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**MACARTHUR PROGRAMME WORKSHOP**  
**African Perspectives on Human Mobility**  
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**Report**

**Introduction**

From Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, the International Migration Institute at the University of Oxford hosted the first workshop of the African Perspectives on Human Mobility Programme. Colleagues attended from the four partner institutions involved in the Programme:

- Department of International Relations, University of Lubumbashi, DR Congo
- Centre for Migration Studies, University of Ghana
- University of Ibadan, Nigeria
- Mohamed V University, Rabat, Morocco

In addition to these colleagues and members of the team from the International Migration Institute, a number of researchers from within the University of Oxford with experience of collaborative research projects were invited to join in workshop discussions.

Simultaneous interpreting was used throughout to facilitate communication between Anglophone and Francophone researchers.

**Objectives of Workshop**

The workshop was organised to allow researchers to present and discuss their draft research proposals, with a focus mainly on methodological aspects. A further objective was to establish coherency between the projects and develop an overall conceptual framework for the Programme.

**Summary of workshop sessions**

Following presentations of the draft research proposals from DR Congo, Ghana, Nigeria and Morocco, discussions on the first day centred around the conceptual framework of the proposals, the objectives of the proposed research and methodological aspects of the proposed research.

The second day of the workshop focussed on overall programme objectives, the identification of similarities and differences between the four projects and a discussion of research methods.

Finally the third day continued discussions on ethics and methodology related to the projects with the afternoon session moving on to issues linked to writing country

profile papers and bibliographies for the first phase of the programme along with practical aspects of the programme such as copyright and authorship.

### **Moving forward**

This workshop aimed to stimulate discussion around the proposed research projects with a view to situating the proposals within an overall conceptual framework and to look in depth particularly at methodological aspects. As a result of these discussions, research projects will be revised and then presented at the upcoming African Migrations Workshop in Rabat at the end of November.