

PRESS RELEASE

International Conference on Migration in Africa (ICMA) 2014: Registration to the Conference is now open!

It is with great pleasure that we announce that the registration for the 2014 International Conference on Migration is now open @ www.sihma.org.za

The conference is organized by the Scalabrini Institute for Human Mobility in Africa (SIHMA) and will be hosted by the University of the Western Cape (UWC). The event will take place in Cape Town on 3 December 2014.

Registration is free of charge and reservations are on a **first-come**, **first-served** basis until the maximum capacity of seats is reached.

To register, please fill in the online form available at:

http://sihma.org.za/events/international-conference-on-migration-in-africa/

The Scalabrini Institute for Human Mobility in Africa (SIHMA) is a newly formed research institute which joins an existing network of seven established research centres around the globe, located in Manila, Buenos Aires, Sao Paulo, Paris, Basel, Rome and New York. These centres are part of a long-established network study the movement of populations around the world, publish books and peer-reviewed journals, and organize conferences and seminars.

The International Conference on Migration in Africa (ICMA) is a forum that connects research on migration with a focus on the African continent. The aim of this international conference is twofold. *First*, to bring together leading academic scientists, researchers and research scholars both from Africa and other continents to exchange and share their experiences and research results about different and critical aspects of international migration. *Second*, to present and discuss the most recent research outputs, innovations, concerns, and practical challenges encountered in four selected countries in Africa, i.e. Angola, Ghana, Nigeria and South Africa.

A broad audience of national and international migration stakeholders will be warmly invited to attend the conference and contribute with their knowledge and experience to the success of the event. The invitation will be extended, but not limited to academics, researchers, practitioners, professionals, policy makers, NGO representatives and funding bodies concerned on international migration.

Main themes

During the day of the conference participants will have the opportunity to attend different sessions featuring highly distinguished speakers from Africa, Europe, the Americas and Asia invited to provide insightful reflections on the most salient issues relating to migration. The main themes are:

- 1. Migration and Development
- 2. South-South Migration
- 3. Unauthorized Migration
- 4. Reintegration of Returnees

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