Senior Officials’ Meeting
12th – 13th February 2019,
Sopatel Silmande Hotel, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

AGENDA

Day 1 – Tuesday 12th February

08:00 – 08:50 Welcome and registration of participants

**Plenary sessions will take place in the Amira conference room**

09:00 - 10.15 Opening ceremony

- Welcoming address by the Mayor of the Commune of Ouagadougou, Armand BEOUINDÉ
- Declaration by the Troika, Jean-Luc BODSON, Ambassador, Special Envoy Migration and Asylum (Belgium) Jean Marie BRUNO, Ambassador, Head of the International and European Affairs Department (France)
- Declaration of the Delegation of the European Union to Burkina Faso, Jean LAMY, Ambassador, Head of Delegation
- Declaration, Economic Community of West African States – ECOWAS, Commissioner for Trade, Customs and Free Movement, Tèi KONZI
- Opening speech by Burkina Faso, His Excellency Paul Robert TIENDREBEOGO, Minister for African Integration and Burkinabe Abroad

10:15 – 10:45: Official photo followed by coffee break

10:45 Statement, Rabat Process Secretariat / Martijn Pluim, Director, Migration Dialogues & Cooperation, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) – State of play on dialogue activities

11:00 The governance of the Rabat Process
Session chaired by Mr. Allahidi DIALLO, Director of Cabinet, Minister for African Integration and Burkinabe Abroad

- Statement by the Chair of the Rabat Process / Burkina Faso

12:00 – 12:30 The Rabat Process in the continental and global context
Session chaired by ECOWAS – to be confirmed

- Presentation on the African Migration Observatory in Rabat (Morocco)
- State of play, main events since the Marrakech Ministerial Conference (International Organization for Migration/IOM)
12:30 – 14:00, Lunch break

14:00 – 15:00  The Rabat Process in the Valetta framework
Session chaired by Jose-Antonio Torres-Lacasa, European Union

- Intervention on the Joint Valetta Action Plan database – International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)

Objective of the session: to validate a roadmap for the follow-up of the joint conclusions of the Valetta SOM

- Follow-up on the joint conclusions of the SOM in Addis Ababa - Ethiopia, November 2018. Discussion and validation of a roadmap (European Union)

15:00 – 16:00  Implementing the cross-cutting priorities of the Marrakech Declaration
Session chaired by the Troika, supported by the Secretariat

Objective of the session: to respond to the cross-cutting priorities of the Marrakesh Declaration through the activities of the Rabat Process

- A human rights-based approach
- Particular attention will be paid to the issues of gender and the protection of migrants in vulnerable situations including, in particular, women and children
- Increased attention to the fight against xenophobia, racism and discrimination
- A regional approach
- An inclusive and multi-stakeholder approach
- Particular attention to the collection, analysis and sharing of disaggregated data

16:00 – Closing coffee

18:00  Welcome cocktail courtesy of Burkina Faso (Sopatel Silmande Hotel)

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Day 2 – 13th February

08:00 – Opening coffee

**Plenary sessions will take place in the Amira conference room**

08:30–12:00  Implementation of the Marrakech Action Plan
Session chaired by Jacqueline Marie Zaba NIKIEMA, Ambassador for Burkina Faso to the Kingdom of Belgium, Benelux and the European Union

Objective of the session: implement the Marrakesh Action plan, establish a methodology and a work plan
08:30-09:30  **Opening of the session by Burkina Faso**

Presentation of the objectives of the session: to establish a working methodology for the implementation of the Marrakech Plan

- Implementation of the objectives of the Action Plan guided by reference countries
- Targeted implementation through dialogue activities
- Targeted implementation through the Commitment Mechanism

09:30-12:00 **Working groups / discussion groups related to the domains of the Action Plan (the groups will be divided between the Amira conference room and the Tenakourou and Thara meeting rooms)**

- Domain 1 will be moderated by Michel SAWADOGO, Director General of Burkinabe Abroad (Burkina Faso): Amira conference room
- Domain 2: room to be decided
- Domain 3: Amira conference room
- Domain 4 will be moderated by Pascal TEIXEIRA DA SILVA Ambassador in Charge of Migration (France): Thara meeting room
- Domain 5 will be moderated by Malemda KAMELE, Counsellor at the Togolese Embassy in Brussels (Togo): Tenakourou meeting room

12:00 – 13:30 – **Lunch break**

13:30 – 15:30  **Presentation of conclusions of working and discussion groups, methodology and work plan by Burkina Faso and France (Amira conference room)**

15:30  **Closing session of Senior Officials’ Meeting**

15:30 – Closing coffee

15:45 - 16:15  **Press Conference – outcomes of the meeting**  
*(Upon invitation only, Thara Meeting room, Sopatel Silmande Hotel)*

16:15 – **Departure for the artisanal village – social excursion organised by Burkina Faso**