



KENYA'S EXPERIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Chairman,

It is an honour for me to address this assembly today. Let me begin by congratulating you and your colleagues on your election and for the

undocumented migrants, refugees, asylum seekers and displaced persons.

Mr. Chairman,

International migration in Kenya accounts for less than two percent of the total population. The main components of the international migration in Kenya include foreign population, refugee population and Kenyans leaving the country to work or study abroad.

granting process has been the dominant push and pull factors attracting Kenyan immigrants to United States of America.

Available data indicate that 642 nurses have been officially working

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It has been realized that the development of more efficient ways of

in camps, including tax exemptions for commodities meant for

refugees.

- Kenya has played host and chaired peace talks for hostile factions from neighboring war torn countries in the region such as Sudan, Somalia, Uganda among others to facilitate conflict resolution.

- Repatriation programmes in collaboration with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees have been carried out by the Government of Kenya.

8 CHALLENGES IN INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN KENYA

Mr. Chairman,

During the implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development ICPD+10 Programme of Action, Kenya has

- Improve surveillance and response capacities to handle the challenging problems of migrants, refugees, asylum seekers and displaced persons.
- Intensify community based conflict resolution initiatives for hostile

factions from the neighboring war torn countries.

10 CONCLUSIONS

The net international migration in Kenya remains unknown since data on emigration from Kenya that would be used together with immigration data from census are lacking. In this regard, it is recommended that data on emigration be collected and processed to advise policy.

Finally, Mr. Chairman,

Given Kenya's Strategic position

affairs, I would like to appeal to the international Community to continue collaborating with us by investing in further research in population and development dynamics and particularly in the field of international migration and provision of services.

THANK YOU