

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION IN THE ARAB REGION AND SUGGESTIONS FOR KEY ACTIONS

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The Arab region witnessed intensive changes during the last decade which had an important impact on migration trends, types and repercussions, on migration policies as well as the relationship between sending and receiving countries.

Most of the region's countries witnessed rapid economic liberation and significant impacts of structural adjustment programmes; in addition to, the expansion of the globalized media and information. The region have also endured several conflicts and wars, and an increase in poverty and unemployment rates. This lead to amplifying migration pressure. Furthermore, and due to the tightening of forbidden policies practiced by Tthe sre,nemdocu2(e)0.3(nted,2.7(9)1th.bp7)d] .tna6 Tw [sevi.tna6t,2.7(9)1 the forced and the skilled migration.

Aiming to participate in identifying the substantive issues related to international migration, we will present in this paper the most prominent challenges that International Migration in the Arab and the Mediterranean region presented during the last decade.

Followed are suggestions for alternative policies concerning international migration management and opportunities utilization, as well as remarks on how the Arab League contributes to better understanding and deal with the key aspects of migration in the region and at the international level.

A. PROMINENT EMERGING CHALLENGES

1. Contraction of Migration Opportunities

At a time when the Arab region accustomed for decades to migration to the Western countries and recently to the Gulf, and to remittances and other migration benefits, and while the migration pressure noticeably increased and is expected to continue increasing during the next era (Arab Human Development

visa, tightening procedures on the borders, arrests and control of foreign residencies and recently the

4. Skilled Labour Migration Is Rising

conventions and protocols related to migrant rights, combating smugglers and human trafficking, reducing illegal migration, most of the Arab sending countries have adopted a positive approach to the skilled