



MIGRATION DIALOGUE FOR WEST AFRICA



In 2000 ECOWAS, in cooperation with IOM, established the Migration Dialogue for West Africa (MIDWA) as a regional consultative process to accelerate regional integration and address both migration's challenges and opportunities.

MIDWA is designed to encourage ECOWAS Member States to discuss common migration issues and concerns in a regional context for which durable solutions may not be achievable on a national level.

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FMM West Africa

Support to Free Movement of Persons & Migration in West Africa

MIDWA OBJECTIVES

- Strengthen the capacities of ECOWAS Member States to understand the potential of free movement of persons and migration for regional integration and development
- Foster a common understanding by policy-makers and civil society organisations of the causes, dimensions and impacts of migration in the region
- Facilitate mutually benefiting inter-state dialogue and intra- regional cooperation on free movement of persons and migration
- Promote coherent, evidence- based and comprehensive migration data and policies at the regional and national level

TOPICS OF DIALOGUE

- Free Movement of Persons within ECOWAS
- Regular migration between ECOWAS and other regions
- Irregular migration and counter-trafficking
- Labour Migration
- Migration and Development
- Gender and Migration
- Protection of Migrants and their families
- Migration and Health



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