



# HLD

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**BRINGING THE REGIONAL  
DIMENSION TO THE GLOBAL  
DEBATE**

**ECA PERSPECTIVES**

**IOM Migration Workshop  
Series, 20 June 2006, New  
York.**



# Introduction

- Many actors
- Need for collaboration and coordination
- ECA past activities
- ECA planned activities
- Moving ahead



# Many actors

- Workshops/seminars/conferences conducted by AU, ILO, IOM and Delphi
- ECA participates in AU, ILO, IOM and Delphi activities
- ECA has drafted a report on international migration and development in Africa
- AU has produced a position paper for dialoguing with the EU



# Need for collaboration and coordination

- Activities range from sub-regional to regional and involve the Regional Economic Communities (RECs)
- Room exists for collaboration and coordination to assist Africa come up with a common African position for HLD



# ECA past activities

- Conducted and continues to conduct policy analysis and advocacy on regional integration and free movement of people
- Participated in consultative group meetings on international migration (organized by DESA/ Population Division) and the Commission on Population and Development debate on international migration
- Drafted a report on international migration and development in Africa



# ECA planned activities

- Holding a round table discussion on migration and the MDGs in Africa, at the international Symposium, 28-30 June 2006, Turin, Italy
- Working with AU and IOM to produce a common position paper for Africa for the HLD
- Organizing an expert group meeting to review the report on international migration and development in Africa



# Moving ahead (1)

As we move ahead, focus will be on:

- Highlighting the need for data and institutional capacity building for managing migration;
- Promoting harmonization of national, sub-regional and regional policies and relating them to international legal frameworks for migration (including those on migrants' rights);



## Moving ahead (2)

- Managing international competition for human capital;
- Recognizing the need for bi-lateral/multi-lateral mechanisms to compensate developing countries for trained human resources attracted to and taken by the developed countries;



# Moving ahead (3)

- Dealing with the social and economic impacts of migration;
- Recognizing the impact of international migration on peace and stability;
- Analyzing the impact of international migration on the achievement of the MDGs in Africa;



# Moving ahead (4)

- Dealing with the impact of poverty and conflict on the refugee phenomenon (implicitly including IDPs), and reducing the push factors to promote migration by choice;
- Mitigating the effects of globalization on the movement of skilled and unskilled labour;



# Moving ahead (5)

- Harnessing the African diaspora for Africa's development;
- Channeling remittances into African development (especially into human capital intensive activities); and
- Meeting the challenges of international migration to individual, state, regional and global security.



# THANK YOU