

# The African, Caribbean and Pacific States Observatory on Migration

## What is the ACP Observatory on Migration?

The Observatory is a institution designed to produce data on South-South ACP migration flows for civil society and policy-makers and enhance research capacities in ACP countries through networking and cooperation among organizations.

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## Objective:

The Observatory will create a network of research centres and private researchers to provide policy-makers, the civil society and the public at large with reliable and harmonized data on ACP migration. It will contribute to reduce the lack of reliable data on South-South migration and enhance cooperation between researchers from partners Universities and institutions.

The Observatory will be officially launched in October 2010. While currently based in Brussels (Belgium), the Observatory will move to one of the 79 ACP countries.

## A Research Consortium with 15 partners

National University of Lesotho, Lesotho
University of Cape Town (UCT) , South Africa
Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar (UCAD), Senegal
Université Gaston Berger, Senegal
Organisation for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA), Ethiopia
MOI University, Kenya
Centre for the Study of Forced Migration of the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
Université de Goma, DRC
Sussex Migration Research Centre, United Kingdom
Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR), United Kingdom
EUI (European University Institute) CARIM, Florence, Italy
World University Service (WUS), Austria
Economics and Management Institute (ISEG) - Centre for Economic Sociology (SOCIUS) and Centre for African and Developmental Studies (CEsA), Lisbon, Portugal
University of the South Pacific, Fiji - partnership subject to approval of Senior Management Board
University of the West Indies, Barbados

## Associated Partners

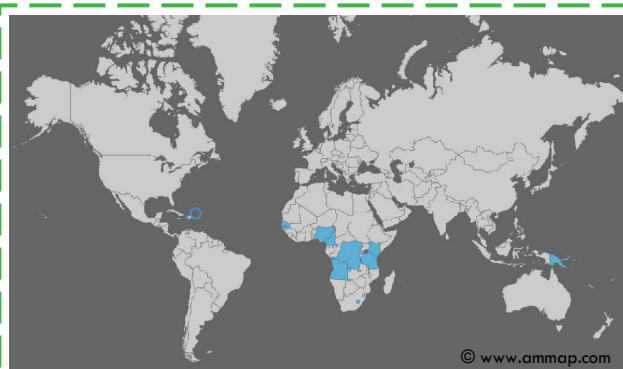
The International Migration Institute, United Kingdom
The Commonwealth Secretariat, United Kingdom
Université de Yaoundé II, Cameroon
The Economic and Social Research Foundation, Tanzania

## What's in it for joining institutions?

The Observatory is open to the participation of Universities, research centers, government agencies, consultants, experts and general public interested in producing or using comprehensive data on ACP migration.

Joining institutions will be part of a high-level research network including research facilities from around the world focusing on migration data and migration management policies. The Observatory will function as an exchange platform for migration research papers and expertise. It will offer the opportunity for researchers to be in contact with colleagues working in the same fields.

Through its website, the Observatory will publish research studies and papers which will contribute to a better understanding of ACP migration flows for policy-makers, government officials and general public.



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## 12 Pilot Countries

West Africa: Senegal and Nigeria	Southern Africa: Lesotho and Angola
East Africa: Kenya and Tanzania	Caribbean: Haiti and Trinidad&Tobago
Central Africa: Cameroon and DRC	Pacific: Timor-Leste and Papua-New-Guinea

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### ACP Observatory Key Activities:

Audit of existing data and research and identification of existing data gaps and research needs for gathering of new or complementary information and statistics;

Liaise with existing migration research experts and networks to strengthen their capacity, and to establish new migration research networks of observatories at the national and regional levels in the six ACP regions;

Continuously extend the network of research experts and institutions to cover a larger spectrum of countries within the ACP regions;

Create an ACP Observatory on Migration website, including an online database for migration experts from the ACP countries, and a second database on intra-regional movements and the nature of migration both within the region and in each of the concerned countries;

Develop a common methodology for data collection, processing and analysis to systematize and harmonize data and information on migration;

Monitor, implement and support pilot research projects to test out new methodologies to assess the impact of migration and migration policies on development;

Develop training tools to be applied in workshops and seminars for academics and experts to enhance their capacity to collect systematized data and with regard to a research methodology on migration-related issues;

Organise national consultations for policy-makers, civil society and researchers to provide a tool for exchange of migration information and knowledge;

Establish a system for reporting on key migration policy developments in the ACP countries;

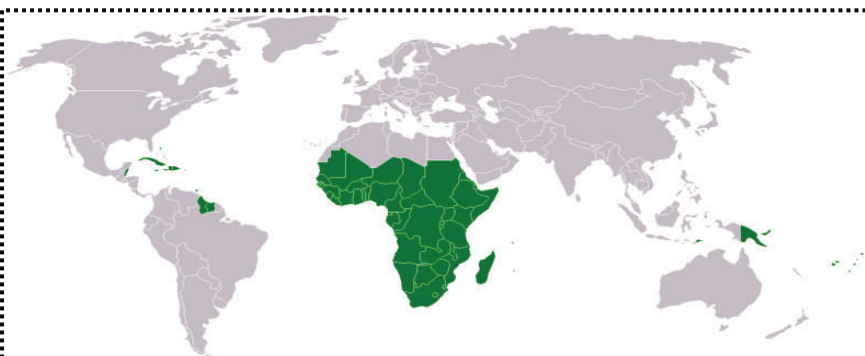
Convene migration conferences at national, regional and ACP levels with all relevant stakeholders, including regional organizations.



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### Among the proposed initial research angles are the following:

- South-South Remittances
- Migration and Climate Change
- Labor Migration
- Forced Migration
- Migration and Health
- Inter-University Networks
- Research Data and Policy Development



The African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States includes 79 countries. Project activities will start in 12 pilot countries while progressively expanding to other members. The Research Consortium can also be joined by Universities, research centers, government agencies, private consultants and general public from around the world.



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### Key Outputs

Existing migration research networks and newly created national migration observatory centres are linked under the umbrella of the ACP Migration Observatory, in close cooperation with other migration research centres;

Data on migration is gathered and analyzed in accordance with the generic methodology developed and made available on the ACP Observatory on Migration website;

Migration specialists are trained to facilitate the collection of harmonized data as well as policy-makers, civil society and researchers to foster their capacity to develop and assess migration policies;

ACP Reports on Migration and Migration Policies as well as policy-oriented studies on different aspects of the interrelationships between migration and development are published;

A consultation mechanism for decision-makers, civil society and researchers focusing on sharing of information and findings concerning migration is installed;

An ACP Migration Observatory is established within an ACP country, coordinating research activities on migration, providing support to future research and disseminating data and research results to ACP interested parties.