



IMMIGRATION AND BORDER MANAGEMENT



The Free Movement and Migration (FMM) West Africa project seeks to support the ECOWAS Commission in addressing regional migration management challenges by strengthening its capacities in the area of immigration and border management.

The project supports the ECOWAS Commission in enhancing the security and compatibility of travel documents; in developing guidance documents for improving inter-agency cooperation on joint-border crossing posts and/or border patrols in the region; in developing training tools for member state immigration officials and in strengthening monitoring and public information at border posts.

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FMM West Africa

Support to Free Movement of Persons & Migration in West Africa

INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY-BUILDING

- Develop a comprehensive training tool on border management and free movement together with ECOWAS Commission Free Movement Department
- Organize regional Training of Trainers (TOT) events on the ECOWAS border management and free movement training tool to ensure its dissemination in the region
- Support the annual ECOWAS “Heads of Immigration Meeting” in its capacity as the leading institution for intra-regional dialogue on immigration and border

HARMONIZATION OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

- Support the security, compatibility and harmonization of travel documents in the region, i.e. the ECOWAS biometric ID card development initiative and the ECOWAS “single Schengen style visa” initiative

SUPPORT TO BORDER MANAGEMENT

- Enhance the management of joint border crossing posts and joint border patrols in the region
- Develop an ECOWAS border monitoring strategy and test it at selected border posts
- Strengthen awareness-raising, sensitization and public information on free movement in West Africa, especially in and around cross-border communities



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