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**Enabling Agenda 2030 Address Migration and Structural Transformation in  
Africa.**

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**Introduction**

OOSAIF is an ECOSOC accredited NGO, active in UN Major Groups and Other Stakeholders: Women Major Group, NGO Major Group, Volunteers Group and Values Caucus.

OOSAIF sees the world as a womb where the right nourishment, nurture and care evolves to human maturity. The organization provides excellent service and sustainable regeneration. OOSAIF as a result promotes positive values re-orientation to mitigate human dignity abuses., presently in the light of SDGs 4, 8, 9, 16 and 17 (<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org>, [www.globalgoals.org](http://www.globalgoals.org) )

**Historic Background**

Migration began since the beginning of human history. According to paleoanthropology, human migration started from Africa and has spread all across the world.

The voluntary influx of African immigrants to western countries such as The United States began in the latter part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, often referred to as the 'fourth great migration'. Many of these immigrants came to the US seeking quality education or were running away from poverty. Great achievers emerged from this group. Having obtained their 'golden fleece', this group of immigrants gladly returned to their home countries to contribute to national and regional development.

However, then emerged the structural breakdown of institutions in Africa and increased poverty, corruption, cultural values erosion, materialism, military incursion into politics, human rights neglect, abuse of social media, materialism, inability of constituted authority to translate and transfer agreed treaties, conventions and adopted agenda into concrete policies and national plans to achieve desired goals. The list goes on. All these led to change the mindset of the

generality of the people to fuel the attendant evils. In effect, the leaders emerging from this scenario lack the political will and enlightenment to stem the hydra-headed challenges.

### **Recommendation**

The Global Agenda 2030 is one bold instrument to fix the aforementioned problems. They are hereby encouraged to join the real-world leaders and true friends of Africa to address the impasse and current migration particularly human trafficking and provide strong structural institutions to halt the current trend and revisit the dreams of Africa's Founding Fathers (*a select list is attached and culled from Wikipedia – List of Africa's Founding Fathers*). There is an urgent need to remember the humble beginnings and the sacrifices of these Founding Fathers, even onto death for the sake of a brighter future for Africa.

UNCTAD's motto, is 'Prosperity for All'. At another UN Conference it stated that to achieve SDGs will require US\$5 trillion to \$7 trillion in annual investment. How much would come to Africa, 'to ensure that no one is left behind'? Again 79% of imports from developing countries ostensibly enter developed countries duty-free but acquired cheaply from source countries. Bearing in mind that international trade is crucial for increased prosperity, there should be parity in pricing between the goods and services from Africa and the manufactured products sold back to African countries. Social media and technology are prerequisite for rapid development, yet 'more than 4 billion people do not use the internet, and 90% are from developing countries, including Africa. These are some of the areas that partnerships should urgently address. Moreover, not enough partnerships exist for creating decent work environments, strong institutions, technological industrial innovations for basic infrastructures for clean energy to support local and regional wide value chains. Thus, young unemployed Africans and professionals cannot see signs of hope that they can achieve their full potentials within the Continent. Also, international trade partners can find economic and demographically viable clusters for fair trade, and sustainable development.

### **Wake-up Call**

How many more Global Agreements must our leaders endorse, before they execute appropriate programs for positive African development?

THE RIGHT TIME IS, NOW!

Finally, I wish to congratulate the organizers of this High-Level Event, by ensuring that 'no one is left behind' and invited NGOs to lend their voices on this historic occasion.

Your Excellencies, Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen, I thank you all for your attention.