

Theme 7 Migration and skills transfer

Intra-Africa migration is already a socioeconomic reality on the continent. Labour moves to where it is needed and where it's paid for. If managed well, with intentional policies and agreements between the countries of the CFTA, it can become a powerful engine for economic growth and structural

transformation. This will become a critical factor for any pan-Africa strategy. Developing innovative approaches to building synergies between development and migration policies, though, will need to be drawn from a deep understanding of its causes and its impact.

Migrant occupations



Low-Skilled



Semi-skilled



Highly skilled



Migration can contribute to upskilling

Source: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Main intra-African migration corridors – stocks in 2017



Source: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)