

Challenges in the context of the meeting and activities relevant to the Support Project



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Overview



- ▶ 1. Context
- ▶ 2. Objectives of the meeting
- ▶ 3. Options for consideration
- ▶ 4. Support Project activities that assist border management



1. Context



- ▶ Theme chosen by the members of the Steering Committee given its relevance to the region

- ▶ Theme present in the Rabat Process since the beginning:
 - The Paris Cooperation Programme (2008) and the Dakar Strategy – Objective 4 (2011)
 - Meeting on the Rabat Process in Praia (2009)
 - Meeting of Warsaw experts (2011)
 - Meeting of the Steering Committee Working Group (June 2013)

- ▶ Theme treated as a priority in numerous forums:
 - The ECOWAS Vision-2020 (2007)
 - The African Union Border Programme (2007)
 - The WAEMU project (2008)
 - The decision to open the borders in the CEMAC (June 2013)



1. Context



Challenges and particular aspects in border management in the region:

- ▶ High intra-regional mobility – important to not create barriers
- ▶ Inadequate inter-agency coordination
- ▶ Inadequate infrastructures
- ▶ Limited involvement of local actors and civil society

= Situation at borders differs greatly but shared principles



Map of irregular practices (Source: Report 22 OPA, 2012)



1. Context



Achieved results:

- ▶ At legislative and institutional level:
 - Strategies adopted for border management (e.g. Senegal, Gabon, Côte d'Ivoire, Mauritania)
 - Sectorial harmonisation of State legislations
- ▶ At an operational level:
 - Creation of joint management systems: one-stop border posts, joint patrols, SEAHORSE...
 - Strengthening the exchange of information



2. Objectives of the meeting



- ▶ **Immediate objective:** create a list of concrete objectives for strengthening border management
- ▶ **Medium-term objective:** introduce actions that are noticeable by the Senior Officials Meeting in 2014 and the next Euro-African Ministerial Conference on Migration and Development
- ▶ **Long-term objective:** ensure effective border management and contribute to regional integration



3. Options for consideration



- **Putting the work into action**
- **Key topics:**
 - Deepening regional integration
 - Trade and free movement
 - Developing civil registers and combating document fraud
 - Cross-border communities and development



4. Support Project activities that assist border management



- ▶ Development activities, use of expertise and knowledge-sharing:
 - National guides for using data and migration profiles
 - Good practice displayed on i-Map
 - Analytical inventory of initiatives within the framework of the Dakar Strategy Roadmap

- ▶ Operational support activity:
 - Short-term technical assistance



Thank you for your attention



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