

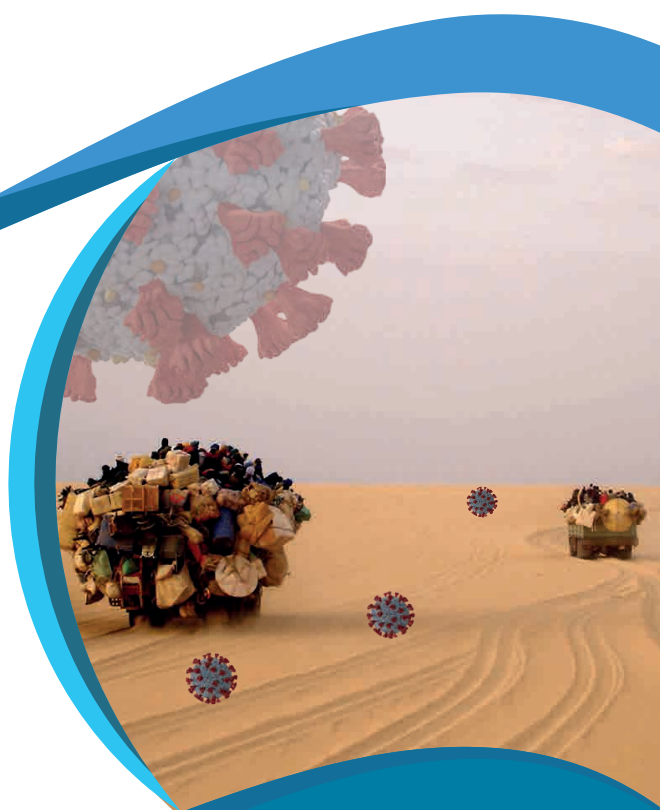


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### Announcement in Brief

Type : Short Term Course

Programme Area : Migration Studies and Social Affairs

Beginning of the course : 18th Octobre 2021

Duration : 7 Semaines

Language : English - French

Location : Web Based E-Learning

Frais : Covered by the UNECA

Date Limite de dépôt : 05th October 2021

des candidatures

Public Cible : Technocrats in the fields of Migration Studies  
and Social Affairs

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## PROGRAM RATIONALE

Africa is facing many developmental challenges; and migration is an area of growing prominence. Migration is one of the major concerns of our time and poses issues and challenges for all nations; especially in the era of globalization, which facilitates the mobility of people from one region to another; from one continent to another.

Indeed, the number of international migrants has continued to grow rapidly in recent years more than any time in history, reaching 272 million in 2019, including 26 million Africans, compared with 220 million in 2010 and 173 million in 2000 .

Migration is also at the forefront of major international agendas. The 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which have pledged to leave no one behind, recognizes that international migration is of paramount importance for the development of countries of origin, transit and destination. In this agenda, governments are committed to "facilitating orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people, including through the implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies" (SDG Target 10.7).

Moreover, under Agenda 2063, African countries have adopted a common position of the African Union (AU) on the Global Compact for orderly, safe and regular migration, which implements the vision of both agendas on migration.

Adopted in 2018 in Marrakesh, the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) guiding principles, objectives and actions present a roadmap to facilitate, safe, orderly, and regular migration. It recognizes that when properly managed, migration contributes to positive development outcomes. Providing a 360-degree approach on migration, the GCM provides a robust framework to support the achievement of the migration dimensions of the SDGs.

To support the implementation, follow-up and review of the GCM, the UN Network on Migration was established to promote coordinated action on migration within the United Nations system and support actions to assist Member States in implementing the GCM at the country and regional levels. It brings together various UN entities, with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) acting as the Network Coordinator and Secretariat.

The African Union adopted in 2006, a Migration Policy Framework for Africa (MPFA) containing a number of guidelines and principles aimed at assisting governments and RECs in the formulation and implementation of their own national and regional migration policies, in accordance with their priorities and resources. The framework offers a holistic and comprehensive approach for the development of national and regional migration policies to address key legal, social, political, and economic challenges and opportunities in the development process.

The revised “Migration Policy Framework for Africa and its Plan of Action (2018 – 2030)” (MPFA) is strategic document that builds on the achievements and challenges of the previous Migration Policy Framework to guide Member States and RECs in the management of migration, reflecting the current migration dynamics in Africa. It takes into account AU priorities, policies, the Agenda 2063, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and international migration management policies and standards.

The increasingly complex migratory phenomenon, intensified by major geopolitical upheavals, is accompanied by several symptomatic facts. On the one hand, there is the existence of mixed flows of refugees, regular and irregular migrants, Internally Displaced Persons, Stateless Persons, etc. that States and stakeholders in the governance of migration must imperatively address. Likewise, the reasons for migrating are diversifying, becoming economic, political, climatic, environmental, family, social, religious, personal, security issues and so on. On the other hand, besides the lack of objectivity and uncontrolled irregular migration, particularly with regards to victims of trafficking, the multifaceted and corrosive challenges come to be firmly anchored to the national, regional, continental and global architecture of Migration Governance .

The wider recognition of the beneficial impact of migrants on economic development in destination and origin countries has recently revived interest in the way African governments can utilize migration as a vector of growth and sustainable development. For example, the emigration of highly skilled persons - usually regarded as an economic cost initially - becomes ‘brain gain’ when the migrant eventually returns with new skills and knowledge. From the viewpoint of origin countries, it is now well understood that to maximize the developmental impact of remittances and fully benefit from the skills and knowledge of the diasporas, it is necessary for governments to design migration policies aimed at creating a favorable environment to attract highly skilled workers and channel investments from emigrant communities.

Besides, the COVID-19 impact on Migrants and people on the move is even harder as they were already in vulnerable situations before the crisis. Undocumented migrants are often excluded from national health and social protection programmes.

The lockdowns and curfews, travel bans and physical distancing have resulted in a severe slowdown in many economic activities around the world, causing a global recession and decrease in remittances. According to the International Monetary Fund, the world economy is expected to shrink by 3% in 2020. Even countries with extremely low infection rates will be hit hard by this economic crisis. The World Bank estimates that COVID-19 could push up to 60 million people into extreme poverty in 2020.

Moreover, Trade started on 1st of January 2021 within the framework of the AfCFTA; efforts needs to still be made for more African countries to ratify the African Union Protocol on Free Movement of Persons and; thus, ensure that AfCFTA is fully beneficial to the African Population.

Finally, this course will explore the causes and consequences of climate induced displacement and Migration and provide possible solutions.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The course aims to guide middle and senior level policymakers in Regional Economic Communities (RECs); Public Policymakers from National Governments; Stakeholders representing National and Regional Civil Society Organisations on the formulation of national and regional migration policies that will enhance regional integration and actively contribute to the implementation of countries' development strategies and international agreements in the area of migration.

It will provide policymakers and private sector officials with the required knowledge and the appropriate tools to develop migration policies at the intra-regional and inter-regional levels.

The course will also introduce the participants to the possible institutional architecture that can enable a better contribution of migrants to the economic development of destination and origin countries and which should be defined in consultation with the different national stakeholders.

the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) guiding principles, objectives and actions will be presented to the participants by members of the UN Network on Migration.

The African Union's Migration Policy Framework and its objectives will be presented to participants who will be invited to consider the ways in which this framework could be adapted at the level of the Regional Economic Communities.

At the end of the capacity building program, it is expected that participants will have acquired the following skills:

- Profound understanding of the state of play of international (Global Compact on Migration) and regional migration policy (African Union Migration Policy Framework);
- Ability to use migration policy as an instrument for the achievement of regional integration objectives;
- Better understanding of how national and regional legislations and institutions could be reformed in a way that enables a better contribution of migrants to the socio-economic development of origin and destination countries;
- Ability to contribute to the development, formulation and design of effective migration policies;
- Better understanding of the vision and key components of migration management and governance, and the link with sustainable development.
- Better understanding of the Impact of COVID-19 on Migration and Remittances
- Understanding of the African Union Protocol on Free-Movement of persons and how it can benefit Africans within the context of the AfCFTA
- Understanding of the causes and consequences of Climate Induced Displacement and Migration

## CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

The course consists of seven standard modules, and one writing module that involve the drafting of individual or team papers. Time devoted to this module will be spread over the duration of the course with a final day of team presentations.

Each module will address two major aspects: sensitization of issues (WHAT and WHY) and operational issues (HOW). Key components of the modules include:

- Module 1: The African Union Migration Policy Framework; the Global Compact for Migration; the A.U Protocol for Free Movements of persons and Trade under AfCFTA.
- Module 2: Drafting or revision of national migration policy that comply with with Sub-Regional, Regional and International Conventions
- Module 3: The Concept of Migration and Development
- Module 4: Data Collection and Analysis
- Module 5: Migration, Human Rights and Security related Issues
- Module 6: The Impact of COVID-19 on Migration
- Module 7: Climate Induced Displacement and Migration

## METHODOLOGY

This self-paced course will be delivered from 18th October to 03rd December 2021. The course will be moderated asynchronously during weekdays and participants are required to participate in weekly live-session discussions. In addition, each module has interactive lessons that provide the core content around the topic for that module. The lessons are designed in a way that learners are also able to self-assess their understanding through built-in quizzes. Additional resources such as bibliographies, web links and optional readings are provided for participants who wish to deepen their knowledge of the course topic.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

The course targets primarily middle and senior level policymakers and practitioners dealing with specific issues relating to migration, in the main Regional Economic Communities in Africa (ECOWAS, IGAD, EAC, COMESA, SADC, CENSAD, ECCAS and UMA), which can nominate representatives.

In addition, Public Policymakers from National Governments and Stakeholders representing National and Regional Civil Society Organisations working on migration related issues can also apply.

## ORGANIZERS

The training course will be co-organized by IDEP, IOM, ECA and the Regional UN Network on Migration for West and Central Africa.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Acceptance to the Course

Les Applicants to the course are expected to have, as a minimum, a bachelor's degree preferably in Migration Studies or Social Affairs. In addition, two years of working experience in the field will be required. Qualified female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

Until the registration deadline, participants are accepted to the course on a rolling basis and subject to availability of slots.

Applications must be completed exclusively on IDEP online application platform at <https://www.unidep.org/?apply>

### Certificate of Completion

A Certificate of Completion will be issued by IDEP to all participants who successfully complete the course-related self-assessments presented for each module.

### Technical Requirements

Access to internet is an essential condition for participation. The following specifications, as a minimum in terms of hardware and software, are required to take this e-Learning course, please consult your Network Administrator or Systems person to ensure that you have the following:

- Platform: Windows 95, 98, 2000, NT, ME, XP or superior; Mac OS 9 or Mac OS X; Linux
- Hardware: 64 MB of RAM, 1 GB of free disk space
- Software:
  - o Adobe Acrobat Reader
  - o Adobe Flash Player



- o Microsoft Office (Windows or Mac) or Open Office
- o Browser: Google chrome, Firefox 36 or higher or Internet Explorer 7 or higher
- Modem: 56 K
- Note that JavaScript, Cookies and Pop-ups must be enabled

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