



The Declaration Benghazi

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We, the participants of the African International Conference on Migration, held in Benghazi, Libya, from 29 to 30 January 2024, at the kind invitation of the Libyan Government, chaired by Dr. Osama Hammad, and jointly organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the Ministry of State for Migration Affairs.

This important conference brought together a large number of Libyan and African personalities, led by His Excellency Councillor Aqeela Saleh, Speaker of the Libyan House of Representatives, His Excellency the President of the African Parliament, Fortune Charumbira, His Excellency the Prime Minister of the Libyan Government Dr. Osama Hammad and the Foreign and Interior Ministers of the Republic of Niger , the participants were deputies, government experts, civil society and private sector organisations from 30 African countries, as well as Africans living abroad in several European countries.

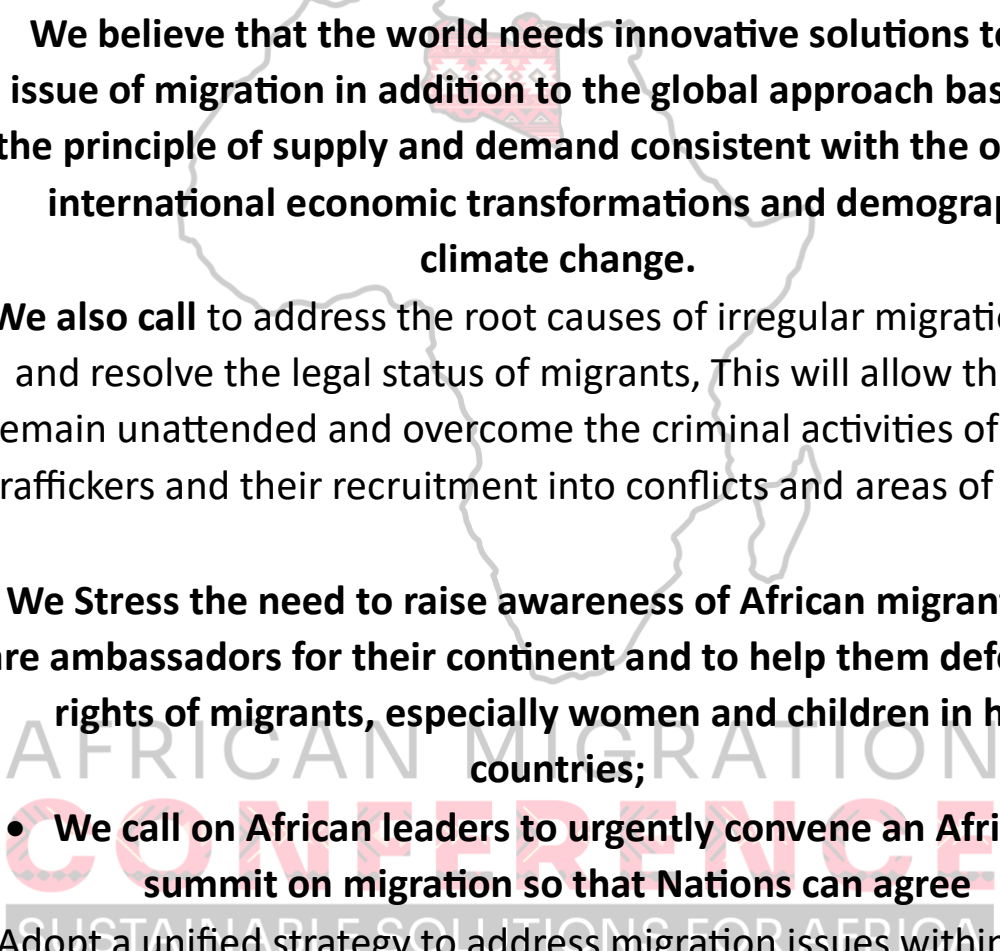
After long discussions, we recalled the various universal conventions relating to human rights in general and migration in particular, including the Universal Charter of Human Rights and the relevant protocols;

Taking in consideration 'Constitutive Act of the African Union, the African Declaration of the Rights of Peoples, the Universal Charter

on Safe Migration, Organized and Regular Migration (2018), the African Agenda for Migration and the Declaration of the Europe-Africa Summit held in Valletta, Malta in 2015, the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants and the 2023 Sustainable Development Agenda African Union Agency 2063

Therefore,

- **We affirm our** determination to coordinate positions and unite African efforts to defend an international policy for migration that offers innovative solutions that transform the movement of irregular and regular migration into opportunities to development based on the development benefits of these countries, respect for their national sovereignty and human rights, thereby strengthening the stability of their citizens and encouraging development
- Mutual Sustainable partnership between countries of origin and transit.
- **We** stand the efforts of the Libyan government, the Libyan Parliament, the General Command of the Libyan Arab Armed Forces and all security services to protect and treat migrants across the Libyan State
 - Establishing of shelters Should Always Be accordance to the humanitarian standards and international conventions.
- **We** call for a united position in the dialogue with host countries, in particular European countries, which will effectively contribute in addressing migration between African countries
- We stress that the security approach is not enough and expressing our refusal to be a policeman for Europe. we call for development in countries of origin that take into account fair compensation for their colonial period.

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- **The increase in the level of political use of the migration issue in the host countries through the rise of hate speech, which constitute an additional obstacle to the search for rational and realistic solutions to the challenges posed by the circulation of labour-to increase the level of security approach to an economic and humanitarian issue in Base.**
 - **We believe that the world needs innovative solutions to the issue of migration in addition to the global approach based on the principle of supply and demand consistent with the ongoing international economic transformations and demographic climate change.**
 - **We also call** to address the root causes of irregular migration flow and resolve the legal status of migrants, This will allow them to remain unattended and overcome the criminal activities of human traffickers and their recruitment into conflicts and areas of tension
 - **We Stress the need to raise awareness of African migrants who are ambassadors for their continent and to help them defend the rights of migrants, especially women and children in host countries;**
 - **We call on African leaders to urgently convene an African summit on migration so that Nations can agree**
 - **Adopt a unified strategy to address migration issues within Africa** itself, implement the African Migration Programme and unify positions in joint negotiations with the countries of origin of migrants in the North;
 - **We Mandate** the Libyan government to discuss and consult the European side in order to develop new mechanisms and measures to address the issue of migration, and hold the necessary meetings for a comprehensive solution and participatory

approach to implement the outcomes of the 2024 Banghazi Declaration.

- **We** call for an African-European meeting on migration to be held next May in the Libyan city of Benghazi, hosted & sponsored by the Libyan government, to follow up on the implementation of the conference's recommendations and set an operational strategy and a comprehensive, joint and sustainable approach
- **Focus on the economic empowerment of women and youth in all migration development plans;**
 - **We** stress the importance of establishing the Euro-African operational Agency as a platform for training the skills of African migrants to ensure their rights and dignity.

Finally, if we really want to start dealing with the issue of migrants, the major economic countries must reformulate their approach to African countries, leaving aside the monopoly culture, and the historical colonies approach adopted by some countries towards the countries and people of the continent, putting behind the effects of the past and work on development plans in all aspects of life so that we can truly translate the slogan " **dignity, freedom and justice for all**", the UN motto for 2024.

Migration has been part of the human experience throughout history, a factor of rapprochement between peoples and civilizations, and a source of prosperity, innovation, sustainable development and economic empowerment in the context of globalization.

It was decided to set up a monitoring committee to:

- ✚ Implement the recommendations of this Declaration
- ✚ Establish appropriate contacts with all parties involved in the immigration file

✚ Prepare for future follow up activities in Benghazi, Libya.

At the end of our meeting, we would like to thank everyone:

- President and members of the Libyan House of Representatives
- Commander-in-Chief and Commander-General of the Libyan Arab Armed Forces
 - Prime Minister of the Libyan Government
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
 - Ministry of State for Migration

**For their generous hospitality to us in the city of Benghazi
the city of peace and the good organization.**

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