



## **Recommendations Endorsed by the Ministers at the MIDSA Ministerial Meeting**

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### **1. OVERALL**

1.1. Develop national and regional migration policy frameworks to address national/regional migration issues (Lead actor: SADC/IOM/Member States).

1.2. Ensure the next MIDSA meeting starts with a review of the status of implementation of recommendations from the 2013 MIDSA Ministerial meetings. (Lead actor: SADC/MIDSA)

### **2. MIGRATION MANAGEMENT**

#### **2.1. National Migration Policies and Migration Profiles**

Recognizing the important role that migration profiles and policies play in the implementation of the below recommendations, Ministers placed special emphasis on the below recommendations:

2.1.1. Initiate a SADC-wide migration profile study that captures both the commonalities and differences between member states, with a view to having a comprehensive overview of migration patterns and profiles within the SADC region and assessing the implications for policy development at national and regional level. (Lead actor: SADC Migration desk)

2.1.2. Encourage the development of migration policies for member states that do not have a policy in place. (Lead actor: Member

States)

- 2.1.3. Update the previous MIDSA Report on Migration Data Harmonisation (published in 2007) for the purpose of identifying gaps in the collection, analysis, dissemination and harmonisation of migration data. (Lead actor: IOM)
- 2.1.4. Develop standardised systems for data collection and analysis. (Lead actor: SADC Secretariat)
- 2.1.5. Develop harmonised migration indicators to be included in household surveys. (Lead actor: SADC Secretariat)

## **2.2. National and Regional Co-ordination**

- 2.2.1. Prioritise the establishment of migration focal points where they do not exist. (Lead actor: Member States)
- 2.2.2. Draft a template for common regional standard operating practices related to migration management. (Lead actor: SADC/IOM)
- 2.2.3. Conduct an assessment of, and proposal for the development and implementation of harmonised border management systems/one stop border posts. (Lead actor: SADC Secretariat)
- 2.2.4. In coordination with SADC National Committees, establish policies and coordination mechanisms and/or committees to ensure coordination within national governments on migration. (Lead actor: Member States)
- 2.2.5. Establish coordination mechanisms for migration focal points at the national level to facilitate communication between member states. (Lead actor: Member States)
- 2.2.6. Initiate dialogue with other Regional Cooperative Processes, such as EAC and COMESA, in order to discuss migration in an integrated manner and find solutions inter-regionally. (Lead actors: SADC/IOM)

## **2.3. Irregular Migration**

- 2.3.1. Design and implement a public awareness and information campaign that encourages potential migrants to use legal channels and opportunities, while emphasising the risks related to irregular migration and the benefits of legal migration. (Lead actor: Member States)
- 2.3.2. Encourage member states to make travel documents available to their citizens to facilitate legal migration. (Lead actor: Member States)

## **2.4. Labour Migration**

- 2.4.1. The Ministers of Home Affairs took note of the Regional Labour Migration Action Plan adopted by the Ministers responsible for Employment and Labour giving effect to several of the recommendations made at previous MIDSAs meetings.

## **2.5. Migration Health**

- 2.5.1. Harmonize occupational safety and health standards policies and put in place minimum standards in all member states. (Lead actor: South Africa)
- 2.5.2. Provide standard treatment protocols for migrant workers irrespective of country of destination. (Lead actor: SADC Secretariat)
- 2.5.3. Ensure that accrued health benefits are portable between SADC member states. (Lead actor: SADC Secretariat)
- 2.5.4. Ensure that migrants have access to health services in the country in which they are working. (Lead actor: SADC Secretariat)
- 2.5.5. Ratify ILO Convention on Health and Safety and other relevant Conventions. (Lead actor: SADC Secretariat)

## **2.6. Capacity Building**

- 2.6.1. Design and implement a capacity building training programme for government, civil society, private sector, and worker organisations aimed at better protection of migrant rights and upholding minimum standards for the treatment of persons in their territories (Lead Actor: SADC/IOM)
- 2.6.2. Conduct training workshops on migration data collection, analysis and dissemination for participants from national statistical offices, national migration institutes and the SADC Statistical Department. (Lead actor: SADC/IOM)
- 2.6.3. Conduct training workshops for participants from government, private sector, civil society, and worker organisations on mainstreaming migration into national development policies. (Lead actor: SADC/IOM)

## **3. REGIONAL CO-OPERATION**

### **3.1.SADC Protocol on the Facilitation of Movement of Persons**

- 3.1.1. In co-operation with the SADC-established Implementation Committee, undertake an assessment of the obstacles to ratification, with a view to providing member states with the assistance and support to overcome such obstacles. (Lead actor: SADC Secretariat)

### **3.2.Diaspora Engagement**

- 3.2.1. Based on the experiences of SADC and AU member states, develop a comprehensive set of policies and tools, including mapping exercises and outreach, related to diaspora engagement. (Lead actor: SADC/IOM)
- 3.2.2. In coordination with the African Institute for Remittances (AIR), determine ways to strengthen the infrastructure for remittance transfers that can be adopted and modified for implementation by individual states. (Lead actor: SADC/IOM)

#### **4. MDSA**

- 4.1. Enhance the participation of states in the planning and agenda-setting for MDSA workshops and Ministerial Conferences. (Lead actor: SADC Secretariat)
- 4.2. Where appropriate, increase linkages with non-state actors/ civil society organizations (Lead actor: Chair in Office of MDSA)
- 4.3. Ensure that recommendations that result from MDSA forums are shared with SADC structures to inform future deliberations and decisions. (Lead actor: Chair in Office of MDSA)