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[HISTORICAL OVERVIEW]

- Historically at the forefront of struggle to uphold refugee protection
- Generous acceptance of large numbers of refugees (mass influx)
- Period between 1960 and 1990 termed the golden era of refugee protection in Africa

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

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- Ratification of UN Convention by a number of Independent African States
- Ownership of the African refugee problem through drafting and ratification of the OAU Convention Governing the Specific Aspects of Refugee Problems in Africa
- Refugee Protection was an expression of solidarity with the struggle for independence and refugees accepted as fellow comrades

[CURRENT TRENDS]

- Host Countries increasingly retreating from applying the basic principles of asylum
- Hospitality fatigue as a result of protracted refugee situations
- Increasing hostile reception from Host Governments and local communities in particular

[WHY?]

- Combination of political, security, social and economic constraints
- Shift in global geo-politics, changed priorities and the increased numbers of persons seeking asylum and humanitarian assistance worldwide
- Diminished international financial aid and material support to African host countries (donor fatigue)

EXISTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONTINUED ASSISTANCE

- The new African peace and security architecture
 - The Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council
 - The Common Defence and Security Policy
 - The AU Non-Aggression and Common Defence Pact
 - The Policy Framework on post-conflict reconstruction and development (PCRD)