

Rabat Process

Senior Officials' Meeting

Accra – 24 & 25 Octobre 2017



Programme 2018-2020

Drafting Process
June 2017-October 2017



New Programme 2018-2020

Drafting Process Calendar : 3 Steps



1) STEP 1: First drafting exercise – 5 Drafting Committees

- JUNE: Outcome: **DRAFT 1**
- JULY: **1st Round** of comments on draft 1 presented at Steering Committee : 04/07/2017

2) STEP 2: Consultations & Second drafting exercise

- JULY: Civil Society Consultation (19/07- Dakar)
- AUGUST: Restructuring: **DRAFT 2** → Steering Committee and Drafting Committees
- SEPTEMBRE: **2nd Round** of comments on DRAFT 2 (22/09)

3) STEP3: Finalisation

- **DRAFT 3** presented at the Steering Committee in Rabat (October 03&04)
- **3rd Round** of comments on DRAFT 3 (Rabat) and finalisation
- **FINAL DRAFT** validated by the Steering Committee and sent on **Oct 13th** to all MS



STEP 1: First Drafting exercise



Main Reference Documents:

- ✓ Analysis Report of the Rabat Process for the SOM of Malta (Feb.2017)
- ✓ Recommendations of the Thematic Round Tables with external actors/civil society (April 2017)
- ✓ Brussels SOM Conclusions (May 2017)
- ✓ Analysis Report: State of play of the Rome Programme implementation (May 2017)
- ✓ Valetta Declaration and Plan of Action and main political documents adopted since 2015 (New York Declaration 2016, etc.)



STEP 1: First Drafting exercise

Five Drafting Committees – Brussels – June 2017



Committee 1: Benefits and root causes

Participants : Belgium, Burkina Faso, France, EU

Committee 2: Legal migration and mobility

Participants : Belgium, Burkina Faso, Spain, Guinea, EU

Committee 3: Protection and asylum

Participants : Belgium, Gabon, Central African Republic, Senegal, Switzerland, EU

Committee 4: Irregular Migration

Participants : Belgium, Spain, Ghana, Italy, Portugal, Senegal, EU

Committee 5: Return, Readmission, Reintegration

Participants : Austria, Belgium, Ghana, Portugal, Sierra Leone, EU



STEP 1: First Drafting exercise

Outcome: DRAFT 1



DRAFT 1 presented to the Steering Committee in Brussels (04/07)

1st Round of Comments:

- **Many questions remaining:** *risks of duplication with other existing instruments, in particular with the Joint Valetta Action Plan; scope of actions; added value of the Rabat Process?*
- Certain proposals were **far too detailed/ too ambitious** (ex: Domain 4)
- Certain proposals were **not focused enough** (ex: Domains 1 and 3)
- **Similar** actions in different domains (ex: Actions to promote socio-economic opportunities for youth included in Domain 1 and 2)
- Some **mainstreaming themes** not enough taken into account into the domains
- How to ensure **linkages** between the domains?



STEP 2: Consultations

Civil Society Consultation in Africa (Dakar -19/07)



• **17 participants:** organisations of civil society , IO and academics

Objective: offer space for debate between Rabat process and « field actors »; receive operational recommendations to feed the drafting process of the new programme

Results (report) ; similar conclusions as the Round Tables (April 2017)

Several specific elements:

- **Fundamental role of research and data collection** to ensure that political decisions based on facts and figures/data
- **The local dimension and the role of local communities** in the migration governance. The dialogue should associate more local communities and municipalities
- **The role of the media to inform the population** : journalists contribute to create and influence public opinion on migration. The dialogue should promote awareness raising activities.



STEP 2

Restructuring exercise



Main Conclusions for a restructuring exercise:

- The Rabat Process received the mandate to ensure the follow-up of the implementation of the Joint Valetta Action Plan; its new programme should contribute to **guide and complete** the Valetta framework; we should **NOT duplicate** it.
- Need of **more coherence and complementarity** of the new programme and the Valetta Action Plan
- Need to better put forward the **added value** of the Rabat Process and to better capitalise on its experience, expertise and specificities as a **forum of political dialogue** and political engagement between African and European States (**regional and sub-regional approach, networking capability, experiences and best practices sharing**)
- Need to develop a **realistic** action plan (operational approach) that will lead to **concrete results** in 3 years.
- Need to focus on a limited number of **key priorities**



STEP 2: Second Drafting Exercise

Outcome: DRAFT 2



- ✓ On the basis of these conclusions: restructuring exercise made by the **Secretariat (ICMPD)** and the **BE Presidency**
- ✓ Output: **DRAFT 2** sent beginning of September to the Steering Committee with copy to MS of the Drafting Committees
- ✓ **Second Round** of Comments on DRAFT 2 (22/09)



STEP 3: FINALISATION (Octobre 2017)



- ✓ **DRAFT 3** presented at the Steering Committee in RABAT (03-04 October 2017)
- ✓ Final Drafting exercise by the Steering Committee in RABAT
- ✓ Outcome: **FINAL DRAFT** validated by the Steering Committee and sent to all MS on October 13th.



STEP 3: FINAL DRAFT



Political Declaration:

- Aligned on Valetta and new engagements (NY Declaration, Sept. 2016)
- Will need to be completed (EU-AU Summit, Valetta SOM)

Plan of Action:

- Coherent, realistic, operational (limited number of objectives)
- Type of actions:
 - Rabat Process added value
 - Scope: Targeted, concrete versus broad enough for flexibility and evolving context



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**On behalf of BE
Presidency: Thank you
for your contributions and
active involvement during
these last months!**

