



Republic of Senegal



Rabat Process

Euro-African Dialogue on Migration and Development



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Meeting on the horizontal topic

Strengthening evidence-based policy making in the field of migration

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Concept Note & Preliminary Agenda

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Participating States : All Member States of the Rabat Process

Participant profile : Since the meeting aims both at strengthening institutional practices in the area of evidence-based policymaking and the launch of various activities of the Support Project in this area, including the monitoring of the Madrid Roadmap, the attendance of National Focal Points of the Rabat Process would be desirable.

Consortium : FIIAPP, ICMPD

Context

Due to the complex nature of migration flows, there is a need for national authorities to improve evidence-based policymaking mechanisms with the aim to maximise the advantages of population movements for all stakeholders. However, it is very difficult to take informed decisions or to formulate appropriate policies and strategies for managing migration movements without migration data that are relevant, up-to-date, reliable and comparable. This meeting takes place in the framework of Objective 10 of the Dakar Strategy: *To base policy consistency and coordination on acquiring and sharing information.*

Objectives

This meeting has three complementary objectives.

First of all, the divided into working groups (on the basis of responses to the preparatory questionnaire) and will engage in interactive exercises on these two priority areas of the third phase of the Rabat Process. Before the seminar, the participants are therefore kindly asked to collect information on the practices of their country regarding the use of migration data and information for policy making in the priority areas (border management and migration in crisis situations).

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Secondly, the meeting will aim at presenting **tools** that are available to support evidence-based policymaking during the third phase of the Rabat Process, including the support for the **application of migration profiles** through the development of a practical tailor-made guide as well as through the **extension of the Interactive Map on Migration (i-Map)**.

Finally, the meeting will also provide an occasion to review the **implementation of the Dakar Strategy Roadmap**. In addition to the information that participants will share through the preparatory questionnaire, they are invited to share more detailed information concerning the main initiatives and legal frameworks of their country during the seminar and are therefore kindly meeting will emphasize the fundamental **usefulness of drawing on migration data as a basis for policy decisions** at all governance levels. Specific good practice examples will be examined. The two themes of border management and migration in crisis situations will be particularly highlighted in this context. The participants will be asked to inform themselves in advance, in order to assure a fruitful discussion.

Expected results

- ▶ Examine main challenges, exchange good practices and formulate common solutions with regard to strengthening evidence-based policymaking.
- ▶ Launch activities that aim at deepening the understanding of migration and identify target countries for these activities.
- ▶ Evaluate progress made regarding the implementation of the Dakar Strategy Roadmap and strengthening of the National Focal Point network.

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Preliminary Agenda

Day 1 - 11 September 2013

OPENING SESSION

9:00 - 9:30	Opening by the co-chairs (<i>SEN & BE</i>) and EU (<i>EU delegation in Senegal – tbc</i>)
9:30 - 10:00	Presentation of the Support Project and explanation of the meeting's logic by the consortium (<i>ICMPD</i>)

SESSION 1 :

GOOD PRACTICE EXAMPLES FOR EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY MAKING AND LESSONS TO LEARN

10:00 - 10:15	Presentation 1: Evidence-based policy making: concept and approaches (<i>Prof. Michel Poulain – UCL</i>)
10:15 - 10:30	Presentation 2: Asylum and migration statistics as a tool for evidence-based policy making: state of play in Belgium (<i>Benedikt Vulsteke, Belgian Immigration Office</i>)
10:30 - 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 - 11:15	Presentation 3 : The African perspective (<i>Senegal – tbc</i>)
11:15 - 11:30	Presentation 4: Migration Profiles as main element of DEVCO's approach in promoting informed migration policy making (<i>Ines Maximo-Pestana, DG DEVCO</i>)
11:30 -12:30	Plenary discussion
12:30 - 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>





**SESSION 2:
TOOLS OF THE THIRD PHASE OF THE RABAT PROCESS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF EVIDENCE-BASED POLICIES**

14:30 - 15:15	Presentation of the model guide on evidence-based policy making and its development strategies <i>(ICMPD)</i>
15:15 - 15:45	Plenary discussion
15:45 - 16:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:15 - 16:45	Presentation of the extension of the Interactive Map on Migration 'i-Map' <i>(ICMPD)</i>
16:45 - 17:15	Plenary discussion and closing session of the day

Day 2 - 12 September 2013

**SESSION 3 :
WORKING GROUPS TO DEEPEN THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE TWO PRIORITY AREAS**

9:00 - 9:15	Wrap-up of day one and introduction of session 3
9:15 - 10:45	Two working groups will be formed : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group 1 : Border management <i>(facilitated by CRASAC – tbc)</i> - Group 2 : Migration in crisis situations <i>(facilitated by UNFPA – tbc)</i> <i>(In each working group there will be a thematic presentation by an expert, followed by a discussion aiming at identifying the priorities and recommendations in the matter)</i>
10:45 - 11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:15 -12:00	Presentations of the working groups' results and discussion in the plenary
12:00 - 13 :30	<i>Lunch</i>





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SESSION 4 :

MONITORING OF THE DAKAR STRATEGY ROADMAP

13:30 - 13:40	Presentation of the methodology and timeline of the roadmap monitoring <i>(FIIAPP)</i>
13:40 - 16:30	Interactive exercise on the monitoring of the roadmap and the focal point network <i>(facilitated by an expert – exercise carried out on the basis of desk research and questionnaires sent in advance to focal points in order to identify the priorities of the partner countries and initiatives in place)</i>
16:30 - 16:50	<i>Coffee break</i>

SESSION 5 :

THE WAY FORWARD

16:50 - 17:10	Wrap-up of day two and presentation of the of the conclusions of the co-chairs by the consortium
17:10 - 17:45	Plenary discussion
17:45 - 18:00	Official closure of the meeting by the co-chair

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