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ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP

Youth4Policy is an initiative of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung aimed at empowering the next generation of policy experts to meaningfully contribute to policy analysis and public debates. Youth4Policy serves as a capacity development lab for youth leaders from a diverse spectrum of backgrounds such as academia, civil society, and public service with a motivation to research and analyze specific policy questions from a youth perspective. Particularly for the next five years, the fellowship program shall attract young researchers who are interested to study and explore pertinent policy questions around migration and forced displacement issues in Uganda and South Sudan.

BACKGROUND CONTEXT: MIGRATION AND FORCED DISPLACEMENT IN UGANDA

Migration is an important phenomenon in Uganda's history and present. It is captured in key narratives about Uganda as a refugee sending and refugee receiving country, not to mention its impacts on the economic fortunes of the nation. Uganda has come to be defined by its generous refugee-hosting model, a novel, internationally recognized permissible approach to receiving and integrating displaced persons. But the country's troubled socio-political history has led to the emigration of Ugandans across the globe over time, creating a sizeable Ugandan diaspora on the continent and beyond. Indeed, more recently, economic challenges at home have motivated a concerted effort to systematize labor migration or labor export as a strategy for human resource management and economic development.

From the above background, a plethora of fundamental questions ensue: what policy options, processes, structures, and instruments are necessary to ensure the full and efficient functioning of the migration and refugee management order in Uganda? What key values and principles should inform it? What actors and institutions should shape it? And how should it be actualized? What are geopolitical aspects of migration and force-displacement in Uganda? Throughout 2022, the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) shall work with 20 fellows to analyze and attempt to find answers to these questions. In doing so, the fellows shall produce well-informed opinion articles, blogs, and policy briefs that provide relevant



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recommendations to stakeholders working in the field of refugee and forced-displacement management.

The fellows shall participate in a series of activities, such as workshops, conferences, roundtable discussions, and fieldwork. During the fellowship, the fellows shall be supported to produce well-researched newspaper-style articles that shall be published on different platforms. The complete the fellowship, the fellows shall also be supported to produce well-researched policy papers that address fundamental policy questions around migration and forced displacement issues in Uganda and beyond.

BENEFITS TO THE FELLOWS

The Y4P Migration Fellowship offers young professionals an unparalleled opportunity to spend six months gaining both academic and field experience working in the niche area of refugee, forced displacement, and migration, and being part of a movement to build an inclusive and responsive pro-youth policy landscape.

The Fellows will work directly with migrant and refugee communities across Uganda and will have the rare chance to access key stakeholders and experts in the field. Throughout the Programme, the Fellows will be trained in key public policy topics as well. Ultimately, the fellows shall be equipped with relevant tools to enable them to protect the rights of displacement populations, contribute to ongoing advocacy and policy-making efforts and undertake path-breaking research and work in the field. Fellows will also have exposure to the workings of KAS' key partners and collaborators, which includes UN agencies, CSOs, and the relevant state MDAs.

Moreover, the Y4P Migration Fellowship can be used as a springboard toward a wide range of academic and professional opportunities in the future. Y4P and KAS alumni have gone on to pursue careers in the development sector including within the UN system and graduate degrees, other prestigious academic fellowships, and PhDs.



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KEY OUTCOMES OF THE FELLOWSHIP

At the end of the fellowships, participants shall be able to gain both general and specific skills as outlined below;

General Skills

- Capacity to express and use theoretical concepts related to migration and forced displacement studies.
- Ability to maintain an argumentation about topics related to migration and forced-displacement based on an initial diagnosis of the situation and the formulation of hypotheses
- Capacity to search, manage, analyze, interpret, produce and apply information related to concrete topics concerning migration and forced displacement, from a thematic and sectorial point of view.
- Ability to solve problems related to migration and forced-displacement studies on a short and long-term basis, applying a critical perspective.
- Generate new ideas around the research on migration and forced displacement.
- Working as a team on joint projects.
- Capacity to work with topics related to migration and forced displacement guided by ethical values and empathy.

Specific Skills

- Identify the substantial contribution and the focus of a piece of research or study related to migration and forced displacement.
- Identify the main actors and institutions of multilevel governance in migration and forced displacement.
- Identify the basic factors governing discourses and political narratives on migration and forced migration.
- Discriminating favorable and unfavorable factors in the development and implementation of the migration and force-displacement policies.



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- Be able to see things from the perspective of a migrant and a forcefully displaced person and understand the particularities of the migrant's life conditions.
- Use the analytical levels Macro/Meso/Micro and top-down versus bottom-up perspectives

KEY LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Describe in detail the main trends of human mobility, migration, and forced displacement policies and their social repercussions and theoretical foundations.
- Explain some of the main processes of social transformation migration-related and the needs for diversity management.
- Design and plan a piece of research based on the definition of a problem related to migration and forced displacement at the conceptual, theoretical, and empirical levels.
- Evaluate and interpret the main theoretical and empirical scholarly and scientific debates that exist in Uganda and beyond on the migration and forced displacement arena.

KEY DELIVERABLES

- **Newspaper-style articles:** during the fellowship, each fellow shall be expected to write at least three newspaper-style articles. It is expected that working hand-in-hand with the fellows, the articles shall be published in renowned newspapers in Uganda and beyond. These articles shall also be published on the KAS websites.
- **Policy Briefs:** to complete the fellowship, fellows shall also be expected to produce a policy brief that shall be published by KAS.
- **Other conferences:** Optionally, if a fellow is desirous to present his/her research idea for consideration to be presented in our conference both in Uganda and abroad, KAS shall cover the cost of travel, meals, and accommodation if required.



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STRUCTURE OF THE FELLOWSHIP

The fellowship shall run over six months facilitated through intermittent lectures, seminars, and fieldwork.

- **Lecture sessions:** the main purpose is to frame theoretically a particular topic/discussion within a particular debate. 10 lecturer sessions shall be organized during the fellowship.
- **Seminar sessions:** the purpose is to enter into a particular debate deepening some additional aspects of the Lecture session. This activity will be organized by at least two fellows. Participation of other fellows will be appreciated during the session.
- **Field works:** there shall be two types of fieldwork, namely, joint and individual fieldwork. The purpose of the field works is to immerse fellows in the experiences of the forcefully displacements fellows or immigrants and also enable the fellows to glean practical insights into these experiences to make them draw logical conclusions for their research projects.
- **Roundtable Discussion:** A series of roundtable discussions shall be organized to enable fellows to share their research findings with key experts in the field of migration and force-displacement.

SEMINARS, FIELDTRIPS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

Workshop 1 (start/mid-July): The foundations of migration and forced-displacement: politics and public policies

Key questions:

- a. What are the key concepts in international migration and forced displacement studies?
- b. Why do people decide/are forced to migrate? The demographics, economics, and culture of migration.



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- c. Who makes the migration decision? Why are so many women migrating / forcefully displaced today?
- d. What role do migrant/refugee networks play in the migration decision?
- e. What role do governments, brokers, and agencies play in shaping migration/refugee flows?
- f. How do migrants/refugees decide where to go?
- g. Uganda Refugee Act 2006, favorable or not?

Facilitators: Experts from the OPM, UNHCR, IOM, academia

Workshop 2 (start/mid-August): Impact of migration and forced-displacement

- a. What happens to migrants after their migration?
- b. How do migrants transform their origins and destinations?
- c. What is the impact of toxic nationalism migration and forced displacement?
- d. How does migration affect families?
- e. What are the drivers and why should we pay more attention to irregular Migration and human trafficking?
- f. High-Skilled migration (brain drain, brain gain, brain circulation)

Facilitators: MoIA, IOM, Academia,

Workshop 3 (start/mid-Sept): The geopolitics of migration and forced displacement

- a. Migration governance in the European Union
- b. The geopolitics of human mobility in the Mediterranean
- c. Refugee management with the EAC region
- d. Global governance frameworks of migration and forced-displacement
- e. AU-EU Migration governance agenda

Field Trip to Rhino Refugee Settlement (end of Oct): Uganda's refugee policy in practice

- a. Participating in activities organized by KAS' partner in the refugee settlement site.



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- b. Interviewing refugees and relevant government officials and representatives of development partners.

Roundtable Discussion Series (Oct-Nov): Dissemination of findings of research projects conducted by Y4P Fellows

Publications (Nov-Dec): Publishing policy papers written by fellows