



**THEMATIC SESSION 6 INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS: IRREGULAR MIGRATION AND  
REGULAR PATHWAYS, INCLUDING DECENT WORK, LABOUR MOBILITY,  
RECOGNITION OF SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS, AND OTHER RELEVANT MEASURES  
12<sup>TH</sup> – 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2017**

**STATEMENT BY GHANA DELIVERED BY MR. ALEXANDER GRANT NTRAKWA,  
DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE, ON THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2017**

Thank you Mr. Moderator,

First of all, allow me to thank the panellists for their presentations.

Ghana believes that since migration pathways are not only South-North but also South-South, the Global Compact on Migration should seek to support and promote bilateral and multilateral joint labour migration initiatives through South-South and South-North cooperation, and should ensure that States commit to providing adequate resources to implement such joint programmes.

Also, we need to do more to assess the development potentials of South-South migration at the national, regional and inter-regional levels, and ensure that we consolidate the positive impacts of such movements, while at the same time mainstreaming migration policies and processes into development to reduce the negative impacts linked to human mobility, whether regular or irregular.

To ensure migration does not become an obligation but rather a genuine choice, the GCM should seek to urge States to commit to creating national policies that address the root causes of irregular migration in countries of origin, including the lack of decent employment opportunities.

Finally, Ghana is of the view that irregular migration could be reduced significantly if States in the global south could review rigid visa policies, while not compromising

on their national security, as a way of promoting intra-regional economic activity. Ghana has demonstrated commitment to this course by implementing in July 2016 of its visa-on-arrival policy to all African nationals.

I thank you, Mr. Moderator.