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The role of digital technology in constraining migration in Africa:
A reflection of the role of the European Union

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Abstract

Existing literature and theories ascertain the important role digital technology plays in enhancing migration in Africa. Digital technology affects every aspect of migration including providing access to information, pre-migration, during migration, and in destination countries; facilitating remittances, helping migrants stay connected to family. Also, digital technology does not only limit the natural fundamental rights of people to move but also perpetuates a culture of domination in global politics between the global north and the global south. My discussion will focus on how digital technology reveals the extent of global inequality but also how the externalization of European borders through digital technology limits the movement of Africans not only to Europe but within Africa.

Biography

Cletus Muluh Momasoh, comes from a multi-disciplinary background in Political Science, Development Studies, and Sociology. His research interests focus on African migration, global inequality, social movement, and social theory. In addition to lecturing several courses in the Department of Sociology at the University of Cape Town (UCT), he is a part-time researcher with the Scalabrini Institute of Human Mobility in Africa (SIHMA), from which he seeks to build bridges between migrants and their host communities through several interventions implemented by the organization. He is also a member of the Migration and Mobility Research Group at UCT.