

Weekly e-SHOT

This Week We Focus on

- 1 Regional Review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in the Intergovernmental Authority on Development Region
- 2 Progress on Implementation of the Bilateral Agreement between Kenya and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on recruitment of health workers



ABOUT NEA

The National Employment Authority (NEA) was established in April, 2016 by an Act of Parliament (the National Employment Authority Act 2016). The Authority main policy priorities are the promotion of employment in all aspects of national development. Specific policy priorities are:

Employment creation, especially for the youth, minorities and marginalized groups

- 1 Provision of labour market information;
- 2 Re-engineering of public employment services; and
- 3 Promotion of foreign employment.

IMPLEMENTING THE KENYA-UK BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON HEALTHCARE



As part of the strategies of mitigating against job losses and creating employment opportunities for Kenyans, the Government of Kenya and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on Thursday 29th July, 2021 signed a Bilateral agreement on healthcare workforce. The agreement provided a framework for the enhancement of the capacity of human resources for health and the delivery of health care through recruitment of health care professionals in Kenya.

The Joint Implementation committee for the Bilateral Agreement between Kenya and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, held its inaugural meeting on 18th August, 2021 at the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection Headquarters. The meeting was chaired by the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection Hon. Simon K. Chelugui, E.G.H. Those in attendance

included; the Principle Secretary, State department of Labour, Eng. Peter K. Tum, O.G.W, the Health team leader, British High Commission to Kenya, Mr. Samora Otieni and the Ag. Director General, National Employment Authority, Mrs. Edith Okoki among other representatives.

Government of Kenya and the United Kingdom has step up efforts in advancing education, training and jobs for Kenyans. In January 2020, His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta and Prime Minister Boris Johnson approved the framework for strategic partnership 2020-2025 between the Republic of Kenya and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The partnership allowed for collaboration in five pillars namely; mutual prosperity, security and stability, sustainable development, climate change and people to people- reflecting the key challenges and opportunities of our time.

Labour migration has immense socio-economic benefits to both countries of origin and destination. It is a source of employment and livelihoods for migrant workers, bridges skills gaps in destination countries, supports skills development and technological transfer in the countries of origin and a source of the much-needed remittances in the migrant workers' countries of origin.



13th Meeting of the IGAD Regional Consultative Process on Migration (RCP)

The -IGAD RCP meeting aims to provide a platform for IGAD member states to share their experiences on the implementation of the GCM and contribute to the regional review report that will also feed into the IMRF in 2022.

The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) in collaboration with The African Union Commission (AUC) and the International Organization for Migration convened the 13th Meeting of the IGAD Regional Consultative Process on Migration (RCP) that was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from the 18th and 19th of August 2021.

The -IGAD RCP meeting was a follow-up and a review of the Implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) in the IGAD Region and was attended by among others by; Ms. Fathia Alwan, IGAD Director for Health and Social Development, Mr. Mohammed Abdiker, IOM Regional Director for East and Horn of Africa, Cisse Mariama Mohamed, Director for Health, Humanitarian and Social Development of the African Union Commission and the Representative of the IGAD Chair, Government of Sudan.

In December 2018, UN member States adopted the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM). The adoption of the GCM represented a landmark moment in the pursuit of international cooperation on migration for the benefit of all. This was the first ever negotiated global framework on a common approach to international migration in all its dimensions.

The IGAD Regional Consultative

Process on Migration (RCP) therefore provided a much needed a platform for IGAD member states to share their experiences on the implementation of the GCM and contribute to the regional review report that will also feed into the IMRF in 2022. The IGAD Member States that attended the meeting included Kenya, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Uganda, South Sudan and Sudan.

The Kenyan Government has so far put in measures to address challenges in labour migration, these include but not limited to; signed four (4) Bilateral Labour Agreements with Governments of Qatar, UAE, Saudi Arabia and United Kingdom. The Kenyan National Policy Labour Migration has proposed the establishment of Safe houses as temporary shelter for Migrant Workers in distress before transferred to another employment or deportation,. Additionally, the Cabinet approved the establishment of a Migrant Workers Welfare Fund. The main objective of the Fund is to provide protection, welfare and assistance to Kenyan migrant workers during migration, stay in destination country and upon return to the country. So far the Ministry of Labour has established an inter-ministerial committee to vet Private Recruitment Agencies; finalization of labour migration bill and pre-departure training and orientation which is currently at an advance stage.

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