



Rabat Process
Euro-African Dialogue on Migration and Development



Thematic Meeting on
Migrants in a crisis context

24-25 April 2014

Paris, France

Concept Note & Agenda

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Concept Note

Objectives

The aim of this meeting is to address the topic of population movements in a crisis context, regardless of the nature of the crisis, and identify mechanisms that contribute to:

- ▶ Strengthening cooperation between partner countries of the Rabat Process to respond to population movements in a crisis situation; and
- ▶ Developing synergies between migration/displacement and development in a crisis and post-crisis phase in the Rabat Process region.

Key Topics

- ▶ Analysis of the different ways of managing population movements in a crisis situation, including admission and temporary protection during crisis, the granting of international protection or longer term stay where necessary, and the subsequent return of displaced persons or access to other durable solutions in a post-crisis phase.
- ▶ Identification of cooperation and coordination mechanisms between Rabat Process countries to deal with issues related to the movement of populations in a crisis context, including the return, through a concerted approach and in a regional perspective.
- ▶ Identification of cooperation and coordination mechanisms between Rabat Process countries and the diaspora to meet refugees and displaced persons' needs.
- ▶ Highlighting the role and contribution of diaspora in Europe and Africa in a crisis phase, as well as the links between migration and development in a post-crisis phase.

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Expected Results

This thematic meeting should lead to:

- ▶ The identification of good practices and concrete initiatives with regard to managing the movement of persons during the crisis phase, their stay in host countries and the return of displaced persons in the post-crisis phase, with the aim of establishing or strengthening regional cooperation and coordination mechanisms.
- ▶ The identification of cooperation and coordination mechanisms to maximize the contribution of migrants and refugees in Europe and in Africa to development in a crisis and post-crisis phase.

Participants' Profile

Senior Officials responsible for elaborating or implementing migration and development policies, including links with Diasporas.

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Agenda

Day 1 - 24 April 2014

08 :30 – 09:00 Registration

SESSION 1 : MIGRATION IN A CRISIS CONTEXT : STATE OF PLAY AND REGIONAL FRAMEWORKS

09 :00 – 09:30 **Opening by the co-chairs**

France : Mr. Luc Derepas, Director General, General Direction of Foreigners in France, Ministry of Interior

Co-chair : Mr. Sanoh N'Faly, Director, Free Movement of People Department, ECOWAS Commission

09:30 – 09:40 **The Rabat Process Support Project : objectives of the meeting**

Mr. Ralph Genetzke, Head of mission, ICMPD Brussels

09:40 – 10:15 **Population movements in a crisis context in the Rabat Process region**

Ms. Anja Klug, Senior Policy Officer, Bureau for Europe, UNHCR

Mr. François Goemans, Senior Emergency and Post-Crisis Specialist, IOM

10:15 – 10:30 **Lessons learned in the MTM Dialogue to effectively respond to population movements in a crisis context**

Ms. Monica Zanette Coordinator, Mediterranean Transit Migration (MTM) Dialogue, ICMPD

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 11:30 **Migration issues addressed by the existing crisis management regional frameworks**

Europe : The European Union approach

Mr. Rodrigo Ballester, International Relations Officer - West African Countries - African Union, DG HOME, European Commission

Africa : The ECCAS and ECOWAS approach

Mr. Pierre Siméon Athomo-Ndong, Head of the electoral Unit. Focal point for Migration and free Movement of People, Peace, Security at the ECCAS Secretariat

Mr. Sanoh, N'Faly, Director, Director, Free Movement and Tourism, ECOWAS

11 :30 –12:30 **Plenary discussion**

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12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

SESSION 2:

THE ROLE OF COUNTRIES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF POPULATION MOVEMENTS IN TIMES OF CRISIS

14:00 – 14:30 **Opening of session 2 by the Co-chairs**

Presentation of the background paper

M. Christopher Hein, Director, Consiglio italiano per i rifugiati (CIR)

14:45 – 16:45 **Working groups:**

Group 1: Admission and temporary protection of displaced people in a crisis context

*Co-chairs: Ms. Frédérique Doublet, Head of department, Asylum and international protection department, Ministry of Interior, DGEF, France
Mr. Herminio Da Costa Moniz, Adviser to the Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cabo Verde
Expert: Ms. Anja Klug, Senior Policy Officer, Bureau for Europe, UNHCR*

a) Presentation of experiences

Mr. Heinikoye Bouba, Director of the Nigeriens living Abroad, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation, African Integration and Nigeriens living abroad, Niger

Mr. Mohamed Kamel Aloui, Director, Mobility and Foreigners living in Algeria, Algeria

b) Debates

c) Synthesis of discussions

Group 2 : The management of return in the country of origin and other durable solutions

*Co-chairs: Mr. Jean De Croone, Deputy director of Migration Affairs, DGEF, Ministry of Interior, France
Mr. Abbekoe Doevi, General Coordinator, Department of Planning and Regional Affairs, Togo
Expert: Mr. Patrice Quesada, Senior humanitarian policy advisor, OIM*

a) Presentation of experiences

Mr. Timothée Ezouan, Director of the Humanitarian Affairs and NGOs sector and Director of Asylum Service, refugees assistance and stateless persons at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Côte d'Ivoire

Mr. Alassane Diallo, Director of the Investment and Project Support Service, General Direction of Senegalese living Abroad, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Senegalese living Abroad, Senegal

Mr. Rodrigo Ballester, , International Relations Officer - West African Countries - African Union, DG HOME, European Commission

b) Debates

c) Synthesis of discussions

16:45 – 17:15 Coffee break

17:15 – 18:00 **Presentation of the results of the working groups and plenary discussion**

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Day 2- 25 April 2014

SESSION 3:

CONTRIBUTION OF DIASPORAS IN CRISIS AND POST-CRISIS PHASES

09:00– 09:30 **Opening of session 3 by the Co-chairs**

Presentation of the background paper

Ms. Hélène Simon-Lorière, MIGRINTER, Universities of Poitiers and Paris-Sorbonne

09:45 – 11:45 **Working groups:**

Group 1: Contribution of diasporas during the crisis

Co-chairs: *Mr. Marc Trouyet, Deputy director of Democratic Governance, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France*

Amb. Cheikh Tidiane Thiam, Adviser to the Cabinet, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Senegalese living Abroad, Senegal

Expert: *Ms. Khady Sakho Niang (FORIM)*

a) Presentation of experiences

Ms. Khady Sakho Niang, President, Forum des Organisations de Solidarité Internationale issues des Migrations (FORIM)

(Coffee break)

Mr. Keita Seydou, Adviser, Ministry of Malians Living Abroad, Mali

b) Debates

c) Synthesis of discussions

Group 2 : Contribution of diasporas to development in a post-crisis period

Co-chairs: *Mr. Stéphane Gallet, Head of Unit of Migration and Development Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development, France*

Mr. Lambert Ouedraogo, Secretary Permanent, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional cooperation, Burkina Faso

Expert: *Ms. Hélène Simon-Lorière (MIGRINTER, Universities of Poitiers and Paris-Sorbonne)*

a) Presentation of experiences

Mr. Stéphane Gallet, France

(Coffee break)

Mr. Tauhid Pasha, Expert - Senior Specialist in Labour Migration and Migration and Development, IOM

b) Debates

c) Synthesis of discussions

12:00 – 13 :00 **Presentation of the results of the working groups and plenary discussion**

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13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

14:30 – 14:45 **Opening of session 4 by the co-chairs**

France : *Mr. Jean-Marc Châtaigner, Deputy Director General of Global Affairs ,
Development and Partnership at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

Co-chair : *Mr. Sanoh N'Faly, Director, Free Movement of People Department, ECOWAS
Commission*

14:45 – 15:00 **Presentation of the draft conclusions**

Ms. Sara Bayes Puig, Head of the Migration and Development Program at FIIAPP

15:00 – 15:30 **Closing of the meeting by the co-chairs**

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