



**General Directorate of Youth Policy
(GDYP)**

Diplomatic Training Programme on Irregular Migration

*As Side-Event of the
3rd African Youth Conference on African Unity and
Development*

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A. Background

1. In light of today's emerging globalization of economy and culture which will grow in the future; migrations nowadays have become symbol of mobility and growing interdependence in the world.
2. Migration is the most remarkable phenomenon in the course of relations between rich and poor countries and sow broad division between them. This raises new questions which should encourage states to consider the direct and indirect consequences of migration and the opportunities it provides.
3. The landmark New York Declaration on addressing large movement of refugees and migrants, adopted on 19 September 2016, reaffirmed the need to sustain political will of World leaders to enhance the governance of migration. This meant that the protection of human rights, freedoms and lives of migrants, the fight against various forms of discrimination and the cooperation among stakeholders, including youth, are key elements to achieve "safe, orderly and regular migration" and restore dignity of all people engaged into migration routes or living in multicultural and hybrid societies.
4. Nowadays, Europe is closing its doors in the face of migrants and western countries fence themselves off and implement the most extreme migration policies.
5. There is a tendency of the phenomenon of migration being intrinsically linked to the raise of xenophobic sentiments and fears of others that leads to discriminatory attitudes and a rise of populist discourses of reject and hatred.
6. However, if migrations pose risks and challenges, they can also provide opportunities. Migrants are key agents with huge needs and challenges to be addressed through decision makers, in observance of the requirements of equal human dignity. They also have a wide range of untapped ideas and initiatives that could help shape a common vision on the positive dynamics of migration in various societies.
7. In this respect, the following are seen by ICYP as main challenges when it comes to migration:
 - 7.1. To treat the influx of migrants as a historical and social positive phenomenon;
 - 7.2. To highlight the importance of the FBO's mission, vision and perspectives towards a good governance of migration and their leading role in helping install necessary social harmony among communities.
 - 7.3. To catalyze, through appropriate policies, migration for development and comprehensive and sustainable growth and to provide enough attention to their contribution to the implementation of the SGDs.

- 7.4. To provide necessary protective measures to ensure the respect of human rights and freedoms of migrants, including women, in any circumstances.

The ICYF would therefore propose that at the 3rd African Youth Conference on African Unity and Development, a diplomatic training/simulation be held on the subject of “irregular migration”, which would be as follows:

B. Introduction to the Concept of Resilience as Peacebuilding Practice

- Description of main issues related with migration agenda including the need to shift focus structural conditions for social mobility across generations, multidimensional approach for increasing youth inclusion in society, youth citizenship engagement; and ensuring provision of effective citizenship education.

C. Briefing on Diplomatic Simulation

- Description of how youth learn IO’s relevant meeting proceedings through diplomatic simulation, including Model OIC (ICYF flagship program that simulates OIC Summits, Council of Foreign Ministers and relevant sectorial meetings)

D. Rules & Procedures of a Diplomatic Simulation

- Dress code
- Identification of the house (Chair, delegate, admin staff)
- Preparation to Simulation Conference (Before and During)
- General Rules and Procedures
- Lobbying and Partnership, Cooperation in Diplomacy Making
- Preparing working papers and draft resolutions

E. Mock session format and topic (rules of the practical training)

- Practical session to consolidate the training
- Delegates to be guided in drafting a resolution on “Role of Youth in Addressing Irregular Migration”
- Delegates to be trained to adopt a “Banjul Declaration on Irregular Migration”