

Introduction

International migration is increasingly gaining importance and priority in the development discourse at the national and regional levels in Africa. Testimony to this is

whole. They have also led to partnerships with the African Union Commission, Regional Economic Communities (RECs), IOM, research networks and development partners.

With regard to the second strategic pillar, ECA's research has focused on the developmental role of international migration in areas such as financi

Summary of ECA contributions to GFMD

The activities and reports above mentioned have greatly enhanced ECA's role on international migration and development in Africa and globally. ECA support to the GFMD is primarily through promoting member states' understanding and mainstreaming of international migration in development plans and strategies at the national and regional levels. The Commission shares with member States its publications and policy briefs on international migration, and contributes to meetings, workshops and consultations organized by the RECs, IOM and research institutions. It also shares with them the outcomes of regional reviews of the international policy agenda, such as ICPD PoA and Beijing Platform of Action, which include international migration.

ECA contribution to the GMFD is also through statutory bodies, namely the Ministerial Conference, the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts, and Divisional Committees, such as the Human and Social Development Committee and the Committee on Women and Development. For example, the annual meeting of the African Ministers of Development Planning and Finance organized jointly by the African Union Commission, the African Development Bank, and ECA, frequently discuss the economic and social dimensions of international migration in Africa. These dimensions are often on the agenda of the Intergovernmental Committees of Experts (ICE's) which are the governing bodies of ECA's Sub-regional Offices in Morocco, Niger, Cameroun, Zambia and Rwanda. Also they are included in the member States' preparations for climate change negotiations, and in the review of the implementation of the sustainable development agenda in the continent.

The Commission supports the GFD through the African Development Forum (ADF) and the Big Table. The ADF is a major intellectual gathering for discussion and building consensus on emerging issues. It is designed to share knowledge and generate outcome and actions for implementation by member States. ADF-V (November 2006) focused on *Youth leadership in the*

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