

CONCEPT NOTE

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Innovation and Business in Africa Forum

Symposium: « Migration: An Inclusive Approach towards Sustainable Development »

The City of Culture, Tunis, Tunisia
AUGUST 26th, 2022 at 8:30 AM

The General Directorate of Relation with Civil Society and the Presidency of the Government and the Tunisian Red Crescent in partnership with UN Women Tunisia are organizing an international symposium entitled "**Migration: a global approach for sustainable development**".

1. Context

In the 21st century, all over the world, mobility and migration, whether regular or irregular, voluntary or forced, are in constant constantly increase for various reasons, including economic, social, political, climatic, educational, psychological and other patterns.

Migratory flows affecting the African continent are constantly and rapidly growing, and have become in some of their aspects an economic, social and security concern, for both departure, transit or reception countries as well.

Migration inside and outside the continents and exodus from the countryside to cities have become, for some migrants and displaced persons of both sexes, a means of rescue or better opportunities seek.

Thus, villages are emptied of their youth in favor of cities, leading to the very structure of the population weakening, and generating in turn subsequent infrastructure social and economic concerns with unforeseen consequences.

To address the issues of migration, whether regular or irregular, individual or collective, it is necessary to go back to its causes and undertake appropriate measures within the framework of cooperation between African countries and Japan as a strategic partner in the development process as well as all the partners of the Tokyo international summit, and within that of an inclusive community driving development concept by means of the synergy between governments and civil society.

This requires the commitment for training and raising awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals in local communities.

All these measures are part of the concept of human security, which is one of the main objectives of the Tokyo International Summit, which is being held in Tunisia in its eighth edition.

2. Objective

Thus, the theme of migration which will be addressed under the title "Migration: a Comprehensive approach for sustainable development" is one of the most important subjects expressing this objective of

sustainable development, through which we will present a global vision to harness human potential to promote peace and advance development in Africa in cooperation with Japan, by substituting migration as a problem for migration as a solution, as a true tributary of development.

3- Expected results

The Tokyo International Summit for Development in Africa will be an opportunity for African countries and Japan to set up an organization dealing with "migration and sustainable development", whose creation objectives aim to develop a strategy of rapid and effective intervention at all levels, with, among other things, training, education, health, psychological support, targeting both local populations and migrants within the framework of a new humanitarian approach taking into account gender and human rights, through coordination and cooperation between Japan and African countries, through governments and National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies as auxiliary humanitarian societies of public authorities directly concerned with the migration issue, as well as the other involved components of civil society.

4- Participants and target audience

This symposium will welcome the following guests to enrich the debate:

- Representatives of the Tunisian Government
- Experts, consultants and researchers in the field
- The Japanese Ambassador to Tunisia
- The Ambassadors of the countries concerned
- Representatives of national and international civil society
- The representatives of the countries participating in the summit
- Representatives of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent
- Representatives of national and international media