

Claudia Natali - biography

Ms. Claudia Natali is the Regional Labour Migration and Development Specialist for West and Central Africa based in Dakar, Senegal. She works with the Country Offices in the Region to contribute building the capacities of IOM staff and develop strong relations and partnerships with key regional and national stakeholders from government, international community, civil society and other institutions on Labour Migration and Migration and Development issues. An area of particular interest to Ms. Natali is the link between youth (un)employment and migration. Moreover, she reviews, endorses, and tracks project proposals developed by CO in the region.

Before joining IOM Regional Office for West and Central Africa, Claudia was based in IOM Thailand where she served as Labour Migration & Counter-Trafficking Coordinator between 2008-2014. During her time in Bangkok Claudia managed several projects focused on providing support to vulnerable and irregular migrant workers in Thailand and coordinated the efforts of the UN Thematic Working Group on Migration, among others. Claudia began her career with IOM in 2006 as Migration Policy Officer at IOM Headquarters in Geneva. Before joining IOM she worked as a research assistant with the Development Research Center on Migration at Sussex University with whom she conducted some researches on the links between migration and development in Ghana, and as a data analyst at the World Food Programme (WFP) in Rome. Claudia holds an undergraduate degree in political science from the University of Turin, Italy and a master's degree in development economics from the School of Development Studies, University of East Anglia, UK.