



**Rabat Process**  
Euro-African Dialogue  
on Migration and Development



**BURKINA FASO**

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Unité – Progrès -Justice

## Senior Officials' Meeting

12th – 13th February 2019,

Sopatel Silmande Hotel, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

## AGENDA

### Day 1 – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Plum, 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)**

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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 Valletta 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 – 13<sup>th</sup> 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

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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*

