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**PGA Sub-regional Parliamentary Seminar on  
Immigration, Naturalization and Integration in West  
Africa**

**Assemblée Nationale, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire  
February 16-18, 2002**

**Day 1 - February 16, 2002**

- *Arrival of Participants*
- *Check in at hotel Tiama*
- *Distribution of conference materials*

**Day 2 - February 17, 2002**

**10:00 – 11:15            Opening Session**

- *Welcome address by Dep. Molle Molle, Vice Président, Assemblée Nationale, Côte d'Ivoire*
- *Opening address by HE Assi N'Guessan Pascal, Premier Ministre de la Côte d'Ivoire*
- *Remarks by Ambassador Emile Gauvreau, Canada*
- *Remarks by Ambassador Peter van Leeuwen, The Netherlands*
- *Introductory remarks on background to the current seminar, Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah, Second Deputy Speaker of Ghana, President of PGA*

**11:15 – 11:30            Coffee Break**

**11:30 – 13:00            Session I: Cross-border migration and regional security concerns**  
**Chair – Ivorian MP, TBA**

**11:30 – 11:50 - Presentation 1** – *Development of regional cross-border migration into Côte d'Ivoire, Mrs. Ndioro Ndiaye, Deputy Director General, International Organization on Migration*

**11:50 – 12:20 - Presentation 2** – *Displacement, border insecurity, regional security concerns and the impact on the democratic transition process, Dep. Windyelle Sawadogo, MP, Burkina Faso, and Dep. Oumou Ba Sangaré, MP, Mali*

**12:20 – 13:00 - Discussants** – *Dep. Simon Pierre Nikragbo Mobio, MP, Cote d’Ivoire*  
*Other Members of the Parliament of Cote d’Ivoire, TBA*

**13:00 – 14:30**            **Lunch**

**14:40 – 17:30**            **Session II: Legislative Review of Constitutional Impact of Immigration Issues**  
**Chair – Mr. Albert Koenders, MP, The Netherlands**

**14:40 – 15:00 - Presentation 1** – *Immigration, Naturalization and Integration and the rights of Citizens, Mrs. Johanne Levasseur, Senior Counsel, Human Rights Law Section, Department of Justice (Canada)*

**15:00 – 15:20 - Presentation 2** – *Civil and Political Rights in West Africa, Mr. Albin Bagbin, MP, Ghana, and Dep. Albert-Bocco Sinatoko, MP, Benin*

**15:20 – 15:40 - Presentation 3** – *The Immigration Situation in Quebec, Dep. Yves Rocheleau, MP, Canada*

**15:40 - 16:20 - Discussants** – *Dep. Adamou Moumouni Djermakoye, MP, Niger*  
*Mr. Oussama Cherribi, MP, The Netherlands*

**17:00 – Press Conference, Assemblée Nationale**

**20:00 – Dinner, Hosted by HE Mamadou Koulibaly, President of the National Assembly, Côte d’Ivoire, Assemblée Nationale**

<b>Day 3 – February 18, 2002</b>
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**9:30 – 11.15**            **Session III: The Economic and Social Implications of Immigration, Naturalization and Integration**  
**Chair – TBA**

**9:30 – 10:00 - Presentation I** - *Mr. Prosper Poukouta, Senior Population Expert, Sustainable Development and Poverty Reduction Unit, The African Development Bank Group*

**10:00 – 10:20 - Presentation II** - *Ms. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Senior Advisor and West/Central Africa Representative of the Modern Africa Fund Managers, Chairman and CEO of Kormah Investment and Development Corporation*

**10:20 – Presentation III** – *Mrs. Fatima Nagdee-Hajaig, MP, South Africa*

**10:40 – 11:15 - Discussants-** *Mr. Oussama Cherribi, MP, The Netherlands*  
*Mr. Levi Oguike, MP, Nigeria*

- 11:15 – 11:30**                    **Coffee Break**
- 11:30 – 13:00**                    **Session IV: Discussion of Final Document**  
**Chair** – *Dep. Molle Molle, Vice Président, Assemblée Nationale, Côte d’Ivoire ; and TBA*
- 13:00 – 14:00**                    **Lunch**
- 14:00 – 15:30**                    **Closed Drafting Committee Session**  
*Rapporteur: Mrs. Johanne Levasseur, Special Legal Consultant to the Canadian Ministry of Justice, Human Rights Section*
- 16:00 – 17:00**                    **Session V: Closing Session**  
**Chairs** - *Dep. Molle Molle, Vice Président, Assemblée Nationale, Côte d’Ivoire, Hon. Theresa Tagoe, Deputy Minister of Works and Housing, Ghana*
- *Presentation of final draft document*
  - *Discussion and incorporation of comments and amendments*
- 17:00 – 17:20**                    **Coffee Break**
- 17:20 – 19:00**                    **Closing Statements and Presentation and Adoption of Final Document**
- 20:00 -**                                **Dinner Hosted by PGA Deputy Members, Cote d’Ivoire, Assemblée Nationale**

**NB:** *Each presentation will be followed by discussion with interventions from MPs of the Parliaments of: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana, European Union, Mali, the Netherlands, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal and South Africa*

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