



## EDITORIAL

Migration creates challenges for stakeholders working on the ground to develop new operational methods that go beyond their countries' borders. Transnational cooperation is growing more and more indispensable for sustainable solutions to ensure the mobility of individuals and of workers in particular.

In this new PROMIG News issue, we have included some activities carried out in 2018. For us, it is about confirming the commitment of the unions, which are members of the Mediterranean - Sub-Saharan Migration Trade Union Network - RSMMS, a strategic partner of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation's project to experiment innovative actions at the bilateral or multilateral levels. The year 2019 will be a decisive one to flesh out the central role of this solidarity cooperation between the different trade union families in West Africa, North Africa and Europe in order to develop appropriate assistance and a coherent service offer related to the path of the migrant worker.

It is in this sense that the network organization of unions in the Mediterranean South and North for the promotion of the migrant workers' rights is potentially a source of renovation for trade union actions. This is a necessary condition for activating and enhancing the dialogue between social partners and for fostering migration policies that respect the workers' fundamental rights.

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## AREA I. THE SUPPORT OF MIGRANT WORKERS

### TUNISIA: Consultative Workshop of the Migrant Population of Sousse, February 17, 2019



A meeting with members of the migrant community of the Sousse region took place on Sunday 17 February. The workshop brought together around thirty participants and took place in the buildings of the UGTT Regional Union in the presence of the team of migrant focal points of the UGTT in the regions of Tunis, Mahdia and Medenine. The discussions focused mainly on the state of the art of the Tunisian legislation and the difficulties encountered. This meeting is organized in collaboration with ILO's FAIR project in order to bring migrants closer to Tunisian trade unions structures.

### TUNISIA: Standardization of Focal Points Methods and Tools, 2-3 December 2018



The third training session enabled the focal points of the member organizations to validate several working tools to structure their support and orientation activities for migrant workers. Twenty focal points from North Africa, West Africa and Europe: Algeria, Belgium, Benin, Burkina-Faso, Ivory Coast, France, Italy, Mali, Morocco, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Tunisia, worked together on tools and established a work schedule for the coming three months.

### MAURITANIA: Study visit of Malian unions in Mauritania, 16-19 July 2018



A delegation from Mali representing the National Union Alliance Migration (ASNAM), which is composed of two political leaders and two focal points of the UNTM and the CSTM, has had a work trip and shared experiences and information in Mauritania. The objective of the trip is to allow the Malian unions to enhance their skills and to grow more knowledgeable about the CGTM's experience and good practices, through its Guide Center for Migration. Discussions were also held with the office of the High Council of the Malian Diaspora (CSDM) as well as with his Excellency the Ambassador of Mali in Mauritania to enquire about the situation of Malian workers in Mauritania.

## SENEGAL: Exchanges about the CGIL-FLAI experience «Sindacato di strada», 5-7 July 2018



«Sindacato di strada» or «Trade Union Caravan» is an action carried out by Italian trade unions with undocumented workers who are exploited in agricultural areas of southern Italy. This action is based upon a transfer of skills in order to conduct a similar experiment with migrant workers in Senegal. Developed jointly by the CGIL-FLAI and the CARISM (Senegalese inter-union platform), the experience is designed in a partnership with the RSMMS, whose all African focal points took part in a joint training. The caravan will be submitted to a follow in order to capitalize the experience and to study its reproducibility in the different countries of the region.

## TUNISIA: Opening of two «migrant areas» by the UGTT, May 9, 2018



With the collaboration of BIT's FAIR project, the UGTT relies upon migrant workers in Tunisia. The opening of these spaces is the result of a series of consultations initiated in 2016 between the UGTT and migrant workers in different cities in the country. The two reception offices, located in Tunis and Sousse, have been opened in the presence of focal points of trade unions of Morocco, Mauritania, and Italy, RSMMS members. Two additional spaces will open their doors to migrant workers in main Tunisian cities in 2019.

## AREA II. THE SOCIAL DIALOGUE AS A VECTOR FOR RIGHTS-BASED MIGRATION POLICIES

### MALI: A Panel on Migrant Governance and Social Dialogue, Bamako Forum, 21-23 February 2019



In the 19<sup>th</sup> edition of Bamako Forum, this year the theme of migration dynamics between Europe and Africa was covered. This topic was tackled by a panel by shedding light on the role of social partners for a concerted governance of migrations and the mobility of migrant workers. Introduced by BIT's representative, the session covered a process of experiences in three regions represented in RSMMS: West Africa in Senegal, Mali and the Maghreb in Tunisia and finally Europe through French representatives from trade unions and from the Ministry of Labor. The discussions further analyzed the situation of migrant workers in the different regions covered by RSMMS. Discussions dealt also with the necessity of assistance about an integrated, rights-based approach for the development of migration policies.



## CÔTE D'IVOIRE: Labor Migration in Côte d'Ivoire: A challenge or an Opportunity, 30 January 2019



A panel discussion organized by the FES Abidjan office brought together representatives of the Ivorian state, international organizations, local associations and unions on the topic of labor migration in Côte d'Ivoire. Based on the presentation of a study on the Ivorian historical context, the discussions allowed us to compare the perspectives from the country's migratory profile and the historical role of migrants in the national construction of the socio-economic context. The role of trade unions and social dialogue has been emphasized to further regulate migration movements to and from Côte d'Ivoire, thereby reducing the risk of misinformation and manipulation that might be a source of tension.

## SENEGAL: Symposium on global governance of migration questions and the role of unions in the CNTS congress, November 16, 2018



"Overall dominated by security considerations, one can observe that single States are not able to work out policies facing to balance security, social and human considerations." As part of the pre-conference activities of the National Confederation of Workers of Senegal - CNTS, a dinner-debate was held on *Globalization, mobility, labor migration, global compact on migration: what is left for decent work?* Delegates from the congress as well as international guests who were in Dakar took part in the debates.

## TUNISIA: Migration - Towards a right-based approach, 13-14 November 2018



The International Relations Department of the Tunisian General Labor Union - UGTT has devoted its annual conference to the issue of the migrant workers' rights. With a focus on the situation of Tunisians living abroad and the issue of taking irregular workers in Tunisia in charge, the meeting allowed to provide a perspective to the national migration strategy of the country. The works have gathered trade unionists, representatives from state institutions and civil society actors.

## TUNISIA: Multinational companies and agreements on working conditions - Study Visit by Mauritanian Trade Unions in Tunisia, 7-9 September 2018



A trade union mission of the National Federation of Posts and Telecommunications of Mauritania went to Tunis as part of an expertise exchange on the situation of employees in the Mauritanian-Tunisian Telecoms Company (MATTEL) in which Tunisie Telecom is the main shareholder. This is the first time that a coordinated approach has been taken at the sectorial level by the Mauritanian and Tunisian unions in the presence of a representative from the Direction of Tunisie Telecom. The meeting discussed Mattel's Staff Regulations, the Company's strategic vision for competitiveness and the relations between the professionals and the local direction.

## AREA III. THE TRANSREGIONAL SOLIDARITY AND A HARMONIZED POSITION OF DIFFERENT TRADE UNION FAMILIES IN FAVOR OF EQUITABLE GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

### MOROCCO: Coordination of the Workers' Movement at the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, 4-12 December 2018



The presence and the contributions of the trade union organizations were visible during the main events organized in Marrakech during the intergovernmental conference. On the occasion of the International Meeting of the Peoples' Global Action (PGA), the workshops organized by the Public Services International (PSI) and the Civil Society Days of the Global Forum on Migration and Development, an active participation was enhanced by representatives of the RSMMS network, ATUMNET-CSI Africa and various trade union organizations with the support of FES. RSMMS reaffirmed its position on the final draft of the compact through a 12-point note in favor of migrant workers' rights and decent work for all. As a reminder, the RSMMS has maintained this advocacy throughout the process of negotiating the compact with the UN.

### SENEGAL: Consultative Workshop to Develop a Transnational Anti-Cliché Campaign on Migrant Workers- Dakar, 28-29 November 2018



A workshop was organized as part of the development of a transnational campaign against stereotypes towards migrant workers. Initiated by the PROMIG-FES project, the Dakar workshop is part of a series of consultations with a young audience, including trade unionists, in the three regions of West Africa, North Africa and Europe with a view to developing an anti-cliché booklet on migrants and jointly validate the messages and the methods for a common awareness campaign. This first event will be followed by a meeting in Tunis, then in Berlin.

## BRUSSELS: Awareness in favor of interregional cooperation and raising mission to the European authorities, 23-24 October 2018



A RSMMS delegation gathering the three trade union families' members of the network went to Brussels for a series of meetings with experts and representatives from European Institutions. The delegation also seized the opportunity to sensitize the Belgian FGTB and CSC unions about the importance of supporting concrete collaborations between trade unions from countries of origin, countries of transit and hosting countries. A working session between the representative of CSI and CES was held to capitalize the experiences made by the different regional union networks: RSMMS, ATUMNET and Migrant-Net.

## ITALY: Union Forum at the Sabir Festival, 11-14 October 2018



Following the invitation by the Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro - CGIL, several RSMMS delegates took part in the activities of the Sabir Festival in Palermo. The annual meeting gathered Italian/European, Maghrebian and African civil society actors. Several workshops were devoted to the trade union engagement on the issue of migration in the presence of the regional bodies CSI Arab / CES/ CSI Africa. The discussions allowed to expose the innovative activities promoted by the RSMMS such as the union caravan in Senegal, the migrant spaces in Tunisia and the establishment of a network for national focal points in Niger.

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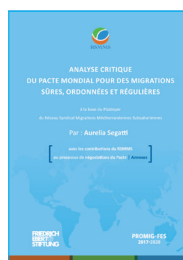
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## CALENDAR

### Area 1 |

**CÔTE D'IVOIRE:** Start of the migrant workers campaign of the national platform of the Côte d'Ivoire PCSM-CI – **April 2019.**

### Area 3 |

**TUNISIA:** Youth workshop on the anti-clichés campaign on migrant workers – **18 & 19 March 2019.**

**NIGERIA:** Annual coordination meeting of the ATUMNET network and the ITUC Africa – **May 2019.**

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