



The contribution of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa to the efforts to address migration-related issues



The 2030 Agenda recognized the positive contribution of migrants to inclusive growth and sustainable development. It underlined the

conflict as well as drive international migration from the continent. Examples of these challenges that were tackled in the annual reports include good governance and role of law, management of diversity and youth, education, and employment.

Migration issues have also been high on the agenda of the African Union's advocacy

"maximizing new opportunities to Address its Peace, Security and Inclusive Development Dimensions".

The meeting focused on the growing number of conflict-generated refugees and internally displaced persons in Africa. It also examined the impact of other emerging challenges such as terrorism and violent extremism. The meeting has put forward concrete policy proposals for collective action at the regional and global level to tackle the underlying causes of forced migration and provide for the safety, rights and dignity of the people affected by these causes.

Looking ahead, the increasing attention to migration and its underlying causes is expected to be even more pronounced in 2017 through the summit that the Secretary-General will convene on migration and refugee movements on 19 September 2017. Taking into account the AU - AU FALLETTA Summit on Migration that was held in November 2017 and the upcoming World Humanitarian Summit, UNHCR will continue to give due attention to migration issues in its analytical and advocacy work. In this regard, UNHCR will organize a side event on "harnessing Africa's demographic dividends" on 22 September 2017 during the Mid-term Review of Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries 2013-2022 to be held in Antalya, Turkey. The event will be focusing on promoting youth employment and providing economic opportunities for Africa's burgeoning youth population in their own countries.
