

**AFRICAN PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON:
“AFRICA AND MIGRATION: CHALLENGES, PROBLEMS, SOLUTIONS”**

Rabat (Morocco) 22-24 May 2008

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Thursday 22 May 2008

08.00 – 10.00	Registration of participants and distribution of documents
10.00 – 10.30	Inaugural session: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Welcome address and opening statements- Approval of the draft rules of procedure of the conference- Election of the President and Rapporteur of the Conference
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00.– 13.00	Plenary session

Keynote address: Globalization and migration

Mr. Abdelhamid El Jamri, United Nations Committee on Migrant Workers

Debate

13.00 – 15.30	Lunch break
15.30 – 18.30	Plenary session

Legal and policy frameworks for the governance of migration

- International and regional standards on migration as a fundamental element of migration management
- Juridical aspects of labour migration; irregular migration
- Global and African migration policy frameworks

- Regional integration frameworks: circulation of persons.

- Incorporation and implementation of international standards on migration into national law, and the role of parliaments in that field

Debate

Friday 23 May 2008

Workshops

(workshop participants will elect a chairperson/moderator and a rapporteur to work closely with the general rapporteur)

09.30 – 12.30

Workshop One:

Migration and development: Labour mobility in a globalized world; contribution of migrants to development:

- Strategies of maximizing benefits and minimizing the negative impacts of international migration (e.g. brain drain)
- Skilled and less skilled labour migration: the impact on source and destination countries, including human resource development and skills/qualifications recognition; policy and legislative responses
- Contribution to development through temporary and circular labour migration
- The impact of migrant remittances on development of countries of origin,

Debate

Workshop Two:

Humanitarian aspects of Migration:

- Humanitarian principles of migration
- Mixed flows (asylum/migration nexus)
- Special needs and humanitarian assistance rendered to special categories: migrant women, children, youth and the elderly
- Environmental migration

Debate

12.30 – 15.30

Lunch break

15.30 – 18.30

Workshop 3

Migration and human rights: regulating migration in a human rights compatible way

- Protection of migrants' rights; particularly of migrant workers especially at risk of abuse and exploitation
- Addressing irregular migration in the African context
- Preventing migrant smuggling and human trafficking
- The participation of migrants in host societies: addressing discrimination

Debate

Workshop 4

Regional initiatives, cooperation, partnership and coherence in migration governance:

- Labour mobility and free circulation in regional economic integration areas
- Cooperation in harmonization of national policies, structures and legislations pertaining to labour migration movement in Regional Economic Communities,
- Regional cooperation processes (RCPs)
- Building coherence and partnerships in migration and development

Debate

Saturday 24 May 2008

Plenary session:

09.30 – 13.00

Reports from the workshops and plenary debate

13.00 – 15.30

Lunch break

15.30 – 17.00

Drafting of the Final Declaration

17.00

Adoption of the Final Declaration and closing session