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Euro-African Dialogue on Migration and Development



Burkina Faso

Thematic Meeting on
Border Management

5-6 November 2013,
Hotel Husa Princesa, Madrid, Spain

Concept Note & Agenda

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Context

The Rabat Process Steering Committee has identified border management as one of the priorities of the third phase of the Rabat Process, given the numerous challenges in this matter in the entire region, particularly in the framework of regional integration processes. A lack of national coordination and cross-border cooperation, insufficient means and qualified personnel as well as the differences between national legislations are among the most critical aspects.

The Rabat Process offers its partner countries a unique platform for exchange and cooperation in order to reinforce border management, promote efficient cooperation between States and to exchange good practices.

Objectives

This thematic meeting will pursue the following main objectives:

- ▶ Review the state of play of cooperation in the field of border management among the countries of the Rabat Process
- ▶ Present good practices of cooperation in the field of border management on the operational level, but also on the political and institutional levels in order to assess possibilities for replication
- ▶ Reinforce regional collaboration on border management by paying special attention to the operational level, while taking into account the particularity of the Rabat Process which gathers countries of origin, transit and destination
- ▶ Determine concrete measures for follow-up on identified initiatives and methods of collaboration

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Key topics

The meeting will focus on the following four areas:

- ▶ Strengthening the Rabat Process countries' border management capacities, including the development of border management strategies, harmonisation of legislation, facilitation of regional mobility and operational cooperation with neighbouring countries and countries of origin
- ▶ The role of border management in the fight against trafficking of migrants
- ▶ Border management in the context of cross-border communities
- ▶ Exchange of information

Expected results

This thematic meeting should lead to:

- ▶ An understanding on the way forward and a list of common objectives to strengthen practical cooperation between Rabat Process countries in order to ensure efficient border management on local, national and regional levels
- ▶ The identification of concrete initiatives and good practices that could allow States to reach visible results

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Agenda

Day 1 - 5 November 2013

8:30 – 9:30 Registration

SESSION 1 :

INTRODUCTION AND STATE OF PLAY

Session moderated by the co-chairs

- 9 :30 – 10:00 **Opening by the co-chairs**
S.E. Piabié Firmin Grégoire N'DO, Ambassador, General Director of Regional Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Cooperation of Burkina Faso
Mr. Carlos Abella y de Arístegui, General Director for International Affairs and Foreign Policy, Ministry of Internal Affairs of Spain
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- 10:00 – 10:30 **Presentation of the context of the meeting and the activities of the Support Project related to border management**
Mr. Ralph Genetzke, Head of Mission, ICMPD Brussels
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- 10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee break*
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- 11 :00 – 11 :30 **The concept of border management : balancing security imperatives and facilitation of regional mobility**
- The approach of the EU
Mr. Rodrigo Ballester, International Policy Officer, DG HOME, European Commission

 - The approach of ECOWAS
Mr. Luka Anthony Elumelu, Principal Programme Officer/Head of Division, Free Movement and Migration, ECOWAS Commission
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- 11 :30 – 12 :00 **The context of border management in the Rabat Process region: between known difficulties and new challenges**
- The perspective of a European country (15 minutes),
Mr. Philippe Duporge, Commissaire de Police, Head of the Regional Support Unit for Civil Aviation Security (CRASAC), Ministry of the Interior of France

 - The perspective of an African country (15 minutes)
Dr. Augusto Teixeira, Head of the Border Division, Directorate for Foreigners and Borders, National Police of Cape Verde



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12 :00 -13 :00 Plenary discussion and closing of session 1 by the co-chairs

13:00 – 14 :30 *Lunch*

SESSION 2:

STRENGTHENING THE MEANS FOR BORDER MANAGEMENT

Session moderated by the European Commission

14 :30 – 14 :45 Opening of session 2 by the moderator

14 :45 - 15 :00 **The development of national border management strategies**

Mr. Borut Eržen, Programme Manager, Border Management, ICMPD

15 :00– 15 :45 Plenary discussion

15 :45 – 16 :15 *Coffee break*

16:15-16:45 **Regional cooperation with neighbouring countries and countries of origin at the operational level**

- The perspective of an African country (15 minutes)

Mr. Brahim Lahyani, Head of Residence Permit and Visa Services, Directorate General of National Safety, Ministry of the Interior, Morocco

- The perspective of a European country (15 minutes)

Major Mrs. Alicia Vicente Expósito, Coordination Center for the Surveillance of the Sea Borders , Civil Guard, Spain

16:45-18:00 Plenary discussion and closing of the day by the co-chairs

Day 2 - 6 November 2013

SESSION 3 :

DEEPENING THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE THEMATIC PRIORITIES

Session moderated by ECOWAS

9 :30 – 10:00 Opening of day 2 by the co-chairs and launch of session 3 by the moderator

10 :00 – 10:15 **Information exchange and data collection:**

Presentation of the African Frontex Intelligence Community

Mr. Roman Fantini, Senior Analyst, Risk Analysis Unit, Frontex

10:15 – 11:00 Plenary discussion

11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30 – 11:50 **The role of border management in the fight against trafficking of migrants**

Mr. Ricardo Alonso Abad, National Inspector for Immigration and Border Issues, National Police Force of Spain

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11 :50 – 12 :10 **Cross-border criminality and border management in the context of cross-border communities**

Mr. Sohaïbo Diallo, Commissaire de Police en service à la Sureté de l'Etat, Burkina Faso

12:10 – 13:00 Plenary discussion

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

SESSION 4 :

TOWARDS A LIST OF COMMON OBJECTIVES

Session moderated by the co-chairs

14 :30- 15 :00 Opening of session 4 by the co-chairs

15:00 – 15 :30 **Overview on identified initiatives and presentation of concrete tools for their implementation**

Mr. Rodrigo Ballester, DG HOME, European Commission

15 :30 – 16 :30 Plenary discussion

16 :30 – 17 :00 *Coffee break*

17 :00 – 17 :15 **Presentation of the draft conclusions of the co-chairs**

Ms. Sara Bayes Puig, Head of Migration and Development Programme (FIIAPP)

17:15 – 17 :30 Endorsement of conclusions and closing of the meeting by the co-chairs

S.E. Piabié Firmin Grégoire N'DO, Ambassador, General Director of Regional Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Cooperation of Burkina Faso

Mr. Luis Fernández Cid, General Director for Spanish Nationals Abroad and Consular and Migration Matters, Foreign Affairs Ministry of Spain