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Mobility and Challenges of African Borders: A search for a proactive Border Management System for an effective global security

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Presentation Outline



- Mobility
- Transnational Crime & Mobility Predicate Offence
- Current illustrative Map of Africa
- The proactive measure by AU; Continental free movement of Persons Protocol
- African Union attempt to create seamless border in Africa
- Regional efforts; ECOWAS experience
- New regional efforts to ease mobility and ensure security
- Some challenges of African borders
- Need for a uniform operational system across African state

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- Understanding the security international system and collaborative efforts for effective border management.
- Efforts for African borderless system.
- End

Mobility



- Mobility: Human nature

I. Positive

II. Negative motives

- Global Security: Concern for all sovereigns

It is the result of purposeful efforts and activities of the international community, a set of rules and institutions, focusing on the elimination of international armed conflicts, political stability, steady economic growth, minimize the impact of global issues.

Transnational Crime & Mobility Predicate Offence



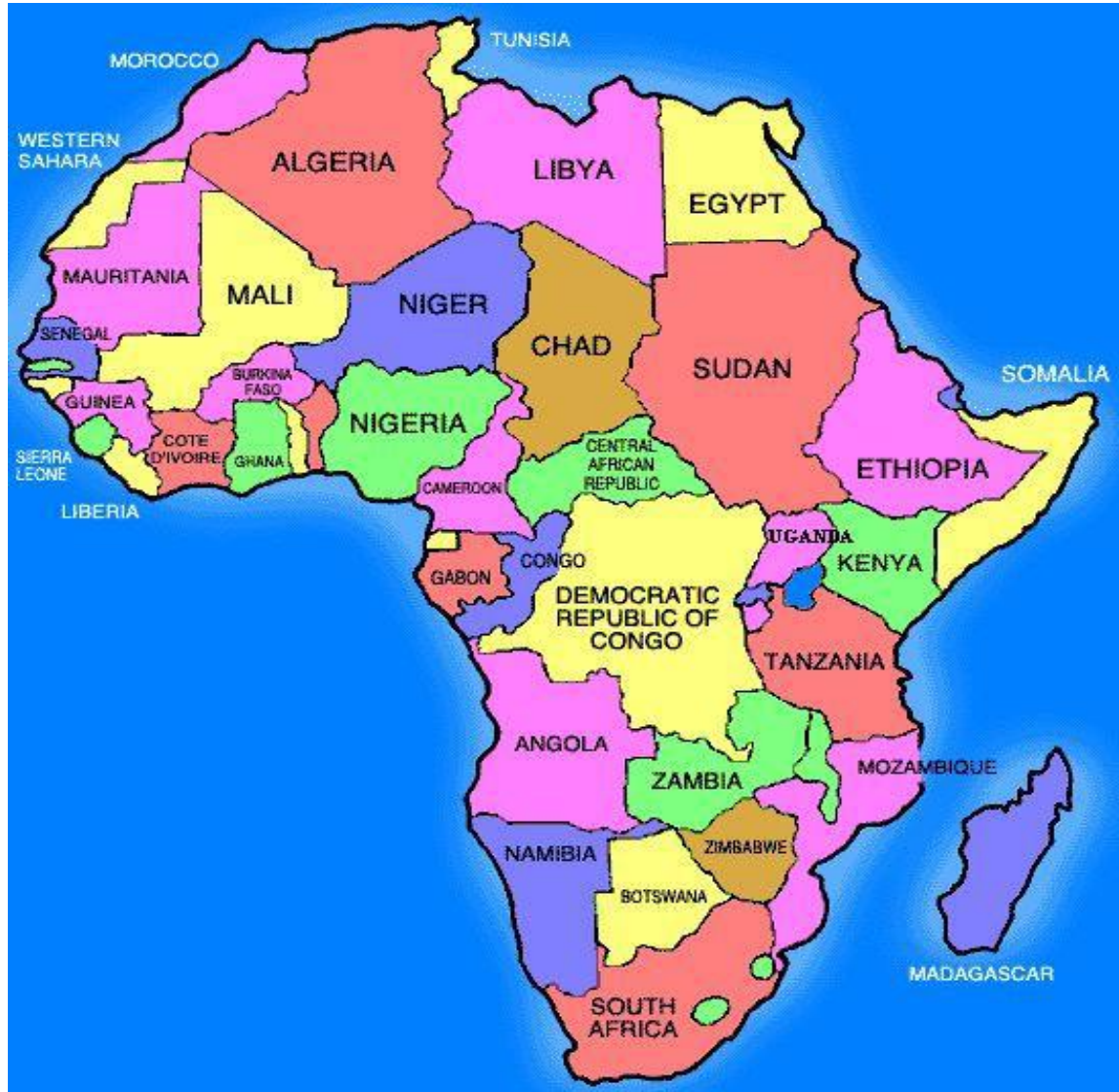
- Terrorism
- Trafficking
- Sexual Exploitation
- Trafficking in Narcotics & Physio
- Topic substances
- Stolen goods
- Fraud
- Corruption
- Currency counterfeiting
- Piracy of products
- Environmental crime

Understanding Criminal Typology: **New trafficking route in west Africa**



- Shidyel Village – Mangu LGA in Plateau State – Anguldi in Jos South LGA – Onitsha in Anambra State – Ibadan in Oyo State – Ghana – Bwalkayin in Cote d’voire
- Travelling without any form of identification
- Crossing borders without passports or ID cards
- Young girls of 18 years

Current Illustrative Map of Africa



The Proactive Measure by AU: Continental free movement of Persons Protocol



Continental Approach of African Union

- Mobility, Migration and Trade Facilitation
- 55 Member States
- Unified States through Integration and Development
- 32 countries ratified the protocol
- Decision reached on Borderless States in 2016
- **African Union Integrated Border Governance Strategy:** Adopted in 2020
- Development of Capabilities for Border Governance

African Union attempt to create seamless border in Africa



- West Africa: Benin – Nigeria (Joint Border Post at Seme – Karake); Togo – Burkina Faso (Border post at Cinkanse)
- East Africa: Kenya – Tanzania (Namanga – Namanga border); Rwanda – Democratic Republic of Congo (Rubavu – Goma Border Post)
- Southern Africa: South Africa – Zimbabwe (Beithbridge); Zambia – Zimbabwe (Chirunda Border)
- Central Africa: Cameroon – Gabon – Equatorial Guinea (Kye – Ossi Border Post); Congo – Democratic Republic of Congo – Angola
- Horn of Africa: Djibouti – Ethiopia border post; Kenya – Ethiopia (Moyale Border Post)

Regional Efforts: The Ecowas Experience





New Regional Efforts to ease mobility and ensure security

- **The Concept of Border Areas – Adopted by Heads of State and Government in 2006**
- **Recognized border Communities as building blocks for regional cooperation and integration**
- **Moving away from ECOWAS of States to ECOWAS of People**
- **Trans-National Identities (creating borderless society)**
- **Establishment of National Platform for Cross Border Cooperation**
- **Cross Border Corridors – K2M, GHATOBEN, Mfum- Ekok.**



Some Challenges of African Borders

- Incomplete demarcation of borders and/or lack of knowledge of the border limits
- Lack of Synergy between the levels of Governments
- Porosity of the borders
- The Center-Periphery Dichotomy and the Challenges of Development
Marginalization and Ungoverned spaces Challenges of Joint Projects
- Maintenance of facilities like provision of electricity/generating set and fueling
- Supply of water
- Source of funding to include local communities of both sides
- Trans-border crimes

Need for a uniform Operational System Across African states



- Clearance System
- Use of Advance Passenger Information System (API)
- Passenger Name Record (PNR)
- Visa system
- Collaboration and Regional Assistance
- Joint Seminars/Conferences
- Use of Interpol i24/7 Database

Risk Analysis Centre (RAC)/Frontex style

Understanding the security international system and collaborative efforts for effective Border management.



- Seminar on criminal justice approaches to linkage between terrorism and core international crimes, sexual and gender based violence crimes, HT, MS, Slavery and crime against children by International Centre for counter Terrorism (ICCT) & International Institute for Justice and Rule of Law (IIJ) 21st – 31st March 2022
- Convention against Transnational Organisation Crime International Financial Intelligence Unit: to track terrorist, economy and financing
 - Countering laundering of money,
- INTERPOL Unit i24/7

Efforts for African Borderless System



- Joint project between Border State
- Nigeria – Cameroon joint border bridge at Mfum/Ekon, Cross River State commissioned 3rd November 2022
- Enhance security patrol
- Enhance effective cooperation
- Link Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS)
- Facilitate trade between both countries
- Role in networking people/cities across African continent



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