



NANHRI Statement on Migration to be issued during the 38th Session of the Human Rights Council

Mr. President,

The Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI), which is the umbrella body of 44 National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs)¹ across Africa, appreciates the vital role the Human Rights Council (HRC) and OHCHR play in the establishment and strengthening of independent NHRIs in Africa.

NANHRI encourages OHCHR to strengthen its efforts in supporting the work of NHRIs and ensure they are well equipped to fulfil their mandate and functions effectively.

NHRIs across Africa are uniquely positioned and possess capacities to collect and analyze information regarding emerging human rights issues including in relation to migration. However, there is a need to further strengthen NHRIs' technical capacities to enable them deal with these issues.

In relation to promoting and protecting the rights of migrants, this specifically includes:

- Undertaking detention monitoring visits to document violations of human rights of migrants and their families;

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- Conducting surveys on violations of the rights of migrants from States, Treaty Bodies, Specialized Agencies, Special rapporteurs for various human rights questions, Intergovernmental organisations, NGOs, to respond effectively to such information
- Identifying best practices, and concrete areas and means for international cooperation on the issue
- Formulating appropriate recommendations to prevent and remedy violations of the human rights of migrants, at national, regional and international levels to eliminate violations of the human rights of migrants; and
- Reporting regularly to the Human Rights Mechanisms and States on the human rights situation faced by migrants.

NANHRI, in collaboration with the National Human Rights Council of Morocco and in partnership with GANHRI has undertaken initiatives to support the engagement of NHRIs in the future Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

With adequate support from the HRC, the OHCHR and Member States, NANHRI can achieve more in strengthening the role of NHRIs in promoting and protecting the rights of migrants.

NANHRI looks forward to hearing your views on how it can further contribute to this urgent agenda through our common purpose to contribute to development where no one is left behind.

I thank you