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**IOM DISCUSSES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL DIALOGUE ON MIGRATION WITH RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS**



**Youth Diaspora Volunteers**



The 9 volunteers from the first edition of the LOHARANO Youth Diaspora Volunteers programme in Madagascar have wrapped up their 3-month assignment in rural communities at the end of September. Programme stakeholders, host families, and local authorities from the communities have bid them farewell during a certificate handover ceremony on 24 September.

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**Border Management**

In July, IOM, in partnership with the Ministry of Interior of the Union of Comoros, launched a project on institutional strengthening and capacity development of entities and front-line staff in charge of border management. The main objective of this initiative is to contribute to the efforts of the Comorian authorities in the field of border control that meet the highest international standards.

**Community Stabilization**



In the South of Madagascar IOM has launched community stabilization activities to rebuild trust between the Gendarmerie and the local population, as part of the RAES project. The activities are conducted in the Anosy and Ihorombe regions in partnership with the International NGO Search for Common Ground (SFCG).

**Consultative Meeting on the Establishment of a Regional Migration Dialogue in the IOC Region is Hosted in Seychelles**

IOM, in collaboration with the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) and the Government of Seychelles, held a three-day consultative meeting, between 26 and 28 August, in Mahe – Seychelles. This meeting brought together almost 70 participants from different institutions and ministries of the five IOC Member States, as well as representatives from partner UN agencies. This meeting was the first step to discuss the establishment of a migration dialogue for the IOC member States, which could serve as a Regional Consultative Process (RCP) for the Indian Ocean area, and facilitate inter-state dialogue and foster cooperation for a better migration management in the region.

Member States of the IOC share common migration realities that are often discussed from the perspective of maritime security or climate change. There is a wide range of other migration realities and priorities that affect and are shared among these countries, as participants highlighted that diaspora engagement, labour mobility and tourism are also to be considered. A consensus was adopted at the meeting which calls for more cooperation and policy coordination to ensure safe, regular and orderly migration for the benefits of all.

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**IOM Partners with Private Sector to Combat Trafficking in Persons**



On the occasion of the World Day against Trafficking in Persons (TIP), celebrated every year on 30 July, the National Coordination Office for the Fight against Trafficking in Persons (BNLTEH) of Madagascar, with support from IOM, held an awareness-raising event on the risks of unsafe migration and TIP. The event was held in the main hall of the Antananarivo International Airport. This campaign has been funded by Ravinala Airports S.A. a consortium made up of Meridiam, Aéroports de Paris (ADP), Bouygues Bâtiment International (BBI) and Colas; which develops and manages the airports of Antananarivo and Nosy Be. Travellers and passers-by were given the opportunity to exchange with IOM and BNLTEH staffers on Trafficking in Persons in Madagascar, and to view a short animated video clip on the risks associated to unsafe international migration for purpose of labour. Counter-trafficking is not a sole responsibility of Governments. Counter-trafficking is a responsibility of the whole society. This campaign implemented with support from the private sector breaks ground in Madagascar and underlines the commitment of private sector stakeholders against TIP.

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## Mainstreaming Migration



As part of its “Mainstreaming Migration into International Cooperation and Development” (MMICD) project launched in April this year, IOM conducted a baseline assessment of migration inclusion in the two priority sectors of urban and rural developments in Madagascar in July. IOM also was the invitee of the “Matinées du développement rural” in August, where it presented the project and exchanged views with rural sector stakeholders.

## Counter-Trafficking



In July, IOM held the TIP knowledge confirmation training sessions for 28 in-service LEOs and member of the judiciary on prosecution and adjudication of TIP; and for 15 Victims of Trafficking identification, referral, and assistance stakeholders in the region of Boeny, one of the 6 priority regions of intervention of the TIP programme in Madagascar.

## CADRI Mission to Mauritius

The CADRI Partnership (regrouping IOM and other UN agencies) conducted an Assessment in Mauritius from 19 to 30 August, to strengthen the country capacities to reduce exposure and vulnerability to disaster and climate risk across sectors.

## Djibouti Delegation Visits Mauritius

A delegation comprised of government officials led by IOM Djibouti has participated in a study visit, with the aim to learn from their Mauritian counterparts on the labour migration policy, the electronic platforms for work permit and the skills and human capital valorization.

## Back to Mauritius: a Motorcycle for Independence

Mike (fictitious name), a young man (20 year-old) left Mauritius for vacation a year ago but found himself in some financial vulnerabilities. Being stranded for almost a year in Ireland, Mr. Mike learnt about the IOM Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration programme when requesting for assistance to return to Mauritius at the Ireland Immigration Authorities. Upon his return, Mike’s aunt accommodated him and his mother, while he searched for employment, to become financially independent. Mike hoped to find a job in the same field he worked in prior to his departure, however living in a remote area, with the unusual working hours, he found it hard to secure a position.

In July, IOM assisted Mike in acquiring a motorcycle, "That motorcycle helped me secure a job, which helps me support my family financially these past months and also helps me in the reconstruction of my house." Unfortunately Mike is no stranger to hardship, his family house was burnt down while he was in Ireland, "I am also very grateful for the support of my extended family in accommodating my mother and I, for the past year and assisting us to build back our home, and for IOM support in my reintegration, I feel independent now.

## Mauritian Delegation Visits Ghana to Exchange Practice on Diaspora Engagement



A delegation from Mauritius, comprised of 11 government officials, accompanied by representatives from IOM Mauritius and IOM Regional Office for Southern Africa, participated in a study visit to Ghana, from 9 to 12 September, to learn from and explore the good practices on diaspora engagement from the Government of Ghana.

This study visit consolidated the exchange of best practices between the two governments. Delegates were exposed to the know-how and techniques used by Ghana, which could be further replicated and adapted to the Mauritian context and to successfully utilize the strategic information to develop customized diaspora engagement initiatives for the short, medium and long terms.

This visit is another step in the project “Building the Capacity of the Mauritian Government to Strengthen Linkages with the Mauritian Diaspora”, launched in 2018 and funded by the IOM Development Fund. This visit has also been a catalyzer to the strategic and longstanding partnership between the two countries through south-south cooperation, spanning across two regions of the African continent, and that fosters the African Union’s Agenda 2063 on regional integration.

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