

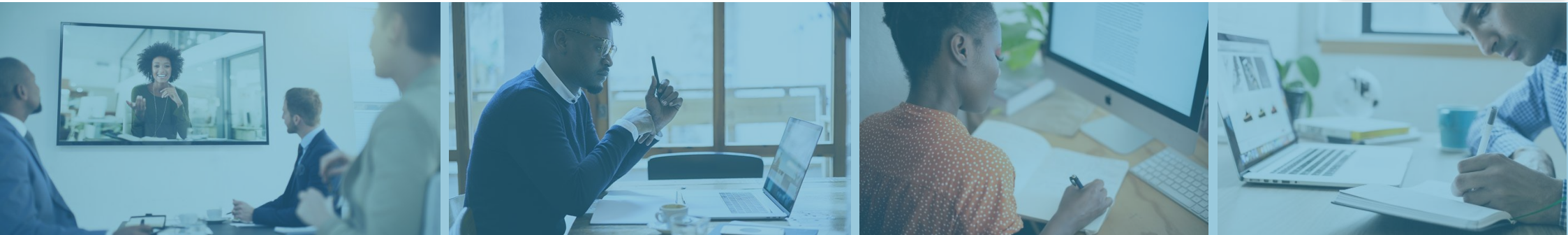


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About the African Capacity Building Centre

IOM's African Capacity Building Centre (ACBC) was established in 2009 at the request of IOM's African Member states to serve as the designated resource for capacity building in migration management on the continent. In accordance with its mandate, the ACBC works closely with IOM country missions to deliver assessments, training programs, technical assistance, and provide support in research, project review and development. Physically co-located with the Tanzanian Regional Immigration Training Academy (TRITA) in Moshi, Kilimanjaro region, the Centre has, since its inception more than ten years ago, successfully carried out over 300 training workshops and trained more than 7,000 immigration and border officials from all 54 African states.

About the Webinar Programme

Building and strengthening capacities of States in the Covid era requires the integration of technology into training approach. One of ACBC's goal for 2020 was to make its learning approach more interactive and collaborative through webinars, podcasts, blended learning, as well as the creation of an e-learning platform in line with the needs of African Member States and other partners. The Covid-19 pandemic which led to a significant change in teaching and learning methods by restricting international travel and imposing social distancing measures, has prompted the Centre to adapt to this new approach to capacity-building as early as the beginning of 2020.

In March 2020, the Centre launched its internal webinar programme, thus providing a forum for the exchange of experience and expertise on migration and border management among IOM staffs across the continent. Building on the positive feedback of this pilot experience and in line with its mandate to assist the Organization's African Member States in improving migration management and governance in Africa, the ACBC launches its external webinar programme in May 2021 to ensure continuity of professional learning for migration practitioners on the continent and to encourage / support staff development. The programme focuses on a series of topics identified by the IOM missions in close collaboration with the government counterparts in Algeria, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Liberia, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania and Tunisia in response to ACBC's call for participation last July 2020.

An online certificate of completion will be delivered to the participants at the end of the webinar cycle.

Duration of each webinar session: 120 minutes



Webinar 01 – Human Rights of Migrants

The importance of an effective legal migration system on the continent is emphasised by the fact that Africa accounts for 14 per cent of the global migrant population and that the majority of Africans are migrating across the continent's land borders¹. The African Union (AU) Migration Policy Framework outlines that well-managed migration brings significant benefits to the countries of origin and destination.

The intensification of migratory flows across the Mediterranean that led to the 2015 migration crisis challenges the foundations of the legal framework for migration. Consequently, a renewed and multidimensional reflection on the equilibrium between the fundamental principles that constitute the rights of migrants and the sovereignty of States is required.

This webinar is designed to familiarize government officials with the relevant international legal framework governing migration, including the rights and responsibilities of States and migrants. It will help governments and other stakeholders in migration strengthen their capacity to govern migration more effectively and ensure consistency with international and regional law.

Focus: terminologies, principles of human rights, migrants and IDP protection and child-rights.

Date: 25 May 2021

¹ [IOM Africa Migration Report, 2020](#)

Webinar 02 – Health at Borders

Mitigating health risks of migration and ensuring equitable access to health services for migrants and their families are important aspects of migration management. IOM's objective in this area is to mitigate the negative impact of migration on the health of migrants, their families and societies.

The issue of health at ports, airports and border crossings points has never been so critical with the coronavirus (Covid-19) crisis. With the resurgence of Ebola in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, the webinar will seek to embolden border authorities to take an active approach to guarantee the health and well-being of migrants, including vulnerable migrants at borders.

Most importantly, it will lay the foundations for effective management of human mobility at borders to limit the spread of public health risks, while avoiding creating obstacles to the migration process. It is aimed to provide an update on the Covid-19 and Ebola situations on the African continent and orientate governments response plans to health crises.

Focus: migration and health nexus, health at borders, covid-19 response, Ebola response, SOP

Date: June 2021 (TBD)

Webinar 03 – Protection and Assistance to Migrants

While migration is often a positive experience, generating significant benefits to migrants as well as to their host countries and countries of origin, migrants are often disproportionately vulnerable to violence, exploitation and abuse throughout the migration cycle. While the vast majority of States have ratified international instruments to protect human rights, including the rights of migrants, such abuses often persist not because of the absence of legislation but because of the challenges of effective implementation.

Both outside and inside the UN system, IOM has been an instrumental international actor working for the effective protection and assistance of hundreds of thousands of migrants in vulnerable situations, including unaccompanied and separated migrant children, migrants in detention, and victims of human trafficking. This experience has allowed IOM insight to the protection gaps in identifying, protecting and assisting migrants, and the associated operational challenges.

The webinar is intended to assist States with framing the policy and operational challenges associated with identifying, protecting and assisting migrants, and applying demonstrated good practices.

Focus: determinants of migrants' vulnerability, case management, guidance for the protection, care and assistance of vulnerable child migrants

Date: July 2021 (TBD)

Webinar 04 – Border Management

Border issues have often been of concern to African Member States, and their management is now one of the top priorities of the 21st century. Indeed, Agenda 2063 of the AU provides for an integrated, peaceful and secure continent with "seamless borders" where "free movement of people, capital, goods and services does not imply the removal of colonial borders." At the same time, the geographical location of a number of sub-Saharan countries constitutes a security risk factor since long borders are often neither delimited nor sufficiently controlled, offering very poor protection to the population and questioning the effectiveness and efficiency of Member States' border management approach.

Promoting open and secured borders enables to address the migration-related challenges such as human trafficking and migrant smuggling experienced by migrants when crossing borders, while facilitating and promoting cross-border trade.

This webinar is designed to strengthen the capacity of border authorities to detect illegal activities, protect migrants and enhance the security of local and migrant populations in order to better border management.

Focus: human rights at borders, gender mainstreaming in border management, cooperation in border management, border community engagement for better border management

Date: August 2021(TBD)

Webinar 05 – Transnational Organized Crime in Africa

The impact of COVID-19 has exacerbated migrant vulnerabilities due to a myriad of socio-economic, logistical, and medical issues. Some migrants have become stranded due to mobility restrictions, while others have lost income due to unemployment and unfavourable market conditions. The global COVID-19 pandemic has also created health risks among many migrant populations, who often live-in situations where compliance with social distancing and maintenance of hygiene standards is a challenge. Additionally, many of the existing social services provided to migrants – such as temporary accommodation, food, medical care, assistance with visa and work permit renewals, and cash assistance – are difficult to access or operating at reduced capacity. These circumstances may make migrants vulnerable to violence, exploitation and abuse, including human trafficking.

Focus: trafficking in persons, smuggling of migrant, TOC at times of covid-19

Date: September 2021 (TBD)

Webinar 06 – Search and Rescue

Whether in the Mediterranean Sea, the Gulf of Aden, or the Indian and Atlantic Oceans, mass maritime migration is high risk for the migrants involved, resulting in many deaths. It also presents States with complex challenges that require considerable levels of policy and operational coordination.

Maritime law is not always clear on the obligations of States to protect the lives of migrants at sea, nor are States always equally equipped with the capacity and resources required to meet their obligations in areas of the ocean for which they are responsible. The allocation and assumption of responsibility in the maritime context is often complicated by the number of actors that may be involved, raising questions of positive or negative conflicts of jurisdiction, and uncertainty regarding the applicable rights regime and who is responsible for protecting persons.

Engaging with and protecting migrants then becomes a multi-actor undertaking that requires clear and detailed legal guidance and effective coordination and cooperation. Without such a concerted effort, transnational criminal networks can continue to exploit the confusion to profit from smuggling people by sea, with little risk of being detected and prosecuted. But the challenges in no way diminish the primacy of safety of life at sea as the paramount consideration.

This webinar will introduce the key challenges to States with responsibilities for protecting migrants at sea and introduce good practices where they exist.

Focus: SAR operations at sea

Date: October 2021 (TBD)

Webinar 07 – Migrant Return and Reintegration

As governments around the world responded to the sudden onset of the COVID-19 pandemic by closing borders, many migrants were left stranded without adequate resources or access to social services and at risk of overstaying their visas or resident permits. Many others were compelled to return home too quickly, with mass deportations frequently carried out outside previously agreed protocols which have placed considerable strain on governments in countries of origin and home communities, as well as increasing the vulnerability to the migrants concerned.

The webinar will focus on the policies and practices that have evolved to facilitate migrant return and reintegration, including discussion of adaptations that have been made as a result of the pandemic and IOM's role in it. It will also introduce IOM's integrated approach to reintegration, and highlight lessons learned as it has been rolled out in Africa.

Focus: migrants return, migrants reintegration

Date: November 2021 (TBD)



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