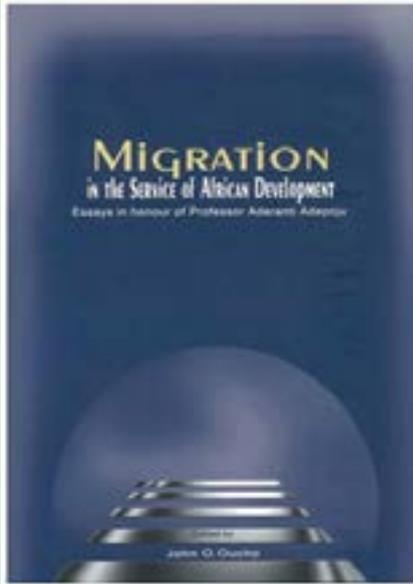




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## Book Review



Oucho, J.O. (Ed.) (2011). *Migration in the Service of African Development: Essays in Honour of Prof. Aderanti Adepaju*. Safari Book Publisher, Ibadan.

Prof. Aderanti Adepaju dived into migration scholarship in the early 1970s when it was perceived as a mere stepchild of demography. Fuelled by commitment to and focus on migration work, migration became a core component of development agenda—a shift from the previous focus on research, training and dialogue on migration as a narrow perspective on population dynamics.

*Migration in the Service of African Development: Essays in Honour of Prof. Aderanti Adepaju* is a befitting tribute to a man who has tirelessly inspired many Africans to pay attention to many aspects of migration, such as, population, labour and development. In over 500 pages, readers get to understand Prof. Adepaju's contribution in migration scholarship, which took him to various places worldwide. Consisting of 15 chapters,

the book boasts of a stellar cast comprising various contributing authors from diverse backgrounds—law, sociology, economics, geography and demography. However, all share something common in that their focus is on fields of internal and international migration.

Some of the migration-linked issues highlighted in the book focus on women, climate change and students. The book also devotes chapters to Nigeria, Kenya, Mali, Botswana and Uganda, which shed light on various aspects of internal migration. Other sections to look forward to in the book include African emigration to Mexico as well as migration between Cote d'Ivoire and Burkina Faso. It is a worthwhile and pleasurable read for those with an interest in the migration-development nexus. You can purchase the book from the **African Migration and Policy Development Centre (AMADPOC)** or forward your email inquiries to [contact@amadpoc.org](mailto:contact@amadpoc.org).

### About Prof. Aderanti Adepaju



Prof. Aderanti Adepaju is a member of AMADPOC's Advisory Board. He is the Chief Executive of the Human Resources Development Centre in Lagos, Nigeria and doubles up as the coordinator of the Network of the Migration Research on Africa (NOMRA). Previously, Prof. Adepaju was the Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration at the University of Lagos; a coordinator for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Population and Human Resources Development in Africa; a Regional Adviser on Labour and Population Policy at the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

Prof. Aderanti has also worked for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) as a Chief Technical Adviser and at the University of Swaziland. He is a member of various bodies, such as, the Population Association of Nigeria, the Hague Process on Refugee and Migration Policy and the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP).

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