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**TOWARDS EFFECTIVE MIGRATION GOVERNANCE: PARTNERSHIP FOR CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT**

**Panel on: “Partnership frameworks for Developing Capacity: A Regional Perspective”**

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***Director General, Mr. Antonio Vitorino;***

***Excellencies;***

***Distinguished delegates;***

***Colleagues and friends;***

***Good Afternoon!***

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I wish to express my appreciation to the International Organization for Migration for giving me an honour to take part in this noble dialogue today. It is indeed a privilege that I take with esteem to have been part of the history in making migration issues at the centre stage of global discussions.

Let me also congratulate Mr. Vitorino for a well-deserved election to the seat of Director General of IOM. While congratulating him with this remarkable achievement, we also heed on the expectation that he will continue to adopt to the realities of the 21 century and be flexible in responding to the possible future migration challenges.

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Before we indulge ourselves into a comprehensive discussion on policy agenda regarding management of migration, I would first encourage fellow participants to reflect on the actual ground situation and engage in candid self-discussion with the view of tailoring realistic responses to migration issues.

The very concept of home has increasingly become illusive and even acquires a new meaning. As never before, more people are now likely to

move from places for different reasons, signalling an age of seamless societies. We should be concerned of the worries of the host communities who feel threatened and losing out to the migrants. The same has even triggered xenophobic tendencies in some countries that are favorable to the migrants but that, has not met with appropriate response.

Gender equality and empowerment of women are also important issues to be addressed critically while embarking on discussions to deal with migration management. In the same vein, showing respect and concern to migrants; engage and cooperate to end violence for forced migration; and double the international efforts to finding durable solutions for economic migrants should be more pronounced in these discussions.

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As migration issues are increasingly becoming complex and challenging, cooperative efforts within national governments, at regional level and globally is key to ensure effective management of migration related impacts at both the country of original and the destination. Recognizant of the same prompted the international community to engage in discussions like the one we are having today to tailor best responses. African Union adopted a migration policy framework with the view to exploring innovative ways of effectively addressing migration related issues and harness the benefits come with it.

That framework is designed to guide individual member states on the elements to be included into the national migration policies and development. Such issues to be considered include: border management; forced displacement; inter-state cooperation and partnership; and migration data. That framework coupled with the quest to comply with the international standards on migration management provides an opportunity for international cooperation on capacity building and technical support.

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The East Africa Community (EAC) charter clearly provides for free movements of people and puts a mechanism for management of migration flow. However, the limited capacity of member states to develop comprehensive migration management programs have slowed down progress towards achieving desirable results.

In Southern African, the Southern African Development Cooperation (SADC) doesn't have a migration policy framework. Individual member countries

follow their own laws on migration management. Nevertheless, there is a protocol to the facilitation of movements of persons in the region.

Tanzania has signed several bilateral agreement with neighbouring countries such as Mozambique, Malawi and Zambia on migration management related issues. The cooperation agreements are on sharing information and experience related to transnational organized crimes such as trafficking in persons, smuggling of migrants, and counterfeit travel documents; capacity building on conducting investigations

The non-state actors like IOM and UNHCR played a significant role on training government officials to assist national authorities effectively manage migration.

The IOM African Capacity Building Center has helped a great deal in promoting migration management in the region for almost a decade now. The center facilitates a diverse range of migration management training programs to enhance capacity of national authorities on integrated border management, security as well as migration administration.

The ongoing partnership and support from the IOM African Capacity Building Center is commendable.

As all of us, in this room and the rest of the world, awaits the adoption of the global compact for migration that calls on states to strengthen capacity on a more effective system of global migration governance, the international community is called into action to join efforts to achieve this ambitious aim in respect to migration management.

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We all desire for an innovative way for a global migration governance which is more likely than not, to be made possible by effective international cooperation. Migration governance needs strengthened partnerships, coordination support, assessment tools and financing. However, if the international community and development agencies do not live up to their commitment to support implementation of migration management programs, little can be achieved. Let this process double the international efforts on cooperation to avoid the past weaknesses; and dress up to the current and anticipated future migration challenges.

**Thank You!**