



Regional meeting Africa

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Mobility and migration

What's Missing/Working/Recommendations

Need greater :

- Attention on the particular vulnerabilities of women was too glossed over.
- need a more people centric perspective vs State centric perspective
- Discourse is framed under a European perspective moreso than the African perspective

Missing/Working/Recommendations

- ✓ Need to invest local communities, particularly in rural areas. This is part of the solution to migration.
- ✓ Need to sharing the same definition of migration. Ie. Europe sees it as security issue and Africa see migration as a right
- ✓ Need to have common objectives for migration for both Europe and Africa
- ✓ Root causes frame must explicitly identify colonization, slavery – reparation is a part of the remedy.
- ✓ Need to invest in innovation centers within Africa to stimulate innovations
- ✓ -must increase the number and means of regular migration
- ✓ More coordinated return initiatives and exchanges for migrants

Missing continued

- ✓ The right to move is enshrined in human rights covenants but is not recognized by Europe and by some African countries
- ✓ The right to come and go will stabilize African migration
- ✓ Need stronger expose of the false narrative that Africa is invading Europe. Reality is far greater intra migration numbers within the continent.
- ✓ Migrant rights must be protected by all national gov't in both Unions.
- ✓ Smaller states (island states) experience the issues uniquely and that needs to be recognized.
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Missing/Working/Concrete recommendations

- ✓ Address inequality of discourse Africa to Europe =one way it is immigration the other way is expatriation.
- ✓ -emigration is now an exploitation of African brain power and innovation.
- ✓ Need to acknowledge that some ill-treatment of migrants falls at the feet of corporates and not just governments.
- ✓ Need to address the balkanization of some African states to work as enforcers of European interests.

Are there realistic and concrete recommendations to make for the AU-EU relationship to reinforce this work or what needs to be done further?