



Humanitarian visas and the external dimensions of the EU migration and asylum policy

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The goal for 2025

Legal Circular Migration Africa-Europe for 10.000+ young highly educated Africans per year

EU industrial enterprises are uniquely positioned to create a new important captive market for their products and reduce/prevent illegal migration

A holistic enrichment of migration policy

Abstract

- *“There is not a single country in the world that has reached a high stage of economic and social development without having developed an advanced industrial sector” Kofi ANNAN (*)*
- *“Migration and development go hand in hand” François Crépeau (**)*

In 2013 six Belgian industrial private companies embarked on a programme called ‘Circular migration for young highly educated African professionals’. After a 12-24 month immersion in and contribution to advanced industrial business practices, technologies and social models young African engineers and economists return to their country of origin and give a boost to their local economy. They enable Africa’s modern inclusive and sustainable industrialisation. They enable the massive creation of decent jobs. They reduce and/or prevent illegal migration and conflicts.

Similar programmes are operational in Germany and in France. The Belgian programme is very similar to the German programme **‘AFRIKA KOMMT!’**.

Despite the rather limited number of enterprises participating in the pilot programmes African opinion leaders and young professionals as well as the EU organisers feel that by 2025 every year 10.000+ young African professionals are offered the opportunity to leave Africa and work for one or two years in advanced industries across the world.

In order to motivate many more EU enterprises to participate in the programme the EU organisers feel that EU enterprises must be made aware of our neighbouring continent’s strengths: (1) its highly educated demographic dividend, (2) its buying power of an emerging middle class, (3) its eternally renewable energy sources, (4) its arable land to feed the world, (5) its large multicultural diasporas, (6) its ability to digitally integrate its micro, small and medium enterprises in global industrial value chains, (7) its - temporarily - low labour cost, (8) its emerging democracies and (9) **its important financial elite** in search of enduring industrial investments.

It is suggested that EU academics offer their help to make the challenge come thru of 10.000+ ‘Highly educated African circular migrants’ per year. How to make many more **EU entrepreneurs** aware of the strengths of Sub-Saharan Africa? How to make them aware that **they are uniquely positioned to create a new important captive market for their products and services?** This with a small almost risks free investment by temporary hiring a young highly educated African circular migrant. Benefits for the EU: buying power for EU niche products, prevent China to completely take over Africa, install human rights, reduce/prevent conflicts and reduce/prevent illegal migration.

The promotion of the strengths of Sub-Saharan Africa: to be deployed all over Europe? **Reduce/prevent illegal migration and buttress the EU role on the international scene** on migration governance with this holistic enrichment of migration policy?

Presentation: **‘Massive circular migration for young African professionals, a holistic enrichment of migration policy’**

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