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REFLEXIONS

The Theatre of Global Migration: A Window into the African Experience

Migration is, arguably, one of the most debated issues in Europe presently. Conferences and seminars are held now and then to understand the phenomenon and how it has affected Europe in the last couple of decades. The European Union (EU) holds meetings with African leaders to develop common strategies on how to reduce the influx of migrants through the Mediterranean Sea, and the desire to exercise greater control of migration is said to be one of the reasons for the historic and stormy pull out of the United Kingdom (UK) from the EU. It is still too early to map the impacts and implications of the Brexit for migration into the UK and the rest of Europe but it will be monumental. However, what is often forgotten in all these is that migration is part of the history of the whole of humanity, not just Europe. Pope Francis underlines that the Bible as a whole recounts the history of a humanity on the move. Indeed, mobility is part of our human nature. Human history is made up of countless migrations... This is true both of individuals and of communities. [Read more](#)

DU BUREAU D'AEFJN

Turmoil in the EPAs Negotiations

The EU maintains pressure on African countries to advance in the EPAs negotiation process despite the resistance of some African governments and civil society. Discrepancies in the negotiations are leading to fragmentation both between regions and among countries in Africa, which is compromising efforts of regional integration in Africa. The most recent and surprising announcement comes from East African Community (EAC) where the Foreign Affairs permanent secretary of Tanzania told that his country had decided to halt the signing of EPAs scheduled to be signed on July 18th 2016. The EU makes use of its economic power pushing African countries to ratify and implement agreements which have not been ratified by their parliaments and that have only signed very recently. AEFJN has reiterated, along with many other civil society organizations that the liberalisation on trade in Africa will have harmful consequences and accentuate inequalities and poverty. [Read more](#)

Illegal Fishing: Extracting Wealth from West-African Waters

West Africa has become a hotspot for large commercial vessels from across the world: vessels from China, Europe, Russia and Korea all target African waters. However, African coastal states have benefited meagerly from the fishing activities in their waters, as 40% or more of the catches goes unreported. This accelerates the degradation of maritime environments and the depletion of fishing stocks, threatening local fishing economy. The problem of overfishing in western Africa the problem is severe due to the high rates of extraction of several species for commercial use, which has brought them on the brink of extinction as a consequence. The main culprit is illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU). A lack of strong international governance is at the hearth of this problem. [Read more](#)

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Gender Equality in Nigeria; Inheritance

Inheritance in Nigeria is complex. Culture being fundamental to Nigerian society; present at the grassroots and throughout national discourse and institutions, Nigeria's hampering of gender empowerment perhaps derives from the refusal of western ideals, as well as having traditions deep rooted in a harmonising society, therefore need to remain unchanged . Recently Nigeria booted the gender and equalities opportunity bill presented by Senator Abiodun Olujimi, leading others to question as to why a bill advocating basic human rights for women has no place in an upcoming global powerhouse. At present, like most countries today, Nigeria is absorbed by gender inequality; whilst the latter is a concept of heated controversy globally, and prominent in Nigeria's constitutional and social framing, this article aims to provide insight into male inheritance and gender mainstreaming against the backdrop of a complex paradox; customs versus universal legislation. [Read more](#)

VOIX DU RESEAU

EDISA, une initiative importante de l'association Foi et Justice du Cameroun

L'association Foi et Justice du Cameroun est l'antenne camerounaise de AEFJN. Elle nous a fait parvenir son premier bulletin d'information et de sensibilisation du grand public sur les actions visant à l'amélioration de la justice sociale... L'antenne de l'AEFJN -Belgique est très heureuse d'apprendre que les 2 principaux thèmes de sensibilisation de l'antenne Foi et Justice du Cameroun sont les mêmes que les siens. Ces 2 thèmes, à savoir, l'acquisition des terres à grandes échelles et la lutte contre les faux médicaments.

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New Member of the Office

For the month of July, AEFJN has welcomed a new stagier on Communication. Ignacio Machuca was born in Sevilla in 1997 and is currently doing studies in journalism at the University of Seville. He is realizing tasks in communication at the Secretariat and helping to the team in daily tasks. He manages new technologies, and he is interested in trade and international relations. He has experience in other communication jobs, and will be with us until the end of July. [Read more](#)

PLAIDOYER

Letter to the INTA members at the European Parliament

The European Commission has proposed delegated acts that would withdraw preferential market access from 6 African ACP countries: Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Botswana, Namibia and Swaziland. The Secretariat has contact with some members of the INTA group of the European Parliament and sent personal letters asking to reject these proposals as they have no ground and would unnecessarily cause economic damage to many developing countries in Africa. [Read more](#)

VIDEO

[OXFAM on tax: Byanyima argues for states co-operation in tax](#)

Video Tax Evasion in Nigeria (2 min)

[How does offshore finance work ?](#)

Interactive game on offshore finance.

[L'Afrique, victime de la fuite des capitaux illicites](#)

Africa victim of illicit financial flows. (3 min)