

## Third session of the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent

Dear PFPAD,

Sharing my statement and recommendations from the Africa Non-state Actors Platform on GCM/GFMD and Global Research Forum on Diaspora and Transnationalism (GRFDT).

Recommendations on migration governance, diaspora and human rights linkages for session consideration:

- 1. PFPAD to include a wider diversity of African diaspora actors and organisations from various regions (especially Asia, Pacific and Europe) in the working mechanisms of PFPAD to leverage on their strength and work**
- 2. Maintain for future PFPAD sessions the culture thematic area and the role of indigenous knowledge - that is a soft power to be harnessed.**
- 3. PFPAD to issue a statement or call for critical voices on the growing anti-African migrant sentiments in the politics and societies of Europe, which promote the cherry-picking unequitable approach in new partnerships, pacts and pools on migration and talent mobility as well as double standards in granting humanitarian migration pathways.**
- 4. PFPAD future sessions to include migration governance as a thematic focus as was done in 2nd PFPAD session.**
- 5. PFPAD to endorse intentional linkages between international civil society working group with a migration focus with working groups in other consultative processes (GCM, GFMD, among others) that have a race and migration focus. Organisations such as GRFDT, BAJI and other alliances can co-lead this.**
- 6. PFPAD to call member states to reframe the discourse of the rights of people of African descent including its migrants and diasporas as Human rights.**