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Editorial

The Network of Migration Research in Africa (NOMRA) is delighted to welcome you to the second edition of its newsletter. This time around, it will be an information sheet of a sort as against the inaugural edition, which was interestingly robust with the sole intention of passing across as much information as possible about the network and other topical migration issues.

The NOMRA newsletter will henceforth focus on specific activities. For instance, this current issue will provide information on the forthcoming Inaugural Scientific Conference, a roll call of successful NOMRA research laureates whose study findings will be presented at the September 2008 Conference as well as updates on the proposed African Migration Report due for publication towards the end of the year. Furthermore, future editions will spotlight updates on the forthcoming Conference (e.g. venue, date e.t.c.) and other significant news items.

We welcome your observations; comments and contributions would go a long way in helping to improve on our effort to disseminate relevant migration related information. All the same, we enjoin you to be on the look out as we intend to keep you always posted with pertinent and up-to-date facts. Happy reading...

News from NOMRA Secretariat

➤ Forthcoming Inaugural NOMRA Scientific Conference

The forthcoming Inaugural NOMRA Scientific Conference will explore the opportunities and challenges posed by the dynamic and extremely complex international migration scenarios within and out of Africa. This has been packaged to advance knowledge on various migration configurations and articulate the African perspective as input to migration discourse and policy. Details of the **two (2) day** Conference are as follows:

Conference Title: Challenges of African Migration in a Globalising World.

Sub-themes:

- Traditional and changing patterns of intra regional (African) migration.
- Brain drain and brain circulation: emigration of skilled professionals.
- Diaspora's financial and social remittances.
- Regional organisations and intra-regional migration.
- Institutional framework for the management of migration, data and information.
- Bilateral and multi-lateral agreements for migration management.

Time: September 2008.

Venue: To be announced.

Do visit our website (www.nomra.org) for more information on this Conference and from time to time for updates.

➤ NOMRA Research Laureates

A call for research proposals was announced in September 2007. Sequel to this, several interesting proposals were received and subsequently reviewed.

The successful candidates whose proposals are being funded by NOMRA are

- **Authors:** Ines M. Raimundo, Dinasalda De Ceita and Abel Muiambo.
Title: When I Leave I have the Desire to Return and when I Return I want to Leave Again: Understanding the Dynamic of Brain Drain in Mozambique among University Students.
Institutional Affiliation: Centro de Estudos de População, Universidade Eduardo Mondlane, Faculdade de Letras e Ciências Sociais, Campus Principal, Caixa Postal 257, Maputo, Moçambique.
- **Author:** Jean Mbayo Ngoie
Title: De L'implication Des Congolaise De La Diaspora Dans L'amélioration Des Conditions Existentielles En République Démocratique Du Congo. (Cas De La Ville De Kinshasa).
Institutional Affiliation: Department of International Relation Studies, Faculty of Social, Political, and Administrative Sciences, University of Lubumbashi, Katanga.DRC.
- **Authors:** Sally E Findley and Seydou Doumbia.
Title: Migration, Climate Variability, And Health: Minimizing The Health Hazards Of Drought Related Migrations.
Institutional affiliations:
Sally Findley: Professor of Population and Family Health, Mailman School Of Public Health, Columbia University. 60 Haven Ave, B-2 NYC, NY 10032, USA.
Seydou Doumbia: Malaria Research and Training Center (MRTC) s/c Ambassade Américaine, Mali.
- **Authors:** Akinyemi Akanni and Ikuteyijo Lanre.
Title: Determinants of Migration Decision of Highly Skilled Female Health Workers in Nigeria.
Institutional affiliation: Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Osun State, Nigeria.

➤ **African Migration Report**

The inaugural edition of the annual African Migration Report is due for publication before the end of the year. This is a key project activity of NOMRA, and will be in the league of UNFPA, UNICEF, UNHCR and other renowned publications.

The significant themes for this publication are:

- Regional Economic Commissions (RECs) and intraregional migration potentials: taking stock (SADC; ECOWAS)
- Emigration of skilled professionals: dimension and impact

- Diaspora and remittance flows: leveraging poverty?
- Institutional mechanisms for managing migration (migration policy; bilateral migration agreements)
- Irregular migration within (to RSA) and from the continent (to EU): tapping latent energies of the youth

Pertinent information/activities directed at meeting the publication deadline will be communicated as they become available.

About NOMRA

The Network of Migration Research in Africa (NOMRA) is a collaborative association of researchers and scholars interested and working on migration, especially international migration, in the region. The overall aim of the Network is to build a regional migration research network and research capacity to carry out cross-national, multidisciplinary and innovative research on socio-cultural, economic and political aspects of international migration in the region in order to advance knowledge on migration dynamics and policymaking in the region.

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