



Annex: The Roadmap for Implementation of the Protocol on Free Movement of Persons in the IGAD Region

Preamble

Article 4 (1) of the Protocol on Free Movement of Persons in the IGAD Region stipulates that the IGAD Member States (MSs) shall realize the free movement of persons, rights of establishment and residence progressively. Accordingly, the Roadmap for the Implementation of the Protocol (hereinafter referred to as the “Roadmap”) provides for a phased approach in the implementation of the provisions of the Protocol in accordance with Article 4 (3) of the Protocol.

The IGAD Secretariat will provide technical assistance, monitor and evaluate the Implementation of the Roadmap and the IGAD Executive Secretary will give a Bi-annual Report of Progress of implementation to the Member States in accordance with Articles 28 and 29 of the Protocol.

Responsibility	Actions to Be Taken by MS	Year
IGAD MS	<p>Phase One: The right of entry and abolishment of Visa</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop, review, and harmonize immigration laws, policies, regulations and procedures in conformity with the Protocol (Articles 5, 13, 14, 15 and 27); 2. Establish and enhance capacities of citizen identification and registration authorities and related laws for these institutions of IGAD MS (Articles 6 and 7); 3. Provide all citizens of IGAD Member States with recognized and valid travel documents including Passports, interoperable National Identity Cards and Special Border Passes for border communities (Article 6); 4. Undertake mutual recognition and exchange of specimens of valid travel documents issued by a Member State (Article 6); 5. Demarcate and develop Border Points of entry and exit of each Member State and communicate them to other Member States (Article 7); 	By 2028

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Abolish visa requirements for citizens of IGAD Member States (Articles 5 and 7); 7. Enhance infrastructure, skills, knowledge and technical capacities of Immigration authorities in IGAD MSs including equipping all official entry and exit points with up to date border governance information systems to facilitate entry and exit and fight against fraudulent documents (Articles 6 and 7); and 8. Develop, review and harmonize laws, policies and procedures to facilitate the movement of persons displaced by disasters in accordance with the Protocol (Article 16). 	
IGAD MS	<p>Phase Two: The right to movement of workers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify and harmonize the laws, policies and procedures governing labour mobility in conformity with the Protocol (Articles 9 and 27); 2. Identify and classify the specific categories of professionals and their skills in all IGAD MS (Article 10); 3. Facilitate movement of workers, their dependents, children and spouses in conformity with the Protocol (Article 9 (4), (5), (6) and (7)); 4. Harmonization and mutual recognition of education and training certificates to promote employment opportunities of IGAD citizens across the IGAD Region (Article 10); 5. Identify professional skills gaps and other workers required across Member States (Article 10); 6. Develop laws, policies and procedures on access to social security benefits for workers (Article 9 2(e)) 7. Facilitate portability of social security benefits to citizens (workers) of other Members State residing or established in the host Member State (Article 9 (3)); 8. Establish transparent labour recruitment and admissions procedure (Article 9 (1) and (2)); 9. Enhance capacities of labour governance and education authorities in IGAD MSs (Article 10); and 10. Develop Labour Market Information Systems (LMIS) and support the development of the Integrated Regional LMIS System by IGAD Secretariat (Article 10). 	By 2031
IGAD MS	<p>Phase Three: Right to residence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop, review and harmonize national laws, policies, administrative procedures and practices to simplify processes of granting residence permits to 	By 2034

	<p>citizens of other Member States, their spouses, children and dependents seeking residence in conformity to the Protocol (Articles 11 (1), (2), (3) and (5));</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Develop, review and implement national social security schemes of Host Member States to facilitate citizens of other IGAD Member States who are engaged in business or economic activities in the Host Member State to benefit from them (Article 8 (3)); 3. Establish, harmonize and strengthen alert, notice or warning mechanisms for criminals and other travelers needed by courts of law (Article 11 (4)); and 4. Develop and harmonize clear procedures for expulsion, deportation and repatriation of citizens of Member States in accordance to the provisions of the Protocol (Articles 11, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22). 	
IGAD MS	<p>Phase Four: The Right to Establishment</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify and progressively remove administrative procedures and practices resulting from national laws that restrict the right of establishment including the right to self-employment and other economic activities by citizens of IGAD Member States in conformity with the Protocol (Article 8 (5) and (8)); 2. Develop, review and harmonize national laws, policies, administrative procedures and practices to simplify processes of granting ownership of property acquired by citizens of IGAD Member States in the Host Country in accordance with the Protocol (Article 24); 3. Develop, review and implement national social security schemes of Host Member States to facilitate citizens of other IGAD Member States to benefit from them (Article 8 (3)); 4. Develop, review and harmonize national laws, policies, administrative procedures and practices to simplify processes of granting business/ economic activities permits to citizens of other Member States, their spouses, children and dependents seeking residence in conformity to the Protocol (Article 8 (4), (a), (b) and (c)); 5. Review, harmonize and adopt policies and procedures for granting business permits to citizens of Member States specifying the conditions attached to each category of citizens of Member States (Article 8 (7) and (8)); 	By 2037

	<ol style="list-style-type: none">6. Develop, review and harmonize national laws, policies, administrative procedures and practices to simplify processes and procedures for obtaining permits, licenses and other relevant documents for establishing businesses/ economic activities (Article 8 (5) (6) (7) and (8);7. Establish mechanisms for persons working, residing or established in a host Member State to transfer earnings or savings to their countries of origin (Articles 8 and 25);8. Enhance the capacities of government ministries and institutions responsible for investment and remittances (Articles 8 and 25); and9. Develop, review and harmonize national laws, policies, administrative procedures and practices to simplify processes of granting ownership of property acquired by citizens of IGAD Member States in the Host Country in accordance with the Protocol (Article 24).	
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