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I think most will agree that migration has and still is today one of the most important issues of the relationship between Africa and Europe. For sustainable and honest relations between the two continents, migration should be one of the priorities for the Africa- EU Partnership.

Migration is and has always been a human phenomenon through the years. Some scholars have argued that migration is a human right.

Yet, it has been one of the most violated rights through history.

The lack of human rights-based migration policies between Africa and Europe drives to constant violations of those rights. By not advocating and asking for change, we are giving power to smugglers and human traffickers.

So how can we turn that fact around?

How can the Africa-EU Partnership contribute towards a positive change?

Over the years, we have made it harder and harder for people to move in hopes that it will limit or stop the migration phenomenon. But history has proven us that people will always find ways to move whether it is by force or by choice and no matter how hard it gets.

As the current migration policies have failed us, I think it is safe to say that time has come for human rights-based migration policies.

So here I am today, advocating to both African and European decision makers that time has come for regular and safer migration policies between the two continents.

As the UN Global compact on Migration puts it: "Migration is a global reality, which no country can address on its own. It requires global solutions and global responsibility sharing, based on international cooperation."

With the UN Global compact on Migration, we can no longer say that we lack concrete solutions as it provides concrete recommendations and guidelines for safe, orderly and regular migration.

This is our opportunity to engage Africa and the EU in implementing the Global compact. Let's not miss it!

By engaging countries in implementing safer migration mechanisms, both Africa and Europe will benefit from it on many levels.

It will:

- Reduce irregular migration
- Limit human rights violations
- Contribute to better border management

By implementing proper mechanisms, not only will we save lives but we will also promote a positive impact of migration on social and economic development for both continents.

Human migration can sound as an impossible problem to tackle as it is a very complex phenomenon.

But no generation in history has achieved change because it was easy.

Whether it is the women's rights to vote movement, the LGBT rights movement or the civil rights movement, all of these important social and political movements faced a lot of challenges to achieve change.

Migration may seem today as an impossible problem to tackle but I strongly believe that if we all take our part of responsibility and work together on these issues, we are giving ourselves a chance to be known as a generation that fought for change and implemented safer and regular migration mechanisms.

As I am an optimistic at heart, I dare to believe that we are that generation.