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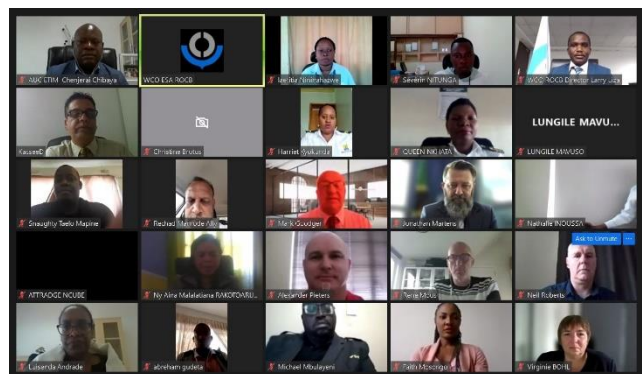
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Head of Labour, Employment and Migration, Department of Social Development, Sports, and Culture from the AU Commission (AUC), Mr. Sabelo Mbokazi underlined the importance and need for building partnerships and enhancing cross-border cooperation to address illicit activities like TIP and SOM.

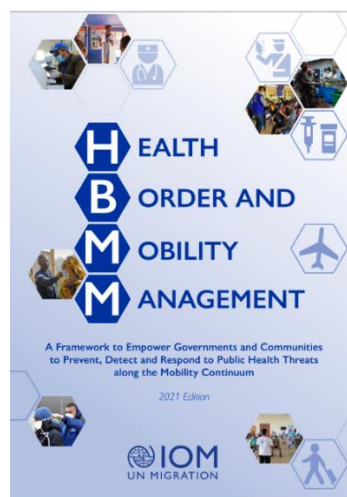


Zanzibar, Tanzania – IOM, through IOM ACBC, co-facilitated the African Union (AU) Workshop gathering all AU Member States including diplomats, representatives of regional economic communities (RECs), civil society organizations (CSO), academicians, law enforcers and immigration officers among others for the validation of the draft policies on the prevention of trafficking in persons (TIP) and prevention of smuggling of migrants (SOM) in Africa on 6-8 October 2021.

IOM Chief of Mission in Tanzania and ACBC co-supervisor, Dr Qasim Sufi, stressed the need for a holistic government and society approach for addressing both trafficking and smuggling on the Continent, and reiterated the Organization's engagement to support Member States in this major continental initiative.

Online – Our Centre participated in the first ever AUC/WCO/IOM joint online workshop titled 'Enhancing Border Management Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic', and presented on 'Standard Operating Procedures for Front-line Border Officials at Points of Entry in Response to COVID-19' and 'Integrated Border Management – Challenges and Opportunities'. The pilot workshop – the first of its type in the East and Southern African region – focused mainly on supply chain challenges, maintaining process integrity at times of a pandemic and better inter-agency, intra-agency and international cooperation.

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Mogadishu, Somalia – IOM-ACBC conducted a 3 day training from October 4-6 for border officials from Somalia's Immigration and Naturalization Directorate (IND) migrant return and reintegration. The activity brought together frontline officers working at land, air, and sea borders throughout the country. Based on a mixed training methodology that included both

Cairo, Egypt - ACBC continues to offer support to empower governments and communities to prevent, detect and respond to health threats along the mobility continuum by building capacity by promoting the Health and Border Mobility Management (HBMM) Framework. The overarching aim of the framework is to ensure that:

lectures and activities, the participants discussed international law, human rights, and key return and reintegration concepts; the operations and mechanics of migrant return, including differences in operational requirements between commercial carriers and charter flights; IOM's integrated approach to reintegration, and monitoring and evaluating reintegration sustainability. Participants from outside of Mogadishu were also able to observe the operational processes in place at Aden Adde International Airport when receiving international flights arriving from Europe and the Middle East.

1) Governments and communities have the capacity to address the mobility dimensions of public health threats.
 2) Affected and at-risk populations benefit from appropriate and timely support, through inclusive and rights-based approaches that leave no one behind.
 Training on the framework was conducted, with simulation exercises on contingency planning for hypothetical but realistic scenarios at land, sea and air borders, giving workshop delegates real-time planning support, allowing them to test COVID-19 preparedness and planning.



Moshi, Tanzania – The Centre facilitated a Training of Trainers activity with regard to Document Inspection and Fraud detection for the Ugandan Directorate of Citizenship and Immigration Control (DCIC) on 12-14 October 2021. The TOT, which focused on applying adult-centred learning techniques, is aimed at providing the learner with the knowledge and skills needed to develop and deliver effective cascade trainings to other immigration officials within their home departments. The activity was funded by Japanese Supplementary Budget (JSB).

Moshi, Tanzania - The Center continues to support the Ugandan Directorate of Citizenship and Immigration Control (DCIC) in its efforts to build the capacity of its border staff on border management information systems. Thus, a joint MIDAS training targeting users and administrators was organized in Moshi from October 25 to 29, 2021.



Online – The Center continues to work towards strengthening African states' migration management capacities through its continental webinar programme. This month's two webinar sessions respectively focused on Protection and Assistance to Migrants, and Transnational Organized Crime.

The series allowed to address the issue of protection and assistance to migrants at the borders before and during the Covid-19 crisis, as well as the sharing of national (Cote d'Ivoire, Mali and Niger) and regional (East and Horn, Northern, Western and Southern Africa) experiences and approaches to managing irregular flows and combating smuggling and trafficking while upholding migrants' rights. The webinar, which ran consecutively in English and French were facilitated in close collaboration with IOM offices in all four regions in Africa, as well as IOM Headquarters in Geneva. For more information about this initiative, please click [here](#).

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