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# The Rabat Process Senior officials Meeting: first official step towards the next multi-annual cooperation programme 2017-2010

*2 –3 May 2017*

*Brussels, Belgium*

The Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) of the Euro-African Dialogue on Migration and Development, also known as “Rabat Process”, will mark the official opening of preparations for the 5<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference, which will lead to the adoption of the future multi-annual cooperation programme 2017-2020. The meeting will take place in Brussels, Belgium, on the 2 and 3 May 2017, under the Chairmanship of Kingdom of Belgium.

**Brussels, 28 April 2017** – The Rabat Process, an intergovernmental migration dialogue, will gather around 60 African and European countries as well as regional organisations and key stakeholders on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

The main objective of the high-level meeting is to set the future operational and political priorities of the Rabat Process. The discussions and exchanges of views will revolve around the Rome Programme 2014-2017 and the follow-up of the Valletta Summit on Migration (November 2015) – its Joint Valetta Action Plan (JVAP), its joint conclusions and the Analysis Report of the Rabat Process adopted during the Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) of 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February in Malta this Year. Moreover, during the meeting, Officials will discuss the current global migration context.

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