



INDIAN OCEAN
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IOM International Organization for Migration
OIM Organisation Internationale pour les Migrations
OIM Organización Internacional para las Migraciones

**MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT:
MAINSTREAMING MIGRATION INTO
DEVELOPMENT PLANNING
IN THE INDIAN OCEAN COMMISSION MEMBER
STATES**

**25-26 November 2013
The Labourdonnais hotel
Port Louis - Mauritius**

CONCEPT NOTE



1 .CONTEXT

The General Secretariat of the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) are organizing a regional workshop on the integration of migration into development planning of the Member countries of the IOC, on 25th and 26th November 2013, in Mauritius, to identify regional priorities in this area.

In a world today where one seventh of humanity is on the move, migration has become one of the defining features of today's world. Some 214 million are international migrants. Another 740 million are internal migrants. South-to-South migration is now just as important in volume as South-to-North migration, and North-South migration is a growing phenomenon. However, data on these flows are limited, which limited understanding and apprehension of this societal phenomenon. It is necessary to analyze the different aspects (inter-regional migration, return and reintegration, remittances, diaspora contributions, etc...) in order to develop a suitable migration policy, and benefitting the socio-economic development of Indian Ocean.

At the Third Summit of Heads of State of the IOC, in Antananarivo, on the 20th July 2005, the Extraordinary Council had expressed its desire to realize the creation of a common indianoceanic space by bringing together the people of the Indian Ocean at all levels, notably through the opening of borders to development actors in a real IOC space. The IOC was mandated to review the conditions, ways and means for opening of the frontiers to achieve this IOC space.

In 2007, the 23rd session of the council of Ministers of the IOC, had given rise to discussions on the movement of people. It was then found that it was necessary to conduct an inventory within the IOC space on migration in order to consider the priority actions to undertake.

Moreover, the facilitation of the movement of people is a recurring request from the regional private sector, with the instances of the IOC. The Economic Forum of the Indian Ocean Islands (FEIOI), an annual regional event for the development of the private sector, defined the movement of businessmen as one of the main obstacles to regional economic integration, constituting a major obstacle to trade facilitation and promotion of cross-border investment.

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) develops, through the IOM Development Fund (IDF), national migration profiles for the Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius and Seychelles. The objective of this initiative is to strengthen the capacity of government institutions of the Southwest Islands of the Indian Ocean to design development strategies that take into consideration reliable and comparable data on migration from one country to another.

The characteristics of mobility to and within the south-west of the Indian Ocean are highly unknown. The nature of migration and the context in which it occurs are essential to enable policy makers to establish development strategies to

benefit from the positive effects of migration while minimizing its negative effects.

In this perspective, an analysis of the migration patterns in the Member States of the IOC was performed within the IDF projects and through the development of National Migration Profiles. This allows a better understanding of the national and regional migration trends. It is based on the definition and collection of reliable data on which policymakers can rely.

Based on the work of the ACP Observatory on Migration and IOM in the Economic Community of West African States countries (ECOWAS) and the Southern African Development Community countries (SADC), the process of developing Migration Profiles in the IOC countries will help **to identify and fill data gaps. It will produce the data needed for policy development, based on a meaningful dialogue on migration policies at national and regional level.**

To ensure sustainability, especially for the collection and compilation of data on migration after the end of the project, the activities proposed by the IDF projects give great importance to capacity building. IOM supports the capacity building of technicians in charge of the collection and analysis of data migration to facilitate the regular updating of migration profiles.

The regional workshop on "Migration and Development: Mainstreaming migration in development planning in the Indian Ocean countries" will see the presentation of migration profiles approved by the governments of IOC member countries. The latter will serve as the basis for the formulation of recommendations and priorities based on factual data, notably relative to the harmonization of the collection process and data management.

The precise migration data reinforce the understanding of trends and country-specific priorities, and therefore, that of the role of mobility in the development of these island states. This process will facilitate the apprehension of migration as a tool for development planning, particularly for the development strategies of regional human resources.

At the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) 2010 in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, the States represented approved the "Mainstreaming Migration into Development Planning - A Handbook for Policy Makers and Practitioners", developed by the Global Migration Group (GMG). This manual was initiated by IOM. It is a useful tool to facilitate the integration of migration into national development strategies. Since then, the GFMD and GMG supported the practical application of the manual, notably through a pilot project, implemented in four countries and funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

To coordinate the actions implemented under the pilot projects, the GMG has created a Working Group (WG) on Mainstreaming Migration into Development Planning, co-chaired by IOM and the United Nations development Programme (UNDP). A second phase of the project plans to expand to other countries. The

participation of experts working on this pilot program will provide added value to the regional workshop to be held from 25th to 26th November 2013 in Mauritius.

2. REGIONAL CONFERENCE

2.1. Objective:

The objective of the regional workshop is to reflect upon the possibilities of coordination of national and regional migration and development strategies through the migration profiles for each IOC member state.

2.2. Expected Results:

The expected outcomes of the workshop are:

- Participants have a thorough knowledge of data and migration trends in the countries of the IOC, particularly through the presentation of migration profiles developed by IOM in Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius and Seychelles¹ ;
- Participants clearly understand the concept of mainstreaming migration into national development planning;
- High-level discussions between government entities members of the IOC on the **regional trends and priorities on the issue of migration** is facilitated;
- **Recommendations**, which could be used as the basis for the definition of activities to be implemented by the IOC in the field of regional migration in the context of its mandate of creating a common Indianoceanic space **are formulated by the participants.**

2.3. The approach of the conference:

The regional workshop will consist of a high-level meeting of the policy makers, practitioners and technicians of migration strategies, collection and analysis of data and development planning. The workshop will be based on a participatory, collaborative and interactive approach between the leaders of national organizations represented.

2.4. Provisional programme:

1st Day : 25th November 2013

Registration and Opening		
	08:30 -09:00	Registration of participants
	09:00-09:45	Opening Ceremony

¹ A presentation of the migration profile of Reunion island is to be confirmed

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome speech by Jean Claude de l'Estrac, Secretary General of the Indian Ocean Commission • Speech by M. Bernardo Mariano, Regional Director for Southern Africa of the International Organization for Migration • Opening remarks by the Representative of the Government of Mauritius
1st Session	Conference objectives and mandate of the Commission of the Indian Ocean	
	09:45-10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Framework Memo by the Indian Ocean Commission
	10:00 – 10:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signing of Agreement Protocol between the IOC and the IOM • Group photo
	10:10 – 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee break
2nd Session	Collection and management of data on migration in countries of the Indian Ocean Commission	
	10h30-11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the collection process and management of migration statistics by IOM
	11:00 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparative presentation of management processes and management of migration statistics by IOM
	12:30 -13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions
	13:00 – 14:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch
3rd Session	Migration profiles of the Indian Ocean Commission countries	
	14:00 – 16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the migration profiles of the Indian Ocean Commission countries by IOM
	16 :00 – 16 :15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee break
4th Session	Integrate migration into national development plans	
	16:15 -17:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on mainstreaming migration into national development plans by IOM • Discussions
5th Session	Closure of the first day	
	17:45 – 18:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of the exchanges of the first day
6th Session	Cocktail	
	18:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cocktail

2nd Day : 26 November 2013

7th Session	Migration and development in the countries of the Indian Ocean Commission	
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	08:45 – 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by the national priorities according to each Member State of the IOC migration profile
	10:00 – 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee break
	10:30 – 13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group work on the definition of regional priorities and recommendations on migration
	13:00 – 14:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch
	14:00 – 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restitution of group work
	15:30 – 15:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee break
8th Session	Recommendations and Conclusions	
	15:45 – 16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalization of the draft roadmap and recommendations
	16:30 – 16:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Validation of the roadmap and closure

3.4 Participants:

- International and regional experts;
- High level representatives of the IOC's Member States;
- High Level Representatives of national organizations management statistics.