

# African Trade Union Peace and Security Conference

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# ATUMNET Migration Agenda

**Issues of focus and areas  
of engagement**



# Area of focus

- ▶ Ratification campaigns – Conventions 97, 143, 182, 189
- ▶ National action plan development
- ▶ Voice and representation for migrants – freedom of association
- ▶ **Advocacy**
  - Free Movement of persons – rights issues; improving mobility in West Africa
  - Africa’s Integration – visa on arrival; skills development and comparability;, etc.
  - Social protection coverage – social protection portability
  - Xenophobia
  - Human trafficking and smuggling reduction
- ▶ Engagement with and contribution to the UN Global Compact process
- ▶ Bilateral Labour Migration Agreements
  - Reforming the “*Kafala system*”
- ▶ Fair recruitment

# Strategies

- ▶ Organising – providing voice and representation
- ▶ Capacity building for focal persons and workers
- ▶ Alliance building/collaboration and Synergies with other CSOs/NSAs and SSOs partners
- ▶ Advocacy – decent work agenda implementation (Job creation, rights at work, social protection and social dialogue); awareness deepening on how to legally migrate; stance against xenophobia, etc.
- ▶ Lobby – work with state actors and development partners
- ▶ Monitoring and Reporting – visit to Agadez; visit to returnee centers and rehabilitation sites (GIZ center, Lagos)
- ▶ Research – production of African trade union migration passport
- ▶ Mainstreaming migration
- ▶ Communication

# Possible next steps/follow-up actions for 2018

- ▶ Focal persons lead in national trade union/CSOs Migration network formation and operationalisation. At least one national migration platform meeting convened and national action plan decided.
- ▶ Migration Advocacy and communication campaign strategy development workshop meeting –
- ▶ **Advocacy** campaign deployment on ratification (C. 97, 143, 189 and 112); visa openness and Africa's integration; skills development and measurability; social protection expansion and portability; – meetings/statements/media exchanges with govts.
- ▶ Meeting with Asian, Arab and Latin American ITUC regional organisations to give implementation to the MOU signed by ITUC–Africa/ITUC–Asia–Pacific/ITUC–Middle East–North Africa AND ITUC–TUCA
- ▶ UN Global Compact Process meeting in Eastern Africa (Kigali/Dar E Salam), Northern Africa (Tunis/Marrakesh) and Southern Africa (Harare/Lusaka) – lobby to ensure the negotiation stage yield benefits for workers, migrants.
- ▶ Research and material development (African trade union migrants' passport)