

AN AFRICAN DREAM THAT PERISHED AT SEA: THE CASE OF AFRICAN MIGRANTS & ITS IMPLICATIONS ON INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

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ABSTRACT

This paper presents a logical argument that as much as the world may stand by and watch, lost lives at sea are lost skills and potential required to make Africa a force to reckon with. This paper poses a pertinent question as to who is responsible for the lives of many African migrants who are perishing at sea every other day and the consequences of this problem on industrial relations. These migrants are fleeing from civil wars, hunger and political oppressive governments, mostly from Nigeria, Gambia, Senegal, and Mali (Gwaambuka 2016). To the migrations it is a risky that they have to take, but what is riskier business for the world to watch doing nothing. Most Africans are in poverty stricken areas and they perceive Europe as their figurative, “Canaan” and a dangerous journey yet a necessary one. Lost labour is lost assert. Is there any hope in sight for the hopeless yet hopeful young African man and women who by all means wish to make a difference in their lives and those of their families back home? The methodology adopted for this paper is exploratory approach which is endeavours to provide sustainable solutions to a phenomenon and this instant to provide strategies for dealing with African migrant for both countries of origin, transit and destination. Of paramount importance is the willingness for affected European countries to seek a collaborative approach between themselves and Africa with a view to coming up with strategies for the management of refugees, a permanent resolution for African migrant.

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North

South

West

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