



Terms of Reference

Migration Dialogue Platform Based on “African Voices from the Ground”

Project Background

Increasing flows of migration worldwide have created new momentum for policy dialogue and opened new avenues to discuss the topic. The discussion, however, has to move beyond a security based approach to smarter and more flexible approaches that protect migrants and refugees as well as their human rights in countries of destination, transit and origin and give these countries the chance to profit from migration. Africa thus takes centre stage as a continent; arguably, most affected by migration and forced displacement. This, therefore, requires greater political dialogue between African stakeholders such as African states, RECs and the AU as well as with external actors such as the EU, UN and others on how to deal with migrants and refugees and make migration and mobility more beneficial to the African member states.

The study to be undertaken by selected universities in focus countries by means of desktop, field-based interviews and focus group methodologies to collect data and information. Demographic qualitative and quantitative methods will be used in collecting data and information to provide balanced and factual perspectives. The desktop study will cover existing literature on migration, refugees, displaced persons, developmental projects, land use and ownership policies for investments, and more. The literature review will present the context of migration in the focus countries and the region looking at not only root causes but also other related push, pull factors as well as impact on the continent and beyond. The research will focus on collecting information from citizens and civil society organizations, in addition to government officials and professionals working on migration issues in those communities. The data gathered will concentrate on “the voices from the ground” as they relate to:

- Motives for migration among members of those communities
- How risk is managed and calculated as part of the migration process
- The perceived benefits to the community from the migration of its individuals
- The actual impact (benefit and loss) of migration on those communities

Aims and objectives of the Research Project

Specific objectives of the research project include:



- Conduct research on “African Voices from the Ground” in four African countries (see below) ;
- Include voices of civil society into the dialog on migration;
- A medium-term policy/governance-related action plan on migration that will achieve migration regional compliance with the AU and global frameworks according to priorities identified by multi-stakeholders including migrants;
- Discuss and develop long term approaches on migration;
- Develop policy recommendations for African decision makers;
- Develop specific recommendations for the EU-Africa partnership.

To achieve these objectives, the Institute of Peace and Security Studies (IPSS) in partnership with The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) are calling for researchers affiliated with universities to apply to undertake systemic research in four of the following five countries of Africa namely; **Ethiopia, South Africa, Senegal, Chad and Tunisia.**

Duties and Deliverables

- Researchers will attend the research design workshop, facilitated by FES and IPSS, to develop a plan for data collection, qualitative and quantitative analysis
- Researchers will conduct the research using the qualitative and quantitative instruments developed during the research design workshop and abide to the research procedures and timeframe
- Researchers will translate the qualitative and quantitative instruments into local languages in which they will be administered
- Researchers will translate the data into English upon final presentation to IPSS and FES
- Researchers will provide regular progress reports to IPSS, as per the plan developed on the research design workshop.
- Researchers will communicate any mishap in the project course in a timely manner
- Researchers will provide final reports by 01 September 2017. The final reports should consist of:
 - The unanalyzed full data, both qualitative and quantitative
 - A detailed analysis of the data
 - An abstract of key findings and policy implications (500 words)
 - A summary of the study (2-3 Pages)



Eligibility

- Research participants should be based in the country where the study is to be conducted, i.e. Ethiopia, South Africa, Senegal, Chad or Tunisia.
- Researchers should staff members of a university based in the country where the study will be conducted. This should be demonstrated with a letter of endorsement from the university, presented with the application.
- The university should have a proven track record of research and publications, preferably on migration issues
- Research participants must have knowledge on migration issues and strong track record of research on the topic
- Researchers should have proven knowledge on continental and regional migration frameworks

Payment or Reimbursement

Only one university based research group will be selected in each of the four countries. The selected research group will receive a total of 10,000 Euros, in three disbursement phases. The first instalment (4000 Euro) shall be paid upon signing of a contract between the FES and the respective university. The second instalment shall be paid upon handing in of a draft report (3000 Euro) while the remaining fee (3000 Euro) shall be paid upon delivery of the final report.

Timeframe

- Research Design Workshop: 3rd May 2017
- Core research period: May - August 2017
- Submission of Final Report: 01 September 2017