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In Africa, as elsewhere, poverty is a driver of migration. Often, migration is a strategy adopted by poor families. Indeed, migration holds the potential of reducing poverty and inequality. In Africa, migration can reconstitute natural and ancient economic circuits that were broken by borders between nation-states. However, may challenges remain in place? This panel is interested in papers that can address these challenges and propose solutions that would ensure that migration in Africa is able to make a more equitable and effective contribution to poverty reduction and development, including the realization of sustainable development goals (SDGs).

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