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

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BORDER MANAGEMENT MEETING
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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:
  - Meeting of Warsaw experts (2011)
  - Meeting of the Steering Committee Working Group (June 2013)

- Theme treated as a priority in numerous forums:
  - 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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