

Thematic Meeting: the Root Causes of Irregular Migration “Towards a common understanding and solutions”

Chaired by the French Republic, Co-Chaired by the Republic of Senegal
23rd–24th October 2018 - Paris, France

DRAFT AGENDA

Tuesday 23rd October

08:30 – 09:30 *Welcome and participant registration*

09:30 – 10:10 Opening and introduction on the context

- **Introduction, French Republic:** *H.E. Ambassador Pascal Teixeira Da Silva, Ambassador for Migration*
- **Declaration, Republic of Senegal:** *Ambassador Cheikh Tidiane Thiam, Technical Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Senegalese Abroad*
- **Intervention, European Union:** *Mr. Nicolas Berlanga Martinez, Special Advisor for Migration, Africa Department, European External Action Service*
- **Declaration, Burkina Faso:** *H.E. Ambassador Jacqueline Marie Zaba NIKIEMA, Ambassador for Burkina Faso to the Kingdom of Belgium, Benelux and the European Union*
- **Intervention, Rabat Process Secretariat /International Centre for Migration Policy Development - ICMPD:** *Mr. Ralph Genetzke, Head of Mission (Brussels)*

10:10 – 10:40 *Official photo and coffee break*

10:40 – 10:50: Introduction and overall objective: *Main Moderator, Mr. Bernhard Perchinig, Senior Researcher, ICMPD*

10:50 – 11:00: Sharing of the conclusions of the Khartoum Process Thematic Meeting on Root Causes: *Ms. Katharina Strecker, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy*

11:00 – 12:30 Introduction of the Root Causes Study, part I: methodology

Introduction and moderation of the session: *Mr. Vincent Larrouzé, Head of the Mission of Democratic Governance, French Ministry of European and Foreign Affairs*

Presentation: *Ms. Nelly Robin, IRD-CEPED (Lead Researcher for the study)*

12:30 – 13:30 *Lunch break*

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13:30 – 15:00 Introduction of the Root Causes Study, part II: preliminary results

15:00 - 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 17:00 Tackling the root causes of rural migration

Sub-Saharan Africa is unique in the enduring importance of its rural population. In this region, a stronger agricultural sector and rural development are essential to fight against poverty, food insecurity and absence of employment opportunities –which are often at the origin of migratory movements towards urban areas.

Introduction and moderation of the session: *Mr. Papa Birama Thiam, Director of Technical Cooperation (Secretary-General's Office of the President of the Republic) and Coordinator of the Support Programme for Solidarity and Development Initiatives (PAISD) Senegal*

Presentation 1: “Agriculture, migration and rural development” *Mr. Rodrigo DeLapuerta, Director, FAO Liaison Office with the European Union and Belgium*

Presentation 2: “Youth employment in the agricultural sector: the reinvigoration of the agricultural sector to limit rural exodus and emigration” *Mr. Mohamed Lamine Haidara, Manager, Incubation Centre for young entrepreneurs, Mali Agribusiness Incubation Hub*

17:00 – 17:15 Summary of the day: Main Moderator

Wednesday 24th October

08:30 – 09:00 *Welcome and registration of participants*

09:00 – 09:15 Introduction of the day: Main Moderator

09:15 – 10:45 Panel. Migration and urban planning

The growing urbanisation of migration brings new challenges for cities due to the arrival of migrants in need of employment and other services. However, urban zones represent a source of opportunities for migrants in terms of livelihoods and the possibility to be involved in entrepreneurial projects.

Introduction and moderation of the session: *Mr. Jules-Armand Aniambossou (FR), Coordinator, Presidential Council for Africa*

Presentation 1: “Factors of migration and urbanisation in Africa”: *Mr. Professor Joseph Teye, Director of the Centre for Migration Studies, University of Ghana*



Presentation 2: “How to create sustainable urban policies which promote migrant intervention” Mr. Lionel Nzamba Nzamba, Director, United Cities and Local Governments of Africa

10:45 – 11:15 coffee break

11:15 - 13:30 Working Groups

<p>Working group 1: The concept of “root causes”: what recommendations can we develop for communicators?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ President/Rapporteur: Côte d’Ivoire ▪ Moderator: Mr. Soeren Bauer, ICMPD 	<p>Working group 2: What recommendations can we develop for decision makers and project-managers for rural zones?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ President/Rapporteur: Gabon ▪ Moderator: Mr. Olivier Kaba, Agence Française de Développement ▪ Contextual presentation : Ms. Cristina de Lorenzo, Programme Manager, EU Emergency Trust fund for Africa 	<p>Working group 2: What recommendations can we develop for decision makers and project-managers for urban zones?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ President/Rapporteur : Benin ▪ Moderator : Mr. Bernhard Perchinig, ICMPD
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13:30 – 14:45 Lunch break

14:45 – 16:00 Sharing of outcomes of working groups and recommendations

16:00 – 16:30 General conclusions by the Chair and Co-Chair

*****Farewell coffee*****

Plenary sessions will take place in the main meeting room “Louis Armand”

Working groups will take place in meetings rooms 303, 305 and Louis Armand

