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Summary

This project focuses on a significant theme within current public and academic debates, namely the balance between international migration and national development. This topic will be analysed from the perspective of the countries of origin, with an emphasis on Sub-Saharan Africa and includes South-North and South-South migration as well.

During the last decades, one outcome of ever-increasing global time-space convergence, has been a considerable increase in the rate of growth of the world's migrant population. There is every indication that this is just the beginning of a trend that will most likely accelerate in the 21st century, driven by rapid declines in fertility in the more economically advanced regions, higher rates of urbanisation, technological change, and the forces of economic integration and globalisation, as well as chronic poverty in the more marginal regions. According to the ILO, there are roughly 20 million migrant workers, immigrants and members of their families across Africa, 18 million in North America, 12 million in Central and South America, 7 million in South and East Asia, 9 million in the Middle East and 30 million throughout Europe. Western Europe alone is home to approximately 9 million economically active foreigners.

This project – which to a certain extent is a follow up of a book project on international migration and development to be published in 2007 – focuses on achieving a better understanding of the implications of international migration from the perspective of the sending countries (with an emphasis on Sub-Saharan Africa). Nowadays national governments of numerous countries of origin are actively involved in optimizing the link between international migration and (national) development. In addition to having to deal with (new types of) migration flows, national governments as well as also sections of civil society are increasingly involved in ‘engaging diasporas as agents for development’ (IOM 2005). Nationals living abroad are increasingly encouraged to support development or post-conflict reconstruction in their countries of origin.

The aims of this project are to explore (1) current perceptions - as seen from the perspective of the countries of origin - of the links between international migration and national development, and (2) current trends in policy making aimed at minimizing the negative effects, while optimizing the development impact.

Various multi- faced angles and perspectives are explored with the help of the following questions: What is the view of sending countries with respect to the rapid outmigration of skilled and unskilled labor? What is the perception of sending countries about the advantages and disadvantages of temporary and/or circular migration in comparison to ‘permanent’ migration? What is their perception about return migration and how is this linked to national development? What are the implications of international migration for national development and poverty reduction strategies (as reflected in PRSPs)? How is migration perceived from the regional perspective (ECOWAS, etc.) and what kind of initiatives are currently underway to optimise the

development implications?

To what extent are sending countries actively involved in formulating migration policies? What kinds of effort are currently undertaken (by government and civil society) to overcome the negative consequences of brain drain and the shortage of human resources? What experiences do countries have in involving (return) migrants in development projects and/or *co-développement* and so forth? How do countries respond to migrant recruitment practices? What are the current concerns with respect to the gender and generational aspects of migration and what are the responses? What are current bottlenecks in migration management, and how can capacity building help to optimise the link with national development? How do sending countries deal with issues of security and protection of migrants (at home and abroad) and civil rights?

What is the role of governments and migrant organisations in mobilizing knowledge and technology – available in the diaspora – in the direction of the home country? What kind of agreements are currently signed between sending and receiving countries, and what are the implications for development? What are the bottlenecks perceived, and how can donors contribute to optimizing the link between international migration trends and national development?

Research team

The research will be carried out by a number of researchers with experience in the field, and affiliated to different institutions in the Netherlands and the UK, under the coordination of Prof. Dr. Annelies Zoomers (CEDLA, Radboud University) and Dr. Ton van Naerssen (Radboud University).

The research will be carried out in collaboration with the following members:

- 4 junior researchers (Marleen van der Veen (RU/UU); Joris Schapendonk and Joep Kusters (RU), David van Moppes (RU/CEDLA).
- Dr. Ernst Spaan (NIDI, The Hague)
- Dr. Annelet Broekhuis (UU, Utrecht)
- Dr. Hein de Haas (Oxford University, Oxford)
- Prof. Dr. Leo de Haan (ASC, Leiden)

The team will work in close collaboration with other migration scholars (see shortlist of proposed participants).

Working programme and time frame

This project comprises the following components:

- 1) Distribution of a ‘call for contributors’ for an international experts’ meeting (see below; emphasis on 1st and 2nd priority countries)/ selection of participants in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 2) Desk research by junior researchers, 4 months
- 3) Discussion of the provisional results during the AIV conference ‘Migratie en Ontwikkeling’ 19 June 2006 at The Hague.
- 4) Field visits to a selection of Sub-Saharan countries by senior researchers with relevant experience in international migration/development, 10 days each.
- 5) International experts’ meeting with participation by scholars and policy makers to exchange their experiences and knowledge about migration/development policies, including the activities undertaken by civil society, 2-3 days.
- 6) Final report. The results will be summarised in a policy paper, to be used as input for the High-Level Dialogue on Migration and Development on September 14-15 2006 in New York. The project results will also be presented at a lunch lecture at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1. Call for contributors (May 2006)

Distribution of a 'call for contributors' to academic institutions/governmental/non-governmental organisations in selected countries - in collaboration with an African counterpart institution (Marleen van der Veen/Annelies Zoomers):

1st priority: Ghana, Rwanda, Burkina Faso, Senegal, Kenya, Nigeria

2nd priority: Sudan, Somalia, Burundi, Cape Verde, Tanzania, Mali

3rd priority/not discussed: Mozambique, Ethiopia, Zambia, Botswana, Congo.

The cases of South Africa and Morocco will be included in the discussions during the international experts' meeting.

2. Desk research by junior researchers (4 months, May-August), with an emphasis on Sub-Saharan Africa.

1. Inventory of policy documents (including ECOWAS); analysis of existing migration policies; migration services in developing countries; migration considerations in PRSPs; recruitment programmes/temporary migration schemes; examples of inter-state cooperation (also in the context of ECOWAS). Marleen van der Veen, with the cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; coördinator Annelies Zoomers.
2. Statistical analysis of migration streams/routes, with an emphasis on temporary/circular migration. David van Moppes and Ernst Spaan (NIDI)/coördinator Annelies Zoomers.
3. Inventory of migrant and diaspora organisations linked to the Netherlands/type of ties with home country, including interviews about migration policies in home countries. Joep Kusters and Joris Schapendonk/coördinator Ton van Naerssen.

Informal Progress Reporting to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 8 June 2006 (preliminary results of desk research);

Participants: Marjan Wind, Desiree Ooft and Marieke van Renssen, Geert Steeghs (Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Annelies Zoomers, Ton van Naerssen (Radboud University)

3. Discussion of the provisional results during the AIV conference 'Migratie en Ontwikkeling' 19 June 2006 at The Hague.

4. Field visits (max. 10 days, June-July) to Sub-Saharan countries by senior researchers with relevant experience in international migration/development.

In-depth discussions at embassies/ministries/and migration organisations (to be planned, in collaboration with an African counterpart organisation).

-Marcel Rutten/local consultant (10 days): Kenya (1 mission).

-Annelet Broekhuis/local consultant (2x10 days): Rwanda, Senegal and Burkina Faso (2 missions).

-Dieudonné Muhoza and Pierre Claver Rutayizire: Rwanda (1 mission)

-Hein de Haas/local consultant (10 days): Nigeria (1 mission).

Reporting to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Submission of a written report and conducting a presentation/discussion of provisional programme of the conference.

Participants: Marjan Wind, Desiree Ooft and Marieke van Renssen, Geert Steeghs (Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Annelies Zoomers, Ton van Naerssen (RU)

4. International experts' meeting (3 days, August 2006)

International migration as a new policy domain for sending countries (with an emphasis on Sub-Saharan Africa).

Preparatory work for the organisation of this international working session will begin in April/May with a 'call for contributors' to be distributed through academic networks and embassies (Marleen van der Veen and Annelies Zoomers).

Topics: National migration policies/institutional structures to optimise positive effects of migration for national and local development and to mitigate/prevent negative effects (lessons from Asia, Africa and Latin America); migration considerations in PRSPs; migration services; recruitment programmes/temporary migration schemes; circular migration, return migration, knowledge transfer, capacity building, brain drain/brain gain, inter- state cooperation; programmes for private sector development; migrant protection and security; the role of embassies and consulates; the role of migrants and diaspora organisations; the role of development NGOs and multilateral organisations.

Proposed speakers (papers available marked with *):

- * Parvati Raghuram: Conceptualizing Indian Emigration –the development story
- * Marla Asis: Transnationalism and Development of the Philippines
- * Maggi W.H. Leung: From Bamboo Networks to Transnational Hi-Tech Linkages: Overseas Chinese as Agents for Economic Development in China
- * Teófilo Altamirano: Examples from Latin America (report of the follow- up of an earlier conference 20-21 May 2006 in Lima).
- * Hein de Haas: Examples from Morocco and Nigeria.

From Sub-Saharan Africa (including South Africa), speakers to be identified:

- *Daniel Arhinful
- Aderanti Adepoju (Human Resources Development Centre, Nigeria).
- Takyiwaa Manuh (Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana)
- (others to be identified, including those who responded to a call for contributors)

Invited participants:

1st priority: Ghana, Rwanda, Burkina Faso, Senegal, Kenya, Nigeria

2nd priority: Sudan, Somalia, Burundi, Cape Verde, Tanzania, Mali,

(3rd priority: Mozambique; Ethiopia, Zambia, Botswana, Congo)

From the Netherlands:

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Marieke van Renssen, Marjan Wind, Geert Steeghs (and others to be selected)
- Resource persons from the Netherlands/UK: Leo de Haan (ASC), Hein de Haas (Oxford), Annelet Broekhuis (UU), Ernst Spaan (NIDI).
- Other participants/ representatives of MFOs/migrant organisations to be identified.

5. Final report by Annelies Zoomers and Ton van Naerssen.

The final report will summarise the following project output (see working papers Migration and Development series, reports 14 and 15).

Expected project output:

- No. 1 Annelies Zoomers and Ton van Naerssen
International Migration and National Development: Viewpoints and Policy Initiatives in the Country of Origin (proposal and working programme)
- No. 2 Aderanti Adepoju, Ton van Naerssen and Annelies Zoomers (eds.)
Proceedings of the Experts' Meeting Nijmegen.
- No. 3 Joep Kusters, David van Moppes, Joris Schapendonk, Roald Plug, Marleen van der Veen (eds.)
Report on the Experts' Meeting Nijmegen.
- No. 4 Ernst Spaan and David van Moppes
African exodus? Trends and Patterns of International Migration in Sub-Saharan Africa
- No. 5 David van Moppes
An Overview of Migration Routes in Sub-Saharan Africa
- No. 6 Hein de Haas
International Migration and National Development: Conflicting Viewpoints and Policy Initiatives in the Countries of Origin. The Case of Nigeria
- No. 7 Babacar Ndione and Annelet Broekhuis
International Migration in Burkina Faso: Viewpoints and Policy Initiatives
- No. 8 Annelet Broekhuis
Migration International et Développement. Points de Vue et Initiatives au Sénégal
- No. 9 Dieudonné Muhoza and Pierre Claver Rutayizire in collaboration with Annelet Broekhuis (ed)
Migration Internationale et Développement National: Points de Vue du Rwanda
- No. 10 Marcel Rutten and Kaki Muli
Findings, Views and Policies on Migration in Kenya
- No. 11 Marleen van der Veen
Een inventarisatie van migratiebeleid volgens de Nederlandse Ambassades in Sub-Sahara Afrika, het belang van migratie in PRSPs, en een overzicht van belangrijke beleidsdocumenten
- No. 12 Ton van Naerssen, Joep Kusters and Joris Schapendonk
Afrikaanse migrantenorganisaties in Nederland. Ontwikkelingsactiviteiten en opinies over ontwikkelingssamenwerking
- No. 13 Joep Kusters, Roald Plug, Joris Schapendonk and Ton van Naerssen
Een inventarisatie van Afrikaanse migrantenorganisaties in Nederland betrokken bij ontwikkelingssamenwerking
- No. 14 Annelies Zoomers and Ton van Naerssen
Final report: International migration and national development in sub-Saharan Africa. Viewpoints and policy initiatives in the countries of origin
- No.15 Annelies Zoomers (ed.): Executive summary: International migration and national development in sub-Saharan Africa. Viewpoints and policy initiatives in the countries of origin

The papers presented during the international working seminar (23-24 August 2006) will be published in an edited volume in the course of 2007. Preliminary versions of the papers are available on the Internet.