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Presents

**African Conference on
Economic Migration**

Antwerp, July 6th 2018

**Theme: Integrative approaches for
sustainable solutions**

ACEC-2018

Migration remains among the biggest challenges faced in Europe, Africa and the rest of the world. The last couple of years have seen millions of migrants have flocked into Europe from the Middle East, Asia and Africa. While some migrants from Africa may be in a genuine need for protection, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) ascertains that 7 in 10 people found crossing the Sahara desert or the Mediterranean sea are not in fact legitimate refugees but are economic migrants.

Each year, Hundreds and thousands of young Africans who embark on the journey through the Sahara desert and the Mediterranean sea to get into Europe end up as victims to life-threatening insecurity, instability, exploitation and abuse. Since 2016, over 5000 migrants mainly from Africa have lost their lives or simply disappeared trying to cross the Mediterranean.



Thousands more die or disappeared on the Sahara desert on the journey through Morocco, Libya, Algeria or Tunisia

The conference is a platform to evaluate the current economic migration crisis, debunk the truths about



illegitimate routes and identify ways to engage local communities in Africa in efforts to control or contain the crisis. Guns and border control in Europe can not stop economic migration.

The ACEC-2018 will bring together individual participants, representatives of the civil society, other organizations and government agencies to deliberate on the subject. In conjunction with our Global Partners, we look forward to extending you a warm welcome in Antwerp..

Call for papers

We kindly ask scholars, policy makers, or practitioners, community and international organizations, academics and local government authorities for contributions and help to shape the conference. Please submit your paper by email to info@youthprojectafrica.org. Include: Title of Paper, Full Name (s), Current Position, Institutional Affiliation, and an email address. Preference shall be given to papers that cover these areas:

1. Engaging the local communities
2. Untold miseries of illegitimate routes
3. Role of Africans in the diaspora
4. The solution, in Europe or in Africa

If you wish to participate in the Conference without presenting a paper, for example, to chair a session, to evaluate papers which are to be included in the conference proceedings or any other contribution, please use the same email to contact us...

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