

International Conference on Migration 2026

Migration and Artificial Intelligence – Governance, Ethics and Future Pathways

Organized by	Migration Observatory Lab & Centre for African Studies (CEAUP) - FLUP, University of Porto
Venue	Instituto Pernambuco, Rua das Estrelas 143, Porto, Portugal
Dates	1–3. of July 2026
Format	Hybrid conference (Online via Zoom)

Conference Program

Day 1

In person: Instituto Pernambuco, Conference room

1 st of July		
09h00-09h30	Registration	
09h30-10h00	Opening Session Akinwale Roy Ojomo (CEAUP) Maciel Santos (CEAUP) Francisco Topa (CEAUP) FLUP Dean – Paula Pinto Costa University of Porto Rector – Pedro Nuno Teixeira	
10h00-10h30	Keynote Speech: Koko Warner (IOM Global Data Institute)	
Panel 1	AI-Driven Migration Governance, Ethics and Global Systems – Part 1	
Panel Chair:	Felix Ayoh Omidire – Institute for Asian and African Studies, Humboldt University of Berlin	
10h30-10h45	Remi Alapo	Black-Box Mobility Management: Gendered and Racialized Inequality in AI-Driven Africa–Europe Migration Systems
10h45-11h00	Abdulrahim Mohammed Abubakar	Navigating the Digital Frontier: AI-Driven Migration Governance in the Global South
11h00-11h15	Emmanuel Adomako	Algorithmic Decision-Making in Migration Governance: Ethics, Accountability and the Rule of Law in Practice
11h15-11h30	Emmanuel Abiodun Aikulola & Sunday Oyebamiji	AI-Driven Migration Systems and Global Governance: Ethical Implications and Future Policy Pathways
11h30-11h45		Discussion
11h45-12h00		Coffee break
Panel 2	AI-Driven Migration Governance, Ethics and Global Systems – Part 2	
Panel Chair:	Felix Ayoh Omidire – Institute for Asian and African Studies, Humboldt University of Berlin	

12h00-12h15	Mukhtar O. Omiyeni	Harnessing explainable hybrid deep learning for proactive migration governance: Integrating early warning systems with ethical safeguards
12h15-12h30	Olumide Oyewole Oyeade	Rethinking an African Complementarity Principle for Sustainable Development in the AI Age
12h30-12h45	Ojo, Oluyemi Christianah	Parent's perceptions on the use of AI-powered language translator for school children's classroom teaching and learning in Portugal schools
12h45-13h00	Irene Ogede	Beyond Data: Migrant Narratives in AI Systems
13h00-14h00		Lunch
Panel 3 Border Technologies, Surveillance and Digital Control Panel Chair: Jorge Sebastiao – Co-Founder @BBurgh & EcoX AI		
14h00-14h15	Ayeson Alexander	Digital Surveillance and Biometrics in Migration Governance
14h15-14h30	Joseph Musa Batet	Artificial Intelligence in the Fight Against Smuggling of Migrants
14h30-14h45	Ngozi L. Uzomah	MIDAS Technology, Border Management, and Regional Integration
14h45-15h00	Adetayo Sowale	Unequal Technological Advancement and AI-Driven Migration Control Between Africa and Europe
Panel 4 Gender, Race and Social Inequality in Migration Panel Chair: Remi Alapo – CUNY York College, New York		
15h00-15h15	Esuga, Folusho Toyin	AI and Migration: Gender, Racial Biases, and Global Motility in the Digital Age
15h15-15h30	Omolayo Idowu Oyebamiji	AI, Migration, and Gender-Based Violence: Emerging Risks for Nigerian Women Abroad
15h30-15h45	Chinekpebi Ngozi Anyanwu	Revisiting Social and Gender Inequality Among Immigrant Learners in South Africa
Panel 5 Diaspora, Digital Identity and Transnational Futures Panel Chair: Akinwale Roy Ojomo, Lead Researcher MOP, CEAUP		
15h45-16h00	Iniobong Obot Utere & Temitope Awe	Digital Remittances and AI: Transforming Transnational Nigerian Economies
16h00-16h15	Israel Sunday & Ademola Ogunlade	Digital Transnationalism and Nigerian Diaspora Identity in the Age of AI
16h15-16h30	Christopher Chijike Nworah	From Lagos to Europe: AI, Social Networks, and Migrant Adaptation Strategies
16h30-16h45	Sunny Edward Imoekor	Brain Waste in the Age of AI: Nigerian Migrants and Credential Recognition in Europe
16h45-17h00		Discussion and Wrap-Up of the Day 1
End of Day 1		

Day 2
In person: Instituto Pernambuco, Conference room

2 nd of July		
09h00-09h30	Keynote Speech: Bisi Obateru (Just I Guide, Founder)	
Panel 6		
Gender, Race and Social Inequality in Migration		
Panel Chair: Vasco Malta, Director IoM		
09h30-09h45	Dumiso Gatsha	Justice Beyond Borders and Binaries: Decolonising Migration Governance Systems
09h45-10h00	Akor Lucky	Digital Colonialism and Algorithmic Bias in Migration Governance
10h00-10h15	Paul Kariuki	Africa, AI, and Migration Futures: The Kenyan Case
10h15-10h30	Sebsib Hadis	AI-Enhanced Diaspora Governance: Revising Ethiopia's Policy for Ethical Global South Pathways
10h30-10h45		Discussion
10h45-11h00		Coffee-break
Panel 7		
Migration, Labour and Economic Futures		
Panel Chair: Sunday Israel – Doctoral Researcher, University Institute of Lisbon		
11h00-11h15	Immaculeta Enya	From Fields to Borders: Digital Inequality, Labour Migration, and the Future of Work in West Africa
11h15-11h30	Olalekan Adisa	Artificial Intelligence, Labor Mobility, and the Political Economy of Global Workforce Transformation
11h30-11h45	Sosina Yitay	Digital Mediation and Urban Inequality: Migrants Access, Governance, and Socioeconomic Integration in Addis Ababa
11h45-12h00		Discussion
12h00-13h00		Lunch
Panel 8		
Policy Innovation, Legal Frameworks and Institutional Responses		
Panel Chair: David P. France – Project Facilitator, International Conference on Migration 2026		
13h00-13h15	Daniel Olisa Iweze	Assessing IOM-EU Partnership Interventions in the Reintegration of Irregular Migrants
13h15-13h30	Adegboyega Joseph Ajibade	AI-Enabled Alternative Dispute Resolution in Nigeria-UK Tourism Business Relations
13h30-13h45	Adedeji Odunayo Oso	Digitalising Migration Governance and Institutional Responses to Irregular Migration
13h45-14h00	Olalekan Adisa, Daniel Oladiran, Olushola Margaret	Human-Centered Policy Frameworks for Ethical Artificial Intelligence in Migration Governance
14h00-14h15		Discussion
14h15-14h30		Coffee Break

Panel 9 Graduate Student Panel		
Panel Chair: David P. France – Project Facilitator, International Conference on Migration 2026		
14h30-14h45	Emmanuel Oludayo	AI, Misinformation, and Migration Aspirations: The Role of Algorithmic Systems in Shaping Uninformed Mobility Decisions in Nigeria
14h45-15h00	Peter Goshen	Nigerian-Europe Migration and Its Impact on Families and Marriages
15h00-15h15	Nino Tandailashvili	How Displaced Youth Sustain Their Livelihoods and Manage Economic Challenges in IDP Camps
15h15-15h30	Aderinsola Omoboye Oluwatobi	Integrating Gender Perspectives into AI-Driven Migration Governance
15h30-15h45	Alapo Gbadebo	Orchestrating the Digital Gateway: A Practitioner's Reflection on Global Conference Readiness
15h45-16h00		Discussion
Final roundtable: Future Pathways for Ethical AI and Migration Governance		
16h00-17h00	Akinwale Roy Ojomo, Remi Alapo, Maciel Santos	
END of Day 2		

Day 3

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3rd of July	
10h00-11h00	Wrap-Up of the Conference
11h00-12h00	Closing session: Akinwale Roy Ojomo and Maciel Santos
End of the Conference	

Organising Committee: Akinwale Roy Ojomo (Conference Convener) ; David P. France (Conference Facilitator) ; Israel Sunday (Conference Coordinator) ; Remi Alapo (Conference Coordinator) and Natalija Lazevski (Conference Coordinator)

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