

Situational Analysis of African Migration



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The Global 'Migration crisis'

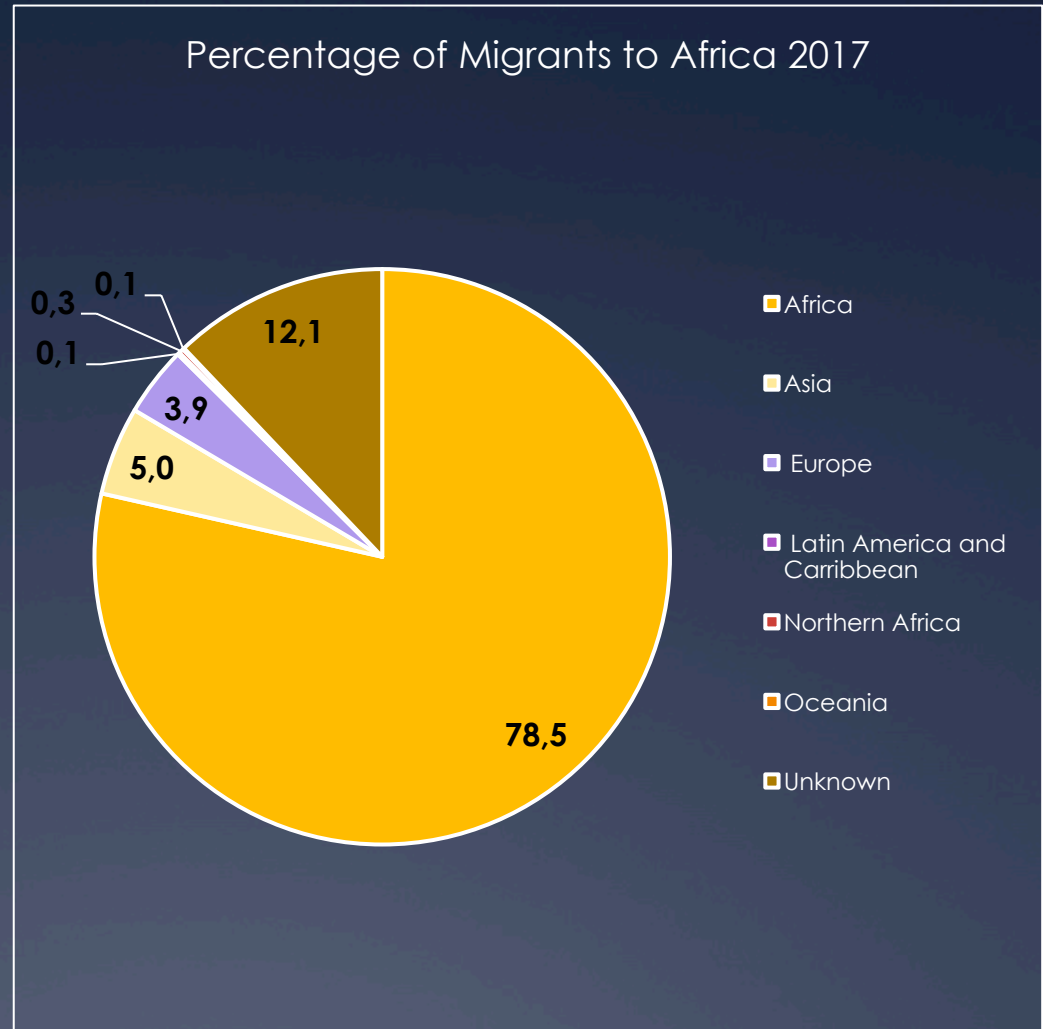
- African migration portrayed as an uncontrollable crisis
- Leads to skewed narratives focussing on African's heading north
- The African migration policy agenda is driven largely by Europeans
- The result is little is attention given to intra-African movements
- The global discourse pathologises and criminalises mobility





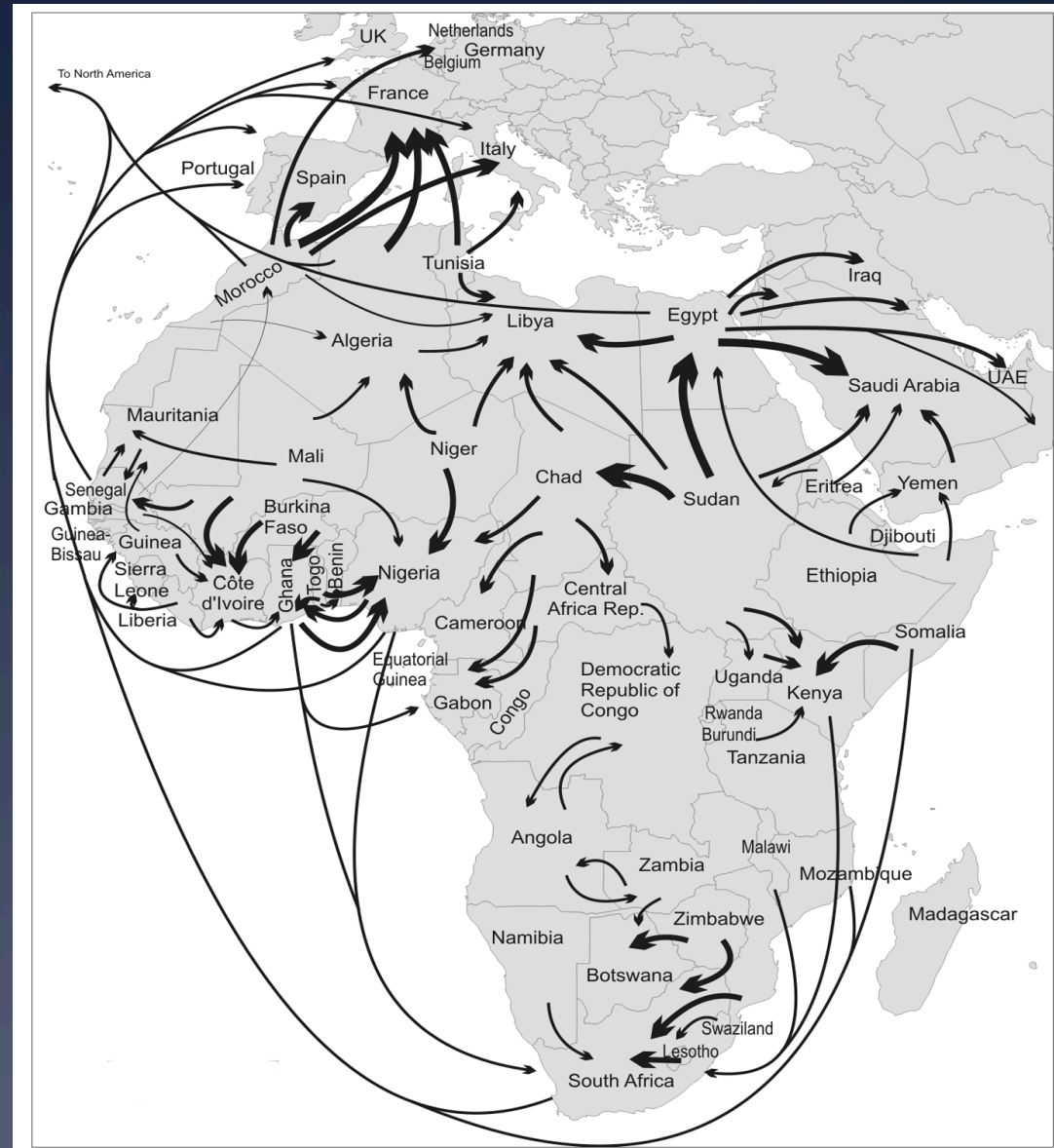
The 'hidden' story of Africa's migration

- Majority of Africans move within the continent (79%)
- At least 90% of Africans to OECD countries enter legally
- Africa is also host to migrant populations from Asia (5%), Europe (4%), North America (0.3%), Latin America and the Caribbean



The 'hidden' story cont...

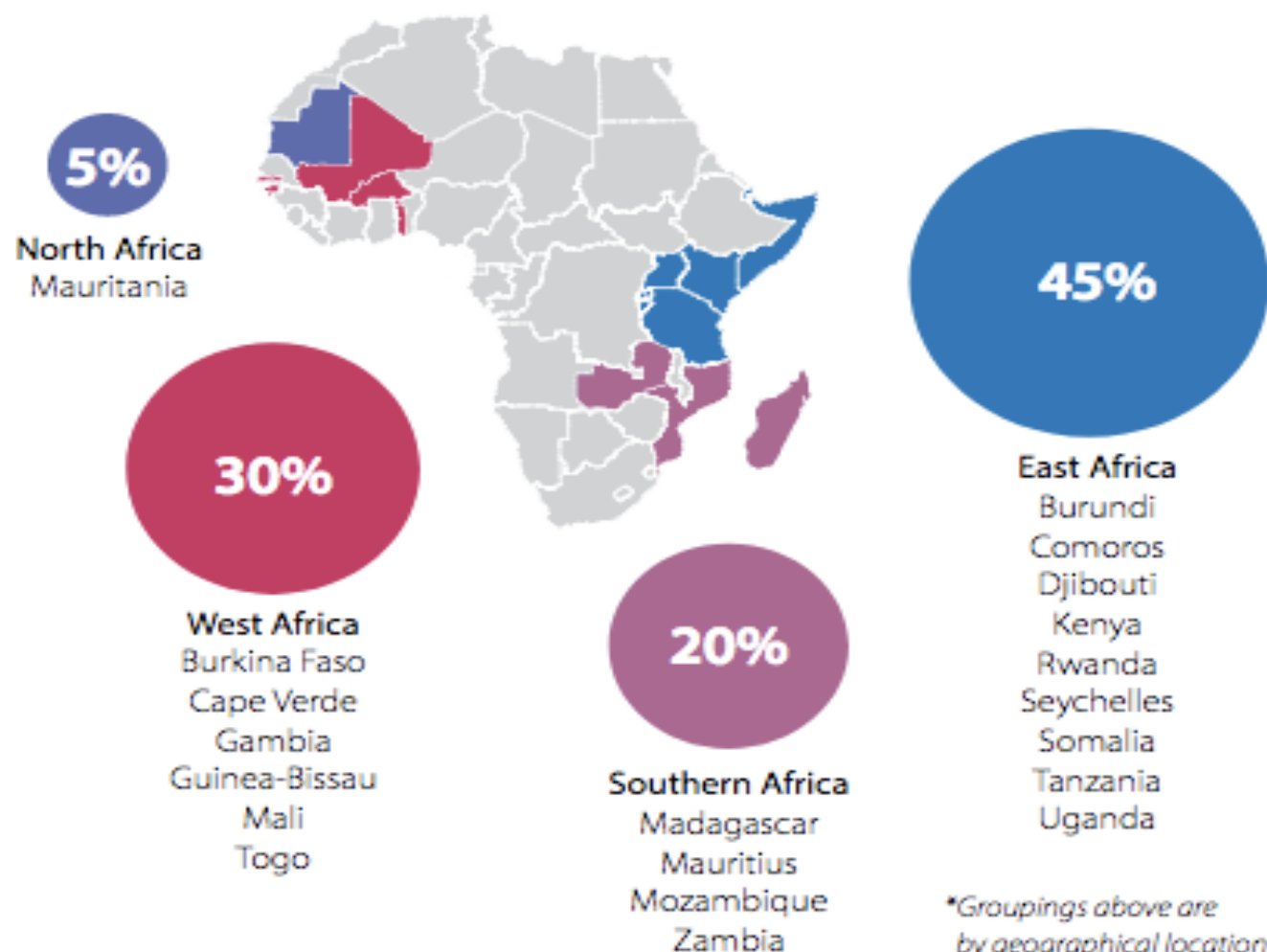
- Mixed migration flows, with 90% being normal migration
- Largely young and economically active – ages 20-64 66%, 0-19 29% and 65+ 5%
- Slightly more men than women (46% women)
- African Migration is not unique, and has a similar character to migrations elsewhere



Africa Visa Openness Index in numbers

75% of countries in the top 20 most visa-open countries are in West Africa or East Africa.*

In the top 20 most visa-open countries, only one is in North Africa and none are in Central Africa.*



*Groupings above are by geographical location.



Africans can get **visas on arrival** in 25% of other African countries.



Africans **need visas** to travel to 55% of other African countries.



Over 60% of African countries with low visa openness scores do not offer any visas on arrival.

Why should we care?

- The danger of the 'single' story
- Current policies are based on a skewed understanding of migration
- Key policy focus is on
 - Containment and border control
 - Deportation
 - Conditional development aid

Concerns that the agenda is driven by external interests in ways that obscure Africa's own challenges and needs

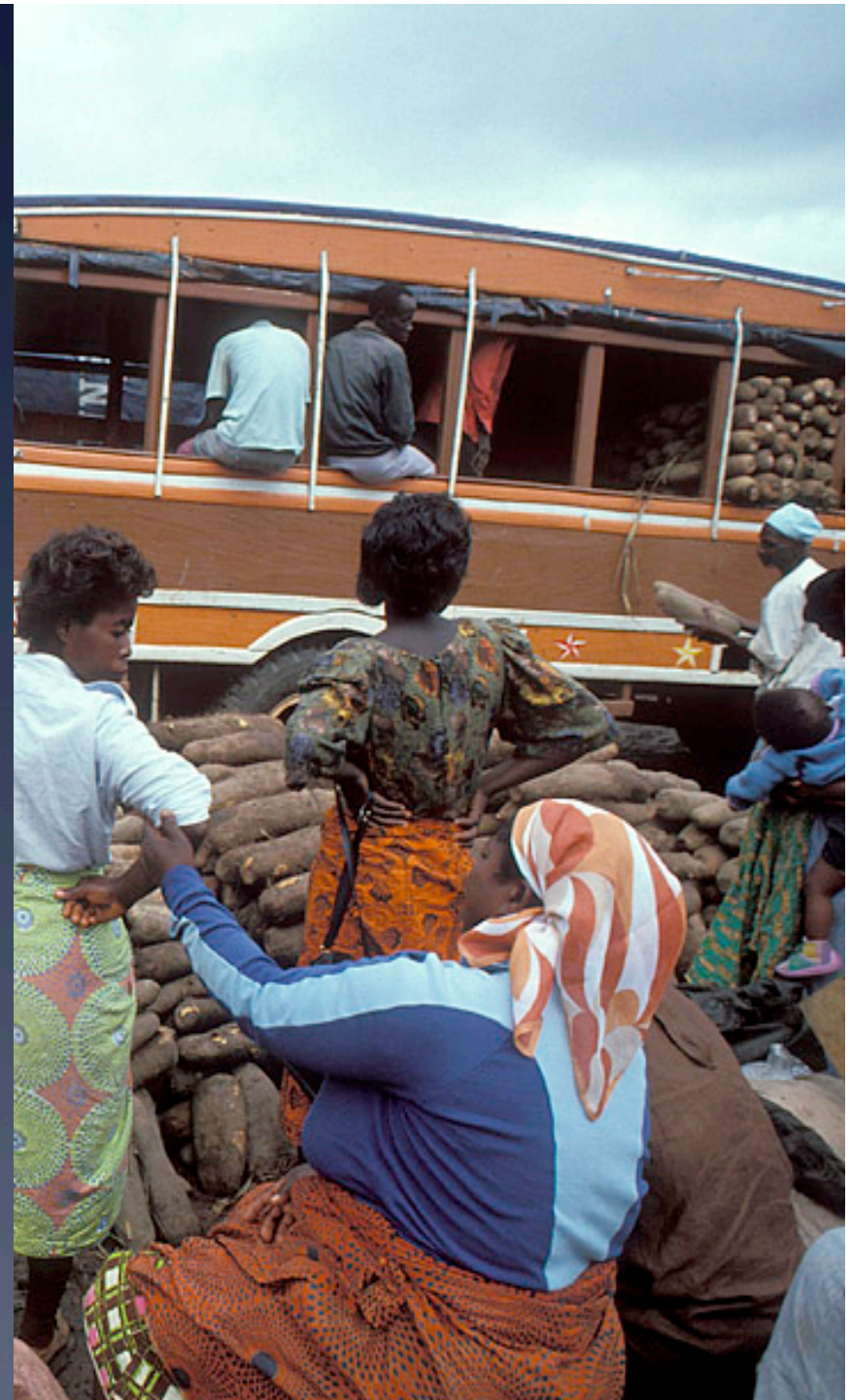
Countries where MIEUX works



Source: MIEUX website

Reframing the African migration debate

- Migration is a historical fact and has a net benefit for the continent
- Increasing border restrictions only drive migration underground and provide fertile ground for opportunistic smuggler enterprises
- Align migration policies to meet Africa's development priorities
- African states need to invest in understanding the dynamics of African migration



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