Senior Officials’ Meeting
In view of the Fifth Euro-African Ministerial Conference on Migration and Development

Agenda

Day 1 – 24th 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

10:00 - 10:15   Official group photo

10:15 - 10:45   Coffee break

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)

12:00 - 12:30   Presentation of activities of the Rabat Process Secretariat
   International Centre for Migration Policy Development

12:30 - 13:30   Lunch
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

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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 Recap of results of day 1 and opening of day 2 by the co-Chair
The Republic of Ghana
The Kingdom of Belgium

09:30 - 11:00 Working groups

Working group 1: The development benefits of migration and addressing root causes of irregular migration and forced displacement
- Chair: Burkina Faso
- Rapporteur: The Kingdom of Belgium
- An African partner’s point of view: The Togolese Republic
- An European partner’s point of view: The French Republic
- Debate
- Conclusions

Working group 2: Legal migration and mobility
- Chair: The Kingdom of Belgium
- Rapporteur: The Kingdom of Morocco
- An African partner’s point of view: The Republic of Guinea
- An European partner’s point of view: The Kingdom of Sweden and the Kingdom of Spain
- Debate
- Conclusions

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 - 12:00 Presentation of the results of the working groups by the rapporteurs

12:00 - 13:00 Plenary discussion and closing of session 3 by the co-Chair

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

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### Working group 3: Protection and asylum

- **Chair:** The Kingdom of Belgium
- **Rapporteur:** The Central African Republic
- **An African partner’s point of view:** The Gabonese Republic
- **An European partner’s point of view:** The Swiss Confederation

- **Debate**
- **Conclusions**

### Working group 4: Prevention of and fight against irregular migration, migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings

- **Chair:** The Republic of Ghana/The Kingdom of Spain
- **Rapporteur:** The Federal Republic of Nigeria
- **An African partner’s point of view:** The Republic of the Niger
- **An European partner’s point of view:** The Portuguese Republic

- **Debate**
- **Conclusions**

### Working group 5: Return, readmission and reintegration

- **Chair:** The Republic of Austria
- **Rapporteur:** The French Republic
- **An African partner’s point of view:** The Republic of Sierra Leone
- **An European partner’s point of view:** The Kingdom of Belgium

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