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### A regional Dialogue on Trafficking and Human Smuggling

The Khartoum Process is a regional dialogue, which takes place in the overarching framework of the Global Approach to Migration and Mobility (GAMM) – the framework of the external dimension of EU migration policy. It is a political initiative which builds upon the positive outcomes of the AU Regional Conference on human trafficking and smuggling in the Horn of Africa and its ministerial meeting, held **in Khartoum** on **13<sup>th</sup>–16<sup>th</sup> October 2014**.

On **28<sup>th</sup> November 2014**<sup>1</sup>, the Khartoum Process members and the EU met in Rome for a Ministerial Conference and signed a declaration agreeing to assist the States in tackling human trafficking and smuggling between the Horn of Africa and Europe through concrete actions in a spirit of partnership, shared responsibility and cooperation. The Declaration, called the 'Khartoum Declaration' defines a number of priority areas as below:

- Developing cooperation at bilateral and regional level between countries of origin, transit and destination to tackle irregular migration and criminal networks;
- Assisting in improving national capacity building in the field of migration management;
- Assisting national authorities in stepping up prevention measures with special regards to trafficking in human beings and smuggling of migrants;
- Establishing national strategies to strengthen horizontal coordination among all services involved, including ensuring protection to refugees and asylum seekers and assistance to migrants in vulnerable situations;
- Assisting in improving identification and prosecution of criminal networks;
- Improving or, where appropriate, establishing criminal law frameworks and fostering – where applicable – the ratification and the proper implementation of the Protocols against Smuggling of Migrants and Human Trafficking, supplementing the UN Convention against Transnational Organised Crime (Palermo Convention);
- Promoting a victim-centered approach;
- Promoting sustainable development in countries of origin and transit in order to address the root causes of irregular migration;
- Developing a regional framework for return, including voluntary, and reintegration, in the full respect of human rights, while strengthening the national capacities in these fields;
- Assisting participating countries in establishing and managing reception centers, providing access to asylum processes in line with the international law.

<sup>1</sup> <http://italia2014.eu/media/3785/declaration-of-the-ministerial-conference-of-the-khartoum-process.pdf>

## Scope

The Process provides a platform for consultation and coordination through dialogue between Africa and the EU on **anti-trafficking and human smuggling in the Horn of Africa**. It thus fosters a common understanding on the challenges posed by human trafficking and smuggling of migrants, encouraging opportunities for partnership and a shared responsibility and co-operation through the implementation of concrete projects.

Various EU bodies, such as the European Commission (DG Home Affairs and DG Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid, DG NEAR) and the External Action Service actively participate in the Khartoum Process. International organisations are also involved i.e. ICMPD, IOM, UNHCR, UNODC and IGAD. The African Union Commission and the European Commission are in charge of the Secretariat of the Khartoum Process.

## The Process aims to:

**Create a framework for policy and dialogue** around the topic of Human Trafficking and Smuggling and Irregular Migration in particular.

**Share knowledge and experiences** to strengthen cooperation with the support of international organisations (ICMPD, IOM, UNHCR and UNODC) as well as of IGAD as a regional organisation.

**Seek funding opportunities** and facilitate resource mobilization to support concrete projects.

## Recent Meetings

**Thematic Meeting on the Protection of Women and Girls on the Move from Africa to Europe**, Stockholm, Sweden, 18-19 September, 2018. The Stockholm Thematic Meeting will provide a platform for state, EU, UN, academic and civil society expertise on protection and gender-based violence (GBV) within the context of mixed migratory flows from Africa to Europe. Particular attention was paid to women and girls' access to critical GBV response services during displacement and migration, and whether or not the existing protection infrastructure is adequate to ensure that minimum standards are met.

### Thematic Meeting on Law Enforcement and Capacity Building

Cairo, Egypt, 10-11 July, 2018. During the Meeting, delegates shared their knowledge, experience and good practices pertaining to law enforcement responses to human trafficking, international police cooperation and investigation, as well as capacity building. The programme of the visit included a tour of the training facilities of the Academy, whereby the participants had a unique chance to witness the process of training, teaching, and knowledge sharing.

**Thematic Meeting on Awareness Raising Campaigns**, The Hague, The Netherlands, 19-20 June, 2018. The meeting, hosted by The Netherlands

and co-hosted by Ethiopia, was centered on the issues of impact and effectiveness of awareness raising campaigns and how do awareness raising campaigns fit in the broader context of policy coherence and whole of government approach to managing migration in countries of origin, transit, and destination.



### Steering Committee and Senior Officials' Meetings & Thematic Meeting on Data Collection and Management

Nairobi, Kenya, 8-9 June 2018. The SC and SOM were dedicated to the KP state of play, an updated on the related projects and the Roadmap to the 2018 Joint Valletta Action Plan (JVAP) SOM. The questions of governance, namely the future chairmanship of the Process in 2019 and the expansion of the Steering Committee, were addressed. The Meeting offered the participating states an opportunity to share practical insights and knowledge on the data collection mechanisms as

well as data management, analysis, and dissemination, as well as look at the good practices of Kenya, Malta, and Italy, among others.

### Steering Committee and Senior Officials' Meetings

Rome, 6-7 December 2017, were dedicated to the Chairmanship handover from Ethiopia to Italy, discussion of the programme for the Italian Chairmanship and deliberations on the Khartoum Process Chair for the year 2019. It also provided the participants with updates on the programmes and projects concerning the region, on the governance of the Process, on the Joint Valletta Action Plan (JVAP) 2018 SOM Preparations, and on the state of play pertaining to the Global Compacts for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration and the Global Compact for Refugees.

### Thematic meeting in the area of development benefits of migration and addressing root causes of irregular migration

Khartoum, 22-23 November 2017, hosted by Sudan and co-hosted by Norway, focused on a discussion of the socio-economic, governance- and politics-related root causes of irregular migration with the aim to exchange knowledge about the relevant issues and to capture lessons learned to feed into operational responses, programming policy, and political practice.