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



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## Senior Officials' Meeting

In view of the Fifth Euro-African Ministerial Conference on Migration and Development

### Agenda

Day 1 – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017

08:30 - 9:30 Welcoming and registration of participants

#### SESSION 1: CONTEXT

Moderated by the co-Chair

09:30 - 10:00 **Opening by the co-Chair**

- Welcome address by authorities of the Republic of Ghana : His Excellency Mr. Ambrose Dery, Minister of the Interior
- Ambassador Mr. Michel Lastschenko, Special Envoy Migration & Asylum and Chair of the Rabat Process, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Kingdom of Belgium
- His Excellency Mr. William Hanna, Ambassador of the European Union to Ghana

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10:00 - 10:15 *Official group photo*

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10:15 - 10:45 *Coffee break*

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10:45 - 12:00 **Presentation of the context and key issues of the meeting**

- The European Union
- The Kingdom of Belgium
- The Republic of Ghana, Ghana Immigration Services (GIS)

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12:00 - 12:30 **Presentation of activities of the Rabat Process Secretariat**

International Centre for Migration Policy Development

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12:30 - 13:30 *Lunch*

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## SESSION 2: TOWARDS THE POLITICAL DECLARATION

Moderated by the co-Chair

### Objective of session 2

Reading and discussion on the Political Declaration and its cross-cutting priorities

13:30 - 14:00	<b>Opening by the co-Chair and presentation of the draft Political Declaration</b> The Republic of Ghana The Kingdom of Belgium
14:00 - 15:00	<b>Plenary discussion on the draft text of the Political Declaration</b>
15:00 - 15:20	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:20 - 16:20	<b>Plenary discussion on the draft text of the Political Declaration</b>
16:20 - 17:00	<b>Finalisation of the draft text of the Political Declaration</b>
17:00 - 17:30	<b>Update on the preparations for the Fifth Euro-African Ministerial Conference on Migration and Development</b>
17:30	<b>Closing session by the co-Chair</b>
18:00	<i>A welcome cocktail will be offered by the Republic of Ghana</i>

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## Day 2 – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017

### SESSION 3: ACTION PLAN 2018-2020 Moderated by the co-Chair

#### Objective of session 3

Discussion on the draft Action Plan. The aim of the working groups is to discuss the implementation of the Rabat Process and its added value as a platform for exchange

09:00 - 09:30 <b>Recap of results of day 1 and opening of day 2 by the co-Chair</b> The Republic of Ghana The Kingdom of Belgium	
09:30 - 11:00 Working groups	
<p><b>Working group 1:</b> The development benefits of migration and addressing root causes of irregular migration and forced displacement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Chair:</b> Burkina Faso</li> <li>▶ <b>Rapporteur:</b> The Kingdom of Belgium</li> <li>▶ <b>An African partner’s point of view:</b> The Togolese Republic</li> <li>▶ <b>An European partner’s point of view:</b> The French Republic</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Debate</b></li> <li>▶ <b>Conclusions</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Working group 2:</b> Legal migration and mobility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Chair:</b> The Kingdom of Belgium</li> <li>▶ <b>Rapporteur:</b> The Kingdom of Morocco</li> <li>▶ <b>An African partner’s point of view:</b> The Republic of Guinea</li> <li>▶ <b>An European partner’s point of view:</b> The Kingdom of Sweden and the Kingdom of Spain</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Debate</b></li> <li>▶ <b>Conclusions</b></li> </ul>
11:00 - 11:30 <i>Coffee break</i>	
11:30 - 12:00 <b>Presentation of the results of the working groups by the rapporteurs</b>	
12:00 - 13:00 <b>Plenary discussion and closing of session 3 by the co-Chair</b>	
13:00 - 14:00 <i>Lunch</i>	

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14:00 - 15:00 Working groups

<p><b>Working group 3: Protection and asylum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Chair:</b> The Kingdom of Belgium</li> <li>▶ <b>Rapporteur:</b> The Central African Republic</li> <li>▶ <b>An African partner's point of view:</b> The Gabonese Republic</li> <li>▶ <b>An European partner's point of view:</b> The Swiss Confederation</li> <li>▶ <b>Debate</b></li> <li>▶ <b>Conclusions</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Working group 4: Prevention of and fight against irregular migration, migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Chair:</b> The Republic of Ghana/ The Kingdom of Spain</li> <li>▶ <b>Rapporteur:</b> The Federal Republic of Nigeria</li> <li>▶ <b>An African partner's point of view:</b> The Republic of the Niger</li> <li>▶ <b>An European partner's point of view:</b> The Portuguese Republic</li> <li>▶ <b>Debate</b></li> <li>▶ <b>Conclusions</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Working group 5: Return, readmission and reintegration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Chair:</b> The Republic of Austria</li> <li>▶ <b>Rapporteur:</b> The French Republic</li> <li>▶ <b>An African partner's point of view:</b> The Republic of Sierra Leone</li> <li>▶ <b>An European partner's point of view:</b> The Kingdom of Belgium</li> <li>▶ <b>Debate</b></li> <li>▶ <b>Conclusions</b></li> </ul>
<p>15:00 - 15:30 <i>Coffee break</i></p>		
<p>15:30 - 16:00 <b>Presentation of the results of the working groups by the rapporteurs</b></p>		
<p>16:00 - 17:00 <b>Plenary discussion and closing of session 3 by the co-Chair</b></p>		
<p>17:00 - 17:30 <b>Final comments on the Action Plan in plenary session</b></p>		
<p>17:30 - 18:00 <b>Adoption of the provisional text and closing of the meeting</b></p>		

