

## JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME!

Volunteering at SIHMA is an interesting, stimulating, and unique opportunity that guarantees a valuable learning experience. We aim to make voluntary placement a fruitful exchange, both for SIHMA and for your skills and personal development.

### 3. TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Teaching and training are essential for ensuring migrants access to, and knowledge about, their rights and ensuring their dignity. SIHMA offers this opportunity through:

- Training courses for governmental institutions and civil society
- Training courses for or pastoral agents of migration
- Roundtables and workshops with universities, study centres and relevant stakeholders to discuss and elaborate on migration models, development, human rights and related topics.

### 4. EVENTS

We organise and promote workshops, events, screenings and symposiums to help the understanding of human mobility at different levels. We are active in producing and promoting documentaries, videos and other media products for a more interactive and accessible knowledge of the migratory phenomenon all around the continent.

*In recent years the focus of the traumas around the refugee and migrant experiences has been largely seen through its impacts on and narratives emerging from Europe and North America. Sadly the clamor on those continents has rendered **the vast movement of people in Africa** almost invisible and silent. SIHMA stands amongst the few institutions in Africa that seeks to **understand the multiple dynamics that contribute to such accompaniment**. SIHMA is committed to providing a thorough intellectual grounding, through sound analysis and the development of a rights-based praxis and pointed advocacy for displaced persons. Without such research and without developing life-giving synergies, the entire accompaniment process would be faulty and soulless. Thus, SIHMA provides **a vital service to understanding the realities of the vulnerable people on the move** and developing paths beyond the pathologies that often ensnare them. This is an exceptionally valuable service. I think of SIHMA as **a laboratory for new and creative ways of crafting life-giving environments, a platform for multidisciplinary conversations in this contested domain and an energy for doing advocacy that allows the continent, in the poignant words of the Nobel laureate Chief Albert Luthuli, 'to be a home for all.'** SIHMA is already a microcosm of this shared home and **a place where study is at the service of growth into a fuller humanity.***

Peter John Pearson, CPLO Director

The program also provides for participation in other programs of the Scalabrini Centre and in activities related to our network. SIHMA offers a 3-month position for an **administrative and communications volunteer** and a 6-month position for a **research volunteer**. A detailed description of the two positions is available in our website. For more information, please contact us at [admin@sihma.org.za](mailto:admin@sihma.org.za).



# SIHMA

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## PEOPLE BEHIND THE FIGURES

UNDERSTANDING MIGRATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA  
AND ON THE WHOLE AFRICAN CONTINENT

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# SIHMA

## WHO WE ARE

Founded in 2014, the **Scalabrini Institute for Human Mobility in Africa (SIHMA)** is a research institute and non-profit organisation advocating for the rights of migrants and refugees. **Blessed J.B. Scalabrini** founded, in 1887, the Missionaries of St. Charles (Scalabrinians), a Congregation of the Catholic Church devoted to the care of migrants, refugees, seafarers and people on the move. These missionaries work in South Africa and more than 30 countries in the world, according to the Scalabrini ethos and inspired by universal values such as **respect for human dignity and diversity**.

Since its establishment, SIHMA has gained good visibility and has formed solid partnerships with research institutes and civil society organisations in Africa.

### OUR VISION

is an Africa where the human rights of people on the move are ensured, and their dignity is promoted.

### OUR MISSION

is to conduct and disseminate research that contributes to the understanding of human mobility and informs policies that ensure the rights and dignity of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees in Africa.



SIHMA is part of the **Scalabrini International Migration Network (SIMN)**, and joins an existing **Network of Scalabrini Study Centres** around the globe, located in Manila, Buenos Aires, Sao Paulo, Paris, Rome and New York.

SIHMA'S KEY FOCUS AREAS INCLUDE:

## 1. RESEARCH

Human mobility in Africa has a long history spanning several centuries and the continent has a highly mobile population composed of nomads, frontier workers, highly skilled professionals, entrepreneurs, students, refugees and undocumented migrants. The discourse around migration trends and patterns in Africa is dominated by myths and false assumptions which fail to paint a true reflection of this phenomenon. Our research seeks clarity on the different forms of mobility in Africa.

**Conducting research is SIHMA's main activity.**

All the research that we do supports the advocacy, service providing and social projects inside the Scalabrini network. Among the many themes of **human mobility**, SIHMA's research agenda is focused on: migration policies, both at regional and continental level, impact of migration on mental health, xenophobia and Afrophobia, climate change and migration, gender issues, vulnerable minors, refugee rights and many other areas.

## 2. PUBLICATIONS

We publish **articles, briefing papers and reports**, available in the dedicated section of our website. We are proud to publish especially our Journal: **African Human Mobility Review (AHMR)**. We publish academic articles in our journal and additionally make the content of our research accessible through infographics and summaries for different audiences.



SEEDS MIGRATE ON THE WINGS OF THE WIND.  
PLANTS MIGRATE FROM CONTINENT TO CONTINENT  
ON THE WAVES OF THE SEAS AND RIVERS.  
BIRDS AND OTHER ANIMALS MOVE FROM PLACE TO PLACE.  
BUT EVEN MORE DO HUMAN BEINGS MIGRATE,  
SOMETIMES IN GROUPS, SOMETIMES ALONE,  
AND, IN SO DOING, ARE ALWAYS THE FREE INSTRUMENTS  
OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE, WHICH PRESIDES OVER HUMAN DESTINY,  
LEADING ALL PEOPLE, EVEN THROUGH GREAT CALAMITIES,  
TO THEIR FINAL GOAL: THE PERFECTION OF MAN ON EARTH  
AND THE GLORY OF GOD IN HEAVEN.  
BLESSED JOHN BAPTIST SCALABRINI, 1876



# AHMR

## AFRICAN HUMAN MOBILITY REVIEW

Started in 2015, the African Human Mobility Review (AHMR) is an interdisciplinary peer-reviewed on-line journal created to encourage and facilitate the study of all aspects of human mobility in Africa. It is published three times a year.

AHMR is jointly owned by the **Scalabrini Institute for Human Mobility in Africa (SIHMA)** and the **University of the Western Cape (UWC)**.



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Through the publication of original research, policy discussions and evidence-based research papers, AHMR provides a discussion devoted exclusively to the analysis of current trends, migration patterns and some of the most important migration-related issues. **The journal is accessible at no charge on the SIHMA website.**

From 2018, the Journal has been **accredited by the South African Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET)** on the **Accredited Journal List**.

The Journal has an **Impact Factor Value** of 0.836 based on International Citation Report (ICR) for the year 2019-2020.

*AHMR welcomes manuscripts on the various aspects of human mobility in Africa. Contributors are asked to submit their manuscripts in English to the Chief Editor for critical peer review. As part of our continuing efforts to support both authors and reviewers AHMR has adopted the web-based submission. Before submitting your manuscript please refer to the submission guidelines. If you have any questions about the submission process, please contact [ahmr@sihma.org.za](mailto:ahmr@sihma.org.za).*

