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GIZ African Union Office

Movement – towards pan-African integration

Annual Report 2019

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List of Abbreviations

ACHPR	African Court on Human and Peoples Rights	NELGA	Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa
ACERWC	African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child	PAUWES	Pan African University of Water and Energy Sciences
ACQF	African Continental Qualifications Framework	PIDA PAP2	PIDA Priority Action Plan 2
ANWIn	African Network for Women in Infrastructure	RECs	Regional Economic Communities
ATVET	Agricultural Technical Vocational Education and Training	SAAN	Southern African Alumni Network
AU	African Union	SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
AUC	African Union Commission	SPSA	State of Peace and Security in Africa
AUDA-NEPAD	African Union Development Agency – New Partnership for Africa’s Development	STC	Specialized Technical Committees
AWiM	African Women in Media	UN	United Nations
CBN	Continental Business Network	WTO	World Trade Organisation
CIDO	Directorate for Citizens and Diaspora Organisations		
EAC	East African Community		
ECCAS	Economic Community of Central African States		
ECOWAS	Economic Community of Western African States		
GDP	Gross Domestic Product		
GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH		
iDove	Interfaith Dialogue on Violent Extremism		
IDPs	Internally Displaced Persons		
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development		
MS	Member States		

List of Programmes of GIZ-AU Portfolio

Peace and Security

APSA

Support to the AU in building the African Peace and Security Architecture (2018-2021, 6M EUR)

IPSS

Support to the AU in Research, Education and Policy Dialogue through the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (2018-2021, 6M EUR)

AUBP

Support to the African Union Border Programme (2016-2022, 39.5M EUR)

ECCAS BP

Support to the ECCAS Border Programme (2019-2022, 11.5M EUR)

STG

Support to the AU Initiative 'Silencing the Guns' (2019-2021, 2M EUR)

AU-AFRIPOL

Programme to Build and Strengthen the Police Structures in Selected Partner Countries in Africa (2019-2022, 3.6M EUR)

Governance and Migration

AGA

Support to the African Governance Architecture (2017-2022, 15.9M EUR)

DATA-Cipation

Citizens' Engagement and Innovative Data Use (2018-2020, 1.7M EUR)

ICBP

Programme for Strengthening the Institutional Capacities of AUC (2018-2021, 3M EUR)

Migration

Support to the AU on Migration and Displacement (2018-2021, 6M EUR)

Regional Economic Integration

AfCFTA

Support to the African Continental Free Trade Area (2017-2020, 9M EUR)

PIDA

Support to the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (2018-2021, 7M EUR)

PIDA Bridges

Policy Advice for Improved Planning and Implementation of Bridge Projects in Africa (2019-2020, 0.4M EUR)

ADD Publication

Support to the Report 'African Development Dynamics' 2019 and 2020 (2019-2021, 0.5M EUR)

Education, Youth and Employment

PAU

Support to the Pan African University (2016-2022, 18.2M EUR)

AGYI

African-German Youth Initiative (2016-2020, 10M EUR)

SIFA

Skills Initiative for Africa (2016-2022, 18.5M EUR)

Agriculture, Land Governance and Resilience

CAADP Policy

Policy Advice to Strengthen the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (2017-2020, 4.9M EUR)

CAADP Climate

Adaptation of the Agricultural Sector to Climate Change (2017-2020, 3M EUR)

CAADP ATVET

Supporting Agricultural Technical Vocational Education and Training in Africa (2017-2020, 13M EUR)

CAADP ATVET4W

Supporting Agricultural Technical Vocational Education and Training for Women in Africa (2017-2022, 22M EUR)

SLGA

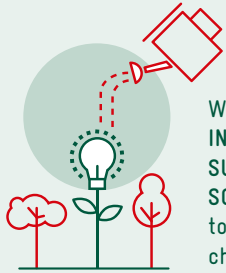
Strengthening the Advisory Capacities for Land Governance in Africa (2014-2024, 32.5M EUR)



Dr Inge Baumgarten



We are a
TRUSTED
PARTNER of the
African Union.



We foster
INNOVATION and
SUSTAINABLE
SOLUTIONS
to continental
challenges.



We **CONNECT**
PEOPLE,
PARTNERS and
IDEAS across
Africa.



We **EMBODY**
CHANGE and
facilitate change
processes across
the continent.

I Welcome

Welcome by Director Dr Inge Baumgarten

The year 2019 saw a number of important developments in the African continent. With the launch of the **African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)**, the world's largest free trade area since the creation of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) has entered into force. 54 African countries have committed to foster intra-African trade and to move further towards pan-African economic integration.

For integration and free trade on the African continent to work as anticipated, “movement” is a decisive factor. Not only goods and services will have to move between countries and across Africa, but also people, know-how and ideas. Investment in infrastructure, roads and railways, easy customs, attractive tariffs, accessible information, exchange of expertise and skills, and open borders would be leading factors for all Member States.

However, transparency, living conditions and security situations in Member States will play an important role to achieve maximum outcomes. The African Union (AU) has recognised some of the challenges and focused efforts in 2019 on its annual theme: “**Refugees, returnees and internally displaced persons: Towards durable solutions to forced displacement in Africa**”. We are therefore dedicating this annual report to change and movement; that is, the AU's efforts to further enhance pan-African integration and free movement on the continent.

2019 also marked 15 years of successful collaboration with the African Union. GIZ has proven to be a trusted and effective partner. We congratulate the African Union Commission for their achievements and the innovations they have implemented to increase efficiency and improve the lives of people on the continent.

Addis Ababa, January 2020



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'Consciousness is only possible through change; change is only possible through movement.'

Aldous Huxley, Writer and Philosopher

Through our work in 2019...

More than
8.600

→ people benefitted from capacity building measures

Over
1.900

→ people participated in short-term training measures

Almost
140

→ knowledge exchanges on good and innovative practices have been organised

More than
5.300

→ people convened across the continent to advance regional integration.

II Areas of Work

GIZ AU focal areas in the context of Agenda 2030 and Agenda 2063

We aspire to be a strong partner to the African Union (AU). The 20 programmes of the GIZ AU portfolio focus on five key areas, which contribute to the United Nations' Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Also, these programmes are aligned with the African Union's strategic framework: Agenda 2063 – founded on the African Union's vision of “an integrated, prosperous, and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in the international arena”. Agenda 2063 seeks to deliver on the African Union's goal for inclusive and sustainable development; it is a concrete manifestation of the continental drive for unity, self-determination, freedom, progress and collective prosperity; based on a shared set of seven aspirations.



AUDA-NEPAD and Agenda 2063:

AUDA-NEPAD is the implementing agency of the African Union and has been tasked with fast-tracking the implementation and monitoring of major continental development programmes and frameworks, including Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The agency seeks to provide a platform to foster the development of the continent through effective and integrated planning, coordination, and implementation of Agenda 2063 with Member States (MS), Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and other pan-African Institutions by leveraging partnerships and technical cooperation.

Education, Youth and Employment



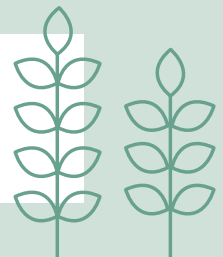
AGENDA 2063 ASPIRATIONS



SDGs



Agriculture, Land Governance and Resilience



AGENDA 2063 ASPIRATIONS



SDGs



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Regional Economic Integration

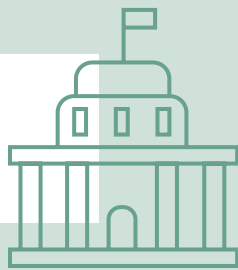
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SDGs



Good Governance



AGENDA 2063 ASPIRATIONS



SDGs



Peace and Security



AGENDA 2063 ASPIRATIONS



SDGs



Agenda 2063 and 7 Aspirations

Aspiration-1

A prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development

Aspiration-2

An integrated continent, politically united and based on the ideals of Pan-Africanism and the vision of Africa's Renaissance

Aspiration-3

An Africa of good governance, democracy, respect for human rights, justice and the rule of law

Aspiration-4

A peaceful and secure Africa

Aspiration-5

An Africa with a strong cultural identity, common heritage, shared values and ethics

Aspiration-6

An Africa whose development is people-driven, relying on the potential of African people, especially its women and youth, and caring for children

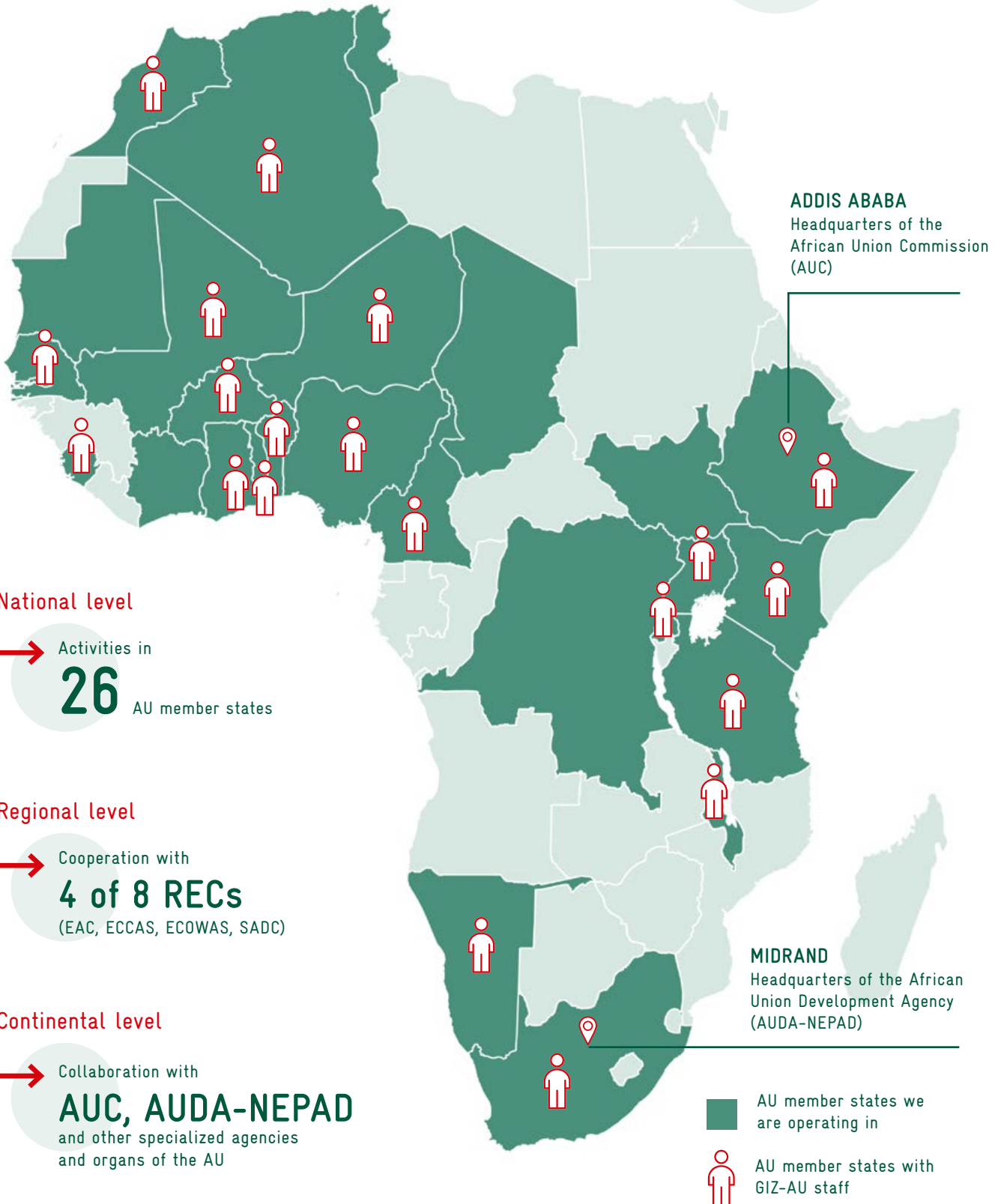
Aspiration-7

Africa as a strong, united and influential global player and partner

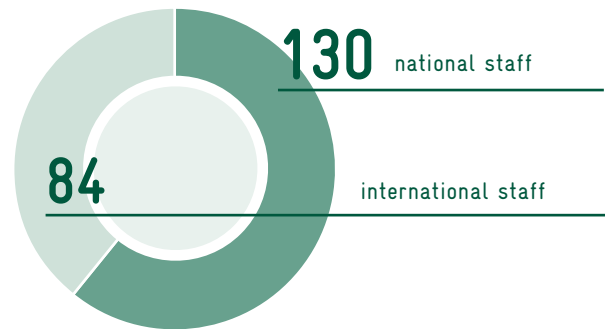
III Facts and Figures

15 YEARS

of GIZ-AU partnership



Staff We attach importance to diversity and gender equality.



25 nationalities from all over the world

Budget and expenditure

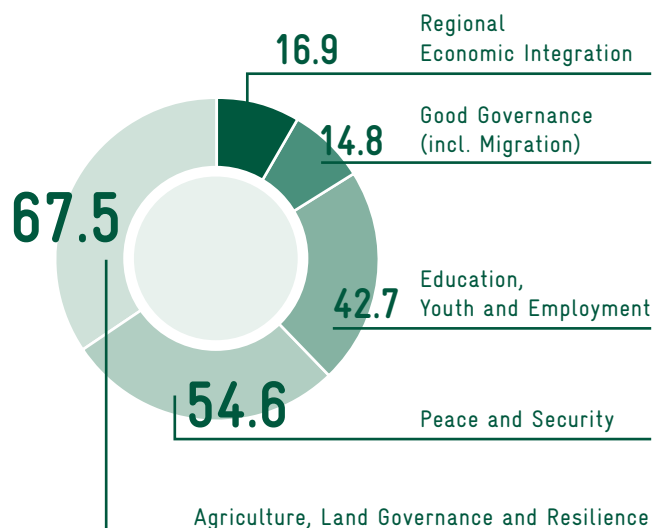
Operates with an overall budget of **196.5 M EUR** 
(current project phases as of December 2019)

Expenditures 2019 | Budget of current project phases



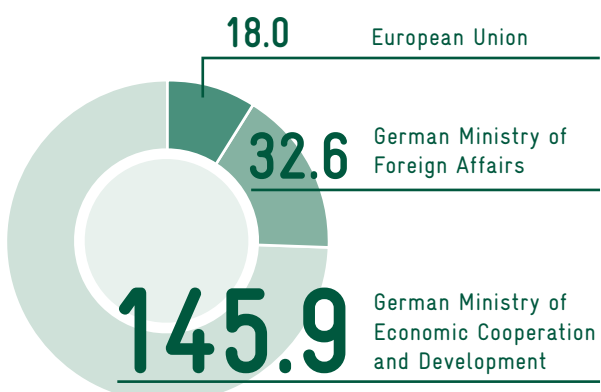
Budget by thematic area

in million EUR



Budget by commissioning party

in million EUR



IV

MOVEMENT — TOWARDS PAN-AFRICAN INTEGRATION

This annual report has the theme 'Movement - towards pan-African integration'. It takes its cue from the AU's Theme of the Year 2019: "Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) - Towards Durable Solutions to Forced Displacement in Africa". The annual theme is meant to promote and raise high-level support. Therefore, the following pages highlight some of our joint efforts together with the African Union towards the movement of goods, people and ideas across the African continent to reach the goal of an integrated Africa.



**Pan-African Integration:**

Characterised by a unified continental identity and coherence, pan-African integration refers to the economic, social and political harmonisation between African states. The overall goal is to reduce trade barriers and foster growth, increase peace and reduce the number of conflicts, strengthen intra-continental cooperation to overcome migration, unemployment and food insecurities. Pan-African integration is one of the cornerstones of Agenda 2063.

Perspectives on pan-African integration

Pan-African integration currently receives a lot of attention on the African continent and is widely acknowledged as a driver for economic, social and political harmonisation. We wanted to understand what pan-African integration means to our partners at the AUC. This is how they responded.

‘Pan-African Integration...’



... will not only strengthen the economy of Africa but will also create closeness to African citizens and the free flow of ideas which could serve the democratic process that is seriously needed.’

Lulit Getachew Kitaw

Legal Project Coordinator, Bureau of the Deputy Chairperson at AUC



... stands for the free transfer of ideas and people throughout the continent. Africa as a continent has the potential to be self-sufficient and the only way to attain this is to move towards pan-African integration.’

Adam Terefe

Learning and Development Specialist,
Directorate for Administration –
Human Resources Development of AUC



... is essential to the growth and development of Africa and imperative to the future of Africans! An integrated Africa means more resources, prospects of better management and better negotiating power in the global economy.'

Victor Bataly Lowilla

Liaison Officer, African Governance Architecture (AGA)



... means exposure and more opportunities. Movement in general is a way of enhancing oneself. Unless you move, then you might not see what is out there. Movement is powerful and impacts economy, society and culture.'

Angela Naa Afoley Odai

Diaspora Officer for Europe CIDO, AUC Directorate for Citizens and Diaspora Organisations



... is a perfect setting for collective efforts by African countries to eradicate poverty! AfCFTA is a testimony of Africa's recognition that nations cannot prosper in isolation. There is strength in unity.'

Brian Mureverwi

Trade Advisor AfCFTA, AUC Department of Trade and Industry

GOODS ON THE MOVE

TRADE

Creating a single market and eliminating trade barriers through the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).


With its 54 participating Member States, the AfCFTA is the world's largest free trade area since the formation of the World Trade Organisation (WTO). It was officially launched in Niamey, Niger, on 7 July 2019, after only four years of negotiations. The AfCFTA aims to strengthen intra-African trade, which currently only accounts for 17% of Africa's total trade volume – compared to 49% for Asia or 69% in Europe. It has the potential to improve transport and connectivity among countries on the continent, accelerate commercial activities and foster sustainable growth. Under the AfCFTA, governments commit to remove tariffs on almost all goods produced within the continent. By eliminating tariffs, pan-African trade is expected to grow by 52% which will have a positive effect on job creation.

Our contribution

GIZ provided expertise on technical and policy issues to facilitate the negotiations and implementation of the AfCFTA led by the African Union Commission (AUC). We organised training sessions, seminars and workshops to build expertise and raise awareness in AU Member States, e.g. in the fields of trading in goods and services, as well as stakeholder engagement.

 **1.100**
professionals
directly benefited
from capacity building
and sensitisation
on AfCFTA issues

 **53 AU-
MS** have trained
staff to take
part in the AfCFTA
negotiations

 **Awareness
raising
materials**
about AfCFTA
published

CHALLENGE

Currently intra-African trade accounts for only about 17% of the total trade volume on the continent. Africa's economic development could be significantly strengthened through increased trade on the continent by enabling the free movement of goods and services.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Improving Africa's infrastructure through the AU's Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA).

The AU's PIDA aims at the improvement of regional infrastructure on the continent. In 2019, African ministers adopted an integrated corridor approach; a strategy to optimise the planning process of different infrastructure projects to achieve maximum economic and social impact. In the sectors of energy, water, ICT and transport, corridors interconnect the continent to increase intra-African production, trade and communication. This approach considers dimensions like gender-sensitivity, climate change and employment creation. This holistic infrastructure planning constitutes a paradigm shift in the sector; it reduces tariffs, the amount of time spent within borders entries and increases traffic flow in transporting goods and services between countries.

Our contribution

GIZ supported the AUC and AUDA-NEPAD in the development of the integrated corridor approach and the 2021-2030 PIDA Action Plan. We have worked together to establish the African Network for Women in Infrastructure (ANWIn; an initiative aimed at promoting women's participation in infrastructure development), the PIDA Job Creation Toolkit (a toolkit which helps estimate the additional jobs that can be created in an economy due to improved infrastructure service) and the Continental Business Network (CBN; a network to increase private sector participation in the preparation and financing of infrastructure projects).



GIZ Programmes supporting Goods on the Move

- AfCFTA – Support to the African Continental Free Trade Area
- PIDA – Support to the Programme for Infrastructure Development

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

GOOD GOVERNANCE

Enabling safe, orderly and regular migration through the protection of human rights and democracy.

2019 was the AU's "Year of Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) – Towards Durable Solutions to Forced Displacement in Africa". This theme was used to step-up efforts and mobilise AU Member States to implement the Refugee Convention and the Kampala Convention to improve the protection of refugees and IDPs. In line with the 2019 theme, Rwanda agreed with the AU to host 500 migrants who were stranded in Libya. Furthermore, the study "Mapping Children on the move within Africa" was launched by the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC), highlighting the situation of children on the move. It focuses on drivers, routes, key challenges, and offers recommendations to the AU and its Member States on how to protect these children.

Our contribution

GIZ partnered with the AU to strengthen the AU's capacities to fulfil its mandate in the areas of migration, mobility and displacement. In cooperation with ACERWC, we organised regional workshops, during which the study on children on the move and its recommendations were presented. Member States and RECs exchanged their experiences and best practices in protecting the rights of migrant children. Representatives of respective national ministries were trained on good governance of migration policies and mainstreaming migration issues into national development plans.

6  regional training institutes and universities partnered with GIZ and the AU in giving training on migration governance to AU Member States and RECs

44  experts from AU Member States and RECs were sensitised on protection of children on the move

28 MS  have been assessed in the fields of migration and capacity needs

CHALLENGE

An estimated 26 million people on the continent are on the move! The majority are in search of better employment opportunities, others are fleeing conflict or natural disasters. Around 18.2 million refugees are children. Living conditions of Africans could be significantly improved through free and safe movement of people between countries.



BORDER GOVERNANCE

Strengthening peace and security on the African continent through the African Union Border Programme (AUBP).


The AU launched the AUBP in 2007 as a direct response to the risks of ill-defined borders which are potential sources of conflict. Border disputes threaten peace and security and can be stumbling blocks to regional integration. The African Union Commission supports its Member States in defining, demarcating and managing their borders, expanding cross-border cooperation initiatives. All these efforts are an important contribution to achieve the objectives of Agenda 2063: preventing conflicts and strengthening regional and continental integration whilst combating the root causes of flight. Also, well managed borders facilitate and regulate the movement of people and goods, making it safer to trade between neighbouring countries.

Our contribution

Apart from supporting the AUC and AU Member States in implementing the AUBP at institutional and operational levels, GIZ cooperates with Regional Economic Communities (RECs) in Western and Eastern Africa. This regional cooperation focuses on developing border related policies and on resolving border disputes, on facilitating movement of people and goods as well as enhancing cooperation across borders.

GIZ Programmes supporting People on the Move

- Migration – Support to the African Union on migration and displacement
- AGA – Support to the African Governance Architecture
- AUBP – Support to the African Union Border Program



20.000
pastoralists
and farmers
now have access
to clean water
through new wells



2.500
passports
and travel docu-
ments distributed
in 2019



More than
1.400 km
of borderlines
delimited and
demarcated (in the
current project phase)

IDEAS ON THE MOVE

EDUCATION

Increasing Africa's innovation and employment potential through high-quality and applied research, education and skills development.

The AU and its partners established various educational institutions and programmes across the continent: in the areas of peace and security (IPSS – the Institute of Peace and Security Studies), land governance (NELGA – the Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa) as well as across all key sectors for development (PAU – Pan African University). They have also established vocational education and training programmes. All of them are practice-oriented, comply with international standards and place a great focus on continental learning and exchange. To increase impact across borders, the AU is engaging in initiatives to foster employment and entrepreneurship of the youth. In addition, a continental qualification framework (ACQF) is under development to further facilitate skills and labour mobility.

Our contribution

GIZ works with the AUC and AUDA-NEPAD to strengthen institutional capacities, as well as ensuring effective management. Our contributions include capacity development through dialogue and training formats, development of curricula and coordination with various partners. We further concentrate on continental public-private cooperation, the establishment of career services and fostering youth entrepreneurship to ensure that the skills acquired through education and training match the needs of the job market.



220
PAUWES
graduates
since 2014



4.500
women received
agricultural
technical vocational
education and
training (ATVET)



30
validated good
practices on
employment-oriented
skills development
from 17 countries
in Africa

CHALLENGE

With a young population, Africa is a continent of vast potential. Access to high-quality education and formal employment for the youth could be an accelerator for innovation and technological advances. Education and skills fit for the market are cornerstones of future development in the continent.



CITIZENS' ENGAGEMENT

Enhancing meaningful citizens' engagement through digital systems and innovative methodologies.

To bring Agenda 2063 closer to its Member States, the AU has identified citizens engagement and innovative data use as strategically important. Through the 'Citizens Engagement Lab', the AU seeks to enhance its interaction with citizens, leveraging both technological and innovative methodologies. The AU aims to utilize data and information to promote interactive exchange between state and non-state actors and include citizens in the implementation of Agenda 2063.

Our contribution

We aim to enhance information and communication capacities, and to strengthen linkages with the innovation ecosystem across Africa. To reach this goal, we support capacity development through training programmes, workshops and other dialogue formats for AU representatives and innovation ecosystem stakeholders, and implement pilot measures to test digital solutions. In 2019, a total of 166 teams from 29 countries applied for the AU's Humanitarian Innovation Challenge, which identified promising digital ideas that tackle forced displacement or other humanitarian challenges in Africa.

GIZ Programmes supporting Ideas on the Move

- IPSS – Support to the AU in Research, Education and Policy Dialogue on Peace and Security
- PAU – Support to the Pan African University
- SIFA – Skills Initiative for Africa
- DATA-Cipation – Citizens Engagement and Innovative Data Use
- SLGA – Strengthening the Advisory Capacities for Land Governance in Africa



200

experts participated in activities to harness Africa's innovation potential towards the implementation of the AfCFTA



Policy

consultation platform for stakeholder engagement was developed



30

participants from 16 AU Member States trained on interactive strategies during a Design Thinking Workshop about citizen engagement

Faces and Stories

'I am very hopeful about the African Continental Free Trade Area. It will simplify my business'



TRADE

Semret Abate, Founder of Mulmul Bakery

What started as a baking hobby for Semret Abate quickly became an inspiring business story, and today Mulmul's bread is known all over Addis Ababa. Semret, who was born and raised in Addis, started her business due to her children's love for bread and to compensate for what she found was poor-quality bread in Ethiopia. Nowadays, Mulmul Bakery has six branches all over the city, employs more than 300 people and supplies numerous big companies with a variety of over 100 products.

Mulumul Bakery is well known for its wide range of quality products. However, it is often not easy for Semret to obtain ingredients. In Ethiopia, supply is often irregular and the quality not always up to standard, which is why Semret at times has to cross the border into Kenya to purchase the ingredients herself. She is very hopeful about the AfCFTA and the facilitation of trade, both for the import of raw products and the export of her pastries. In her opinion, the Treaty will also enhance safety and quality regulations, which she considers to be quite low at present.

BORDER MANAGEMENT

Simon Roberts, Goods Driver in Nairobi

'I make the journey from Nairobi, Kenya, to Arusha, Tanzania, every two months. The journey should take around four and a half hours, but the border stop would add three days. First Kenyan authorities would check your cargo and paperwork before the same procedure was carried out again by the Tanzanian border patrol. I had to rent a room in a nearby house while the paperwork was being processed.'

In October 2017, a one-check border post was introduced between Kenya and Tanzania which reduced the waiting time at the border drastically. This procedure was developed through GIZ support to the African Union Border Programme (AUBP). Over the past ten years, Germany has provided enough funding to improve the borders of nineteen countries.



‘Developing my skills in agriculture offers me a future. It’s an opportunity to be self-sufficient’



EDUCATION

Dorcas Dok,
Agriculture Trainee in Ghana

‘Agriculture is the backbone of Ghana’s economy. That’s why I applied for the Agricultural Technical Vocational Education and Training (ATVET) course at the Adidome Farm Institute. The course has equipped me with both the practical and theoretical know-how to grow my own food as well as crops that I can sell. Once I’ve completed this course, my goal is to work for myself.’

As part of its support to the AU’s Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP), GIZ launched an ATVET project for women to transform their role in agricultural production, processing and trade. To date, 4,500 women have received training in six African countries.



‘Moving between Kenya and Tanzania now takes two hours, it used to take two days.’

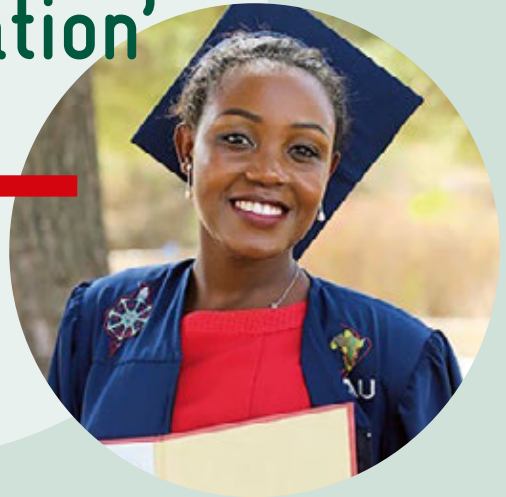
‘Women face a lot of challenges in our society especially when it comes to accessing education’

EDUCATION

**Josiane Aboniyo,
Pan African University (PAU)
Graduate**

Josiane could have worked in a low-skilled job and earned a salary more quickly, but she stayed focused on her long-term goals and completed her studies at the Pan African University (PAU). Now she has a job at the International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) in Rome and her plan is to come back to Rwanda working for the UN.

The PAU was created by the AU Commission in 2008, backed by German funding, to further academia for talented students across the continent and encourage young people to stay, study and work in their regions of origin. Since 2012, more than 720 PAU graduates have benefited from a pan-African study experience.



EDUCATION**Mireille Biraro,
PhD student at Bahir Dar
University**

'I hope my research will contribute to resolving some of the challenges in land governance in Rwanda and across the continent'

I've always been interested in land governance, especially understanding how institutions run a database. During my masters studies in the Netherlands, I learned about a common challenge: the process of updating and maintaining land registries. Knowing this, I wanted to return to my home country, Rwanda, to teach and take my studies further to investigate ways of updating established registries in a simpler way. At this point, I came across the Network of Excellence on Land Governance (NELGA) Scholarship, which opened the door to my PhD at Bahir Dar University and has enabled me to establish a network across the continent.'

NELGA is a partnership of over 70 African Universities. To date, 47 PhD students have graduated and currently 106 scholarships for graduate programmes are supported at six universities. In Ethiopia, NELGA has helped to establish the first doctorate degree in land policy and governance at Bahir Dar University. GIZ has been supporting the establishment of the Africa-wide Network of Excellence since 2014.

'The African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights set a precedent and progressed rights on freedom of expression. It was a landmark moment'

GOOD GOVERNANCE**Nani Jansen Reventlow,
International Human Rights Lawyer**

In 2012, journalist Lohe Konate was sentenced to one year in prison for criminal defamation, after he accused a state prosecutor of Burkina Faso of corruption. Human Rights Lawyer Nani Reventlow assisted Mr Konate and took his case to the African Court for Human and People's Rights (ACHPR). The court ruled in favour of Mr Konate, ordered Burkina Faso to pay a compensation fee as well as amending its national criminal laws, which it did in 2015.

Germany has supported the ACHPR from the start in 2006 with over five million Euros in funding, and has helped to establish organisational development measures. The ACHPR is the highest-level judicial institution for human rights on the African continent.

V Highlights of 2019

African Women in the Media Award

200 female journalists from all over Africa met at the African Women in the Media (AWiM) conference in Nairobi in July 2019 to strengthen women's role in the media and the journalism sector. To encourage writing about topics such as violence, conflict and peace building, the AU, in partnership with GIZ, awarded female journalists for their innovative ideas. Kenyan journalist Mary Mwendwa received the award for her idea to report on reasons why women join local extremist groups – a topic of relevance to the AU campaign on "Silencing the Guns".

3rd Interfaith Dialogue on Violent Extremism (iDove) – Intercontinental Youth Forum

Violent extremism is a global threat – political, religious or ideological in nature – that impacts African and European societies in similar ways. The 3rd Intercontinental Youth Forum in September 2019 was organised to foster innovative youth-led approaches for the prevention of violent extremism. Youth from over 32 countries in Africa and Europe addressed the challenge of rehabilitating and reintegrating foreign terrorist fighters and other returnees.





Skills Initiative for Africa welcomes EU as new Partner

In 2019, the European Union (EU) officially committed funding to the African Union's "Skills Initiative for Africa" (SIFA). After finalizing the fruitful discussion between the African Union and Germany on the future bilateral programme between Germany and the AU, the cooperation agreement was signed by the EU Deputy Ambassador to the African Union as well as GIZ, represented by Mr. Tobias Gerster (Head of Department) and Dr. Inge Baumgarten (Director GIZ AU Office). The signing was witnessed by the CEO of AUDA-NEPAD, Dr. Ibrahim Hassane Mayaki, and the German Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel's Personal Representative for Africa, Mr. Günther Nooke. In their speeches, all parties appreciated this important step which is extending the current SIFA project from an AU-German initiative into a multi-donor initiative.



Volunteers on the move in Africa

Talented young people pursue careers in and outside of Africa. Their potential for innovation, given the variety of talents demonstrated by the African youth, is significant. Youth exchange and mobility between African countries and beyond offer perspectives for young people and help them to develop their competencies, job-readiness and skills while fostering regional integration and sustainable development. In 2019, supported by the African-German Youth Initiative (AGYI), AUC and AU Member States joined hands to co-create a continental volunteer mapping and knowledge platform to foster youth exchange and volunteering across Africa. An online platform will map ongoing exchange and volunteering and provide resources and information to support opportunities for youth exchange. A coordination mechanism will be established at the AUC to enhance pan-African youth exchange and provide advice and orientation to Member States, RECs and civil society exchange actors.



Developing a Transformational Leadership Programme

In August 2019, 20 high-ranking experts from universities and other higher education institutions gathered for three days in Johannesburg, South Africa, with the mandate to set the ground for a comprehensive Transformational Leadership Programme for the African Union. Bringing together theoretical insights with actual requirements from the African Union, the experts discussed the ingredients for and possibilities of a potential programme. A concrete roadmap to a pilot of the Leadership Programme will be the next step for 2020.

Women Leading Change – Co-creating messages on agricultural resources

The ATVET for Women (ATVET4W) project is piloting gender-transformative interventions in six African countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi and Togo. In Burkina Faso, ATVET4W works on a Learning & Advocacy Toolbox for female empowerment in rural areas through access to land, finance and training. It is run in two local languages.

In Ouagadougou, women and men from rural communities, experts, government representatives, graphic designers, writers, singers and radio journalists worked together to develop tools which will be used to raise awareness about women's rights in issues related to land, finance and training.





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