



# The Kampala Declaration on JOBS, LIVELIHOODS AND SELF RELIANCE FOR REFUGEES, RETURNEES AND HOST COMMUNITIES

*A promise for the region, an example for the world*

**28 March 2019**

# The process

The ministerial meeting was announced in the Nairobi declaration.

Discussed in the 9 months prior by the Ag Director Social Development of IGAD and a core group (EU, UNHCR, UNHCR, ILO, WB, REDSS).

Brought about a background paper and a shorter working paper \*



IGAD High Level Experts & Ministerial Meetings  
on Jobs, Livelihoods & Self Reliance for Refugees,  
Returnees and Host Communities



**IMPROVING  
LIVELIHOODS**  
FOR REFUGEES, RETURNEES  
AND HOST COMMUNITIES



WORKING PAPER

# Interesting overview of IGAD Member States NAP Commitments and Economic Inclusion Practices

# The Kampala expert meeting + ministerial conference 26-28 March, 2019

- Working Group 1: Policy and legislative frameworks for livelihoods and self-reliance;
- Working Group 2: The role of private sector and civil society;
- Working Group 3: Sustainable return and reintegration;
- Working Group 4: Regional coordination and partnerships, and;
- Working Group 5: Natural resource management for livelihoods and self-reliance.

# The content

Progressive, not legally binding

Expanding the right to work and access to labour markets

Access to land and financial inclusion

Participation in local development plans

Soliciting greater involvement of the private sector and auspicing speeding up the adoption of the protocol on free movement

# From here

## The right to work in the 1951 Convention

### Article 17

- Wage-earning employment
- **Lawfully staying**
- Treatment on par with **most favoured aliens** in the same circumstances
- *the most favourable treatment accorded to nationals of a foreign country in the same circumstances,*

### Article 18

- Self-employment
- **Lawfully in**
- Treatment as favourable as possible, and at least on par with **aliens generally** in the same circumstances

### Article 19

- Practicing liberal professions
- **Lawfully staying**
- Treatment as favourable as possible, and at least on par with **aliens generally** in the same circumstances

## *To here*

To develop, review and amend national policies and legislations to;

- a. Strengthen free movement of refugees within countries of asylum and simplify related procedures;
- b. Expand access to labour markets by simplifying procedures for accessing employment including work permits, self-employment and business opportunities;
- c. Improve access to services including justice, education, health, financial services and markets;
- d. Ensure the inclusion of the needs of refugees and returnees in national and local development plans;
- e. Ensure national and local development plans aimed at achieving social cohesion and equitable access to social and economic resources, as well as opportunities in refugee hosting areas are supported by the international community;
- f. Promote the equality of opportunity and treatment for all refugees in accordance to national policies and laws;
- g. Safeguard the freedom of non-political association and rights at work in accordance to national policies, laws and ratified international labour standards;

# What next?

- IGAD to follow up on the Action Plan

## For us :

Advocacy to fulfil commitments

Use language

Support countries in advancing legislation on the right to work and other economic rights + administrative procedures + reduce barriers + dissemination

Reiterate burden sharing of the GCR in creating opportunities and better economic condition in refugee hosting areas