



Valletta Summit: Dialogue with Civil Society

Date: 5 November 2015

Time: 9.00hrs – 18.00hrs

Venue: Hotel Renaissance, rue du Parnasse, 19, 1050 Brussels

I. Background

The Africa-Europe Summit on Migration will take place in Valletta, Malta, on 11 and 12 November 2015. The conference will build on existing cooperation processes between Europe and Africa, particularly the Rabat and Khartoum processes on migration, and the EU-Africa Dialogue on Migration and Mobility. The Valletta Summit will result in a political declaration and an action plan.

In order to provide a joint civil society contribution for the Valletta Summit, the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC) Europe, the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and the Migration and Development (MADE) civil society network in Africa have conducted consultations among African and European civil society platforms and organisations, which resulted in the **attached civil society joint statement**.

In line with this initiative, this one-day event in Brussels will give civil society an opportunity to have a **dialogue with African and European leaders about key migration challenges and potential short and longer term solutions**.

The event will bring in the views of African and European civil society representatives including migrants and diaspora organisations, policy-makers, international organisations and academics and will focus on areas that have emerged as common priorities during the consultations, namely:

- ❖ The root causes that force people to migrate;
- ❖ The access to safe and regular migration routes to Europe;
- ❖ International protection;
- ❖ Migration and asylum governance in Africa;
- ❖ The positive role and critical contributions of migrants and diaspora.

This event will be the occasion for African and European civil society to share their knowledge and experience and remind the need for meaningful civil society engagement prior, during and after the Summit.



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II. The Agenda

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 9.15 Words of welcome – ICMC, NRC, Caritas Senegal/MADE Africa

9.15 – 10.45hrs Tackling the root causes of “reactive” and forced migration

Chair: CONCORD

- Issues preventing development – *Oxfam*
- Better and more development aid – *Care International*
- Insecurity and humanitarian crisis challenges – *MSF*

Respondent: DFID
DEVCO Director General

10.45 – 11.00hrs Coffee break

11.00 – 12.15hrs What do we, as African and European stakeholders, expect from the Valletta Summit?

Chair: Luxembourg presidency

- What we can expect from the Valetta Summit
Mr. Pierre Vimont, Personal Representative of the EU Council President for Preparation of the Valletta EU-Africa Summit; African Union
- What we, as African and European civil society, expect from the Valetta Summit –
Khady Sakho Niang, President, Forum des Organisations de Solidarité Internationale issues des Migrations (FORIM)
Edouard Rodier, Director, Norwegian Refugee Council Europe

12.15– 13.00hrs Lunch

13.00 – 14.15hrs Strengthening international protection

Chair: IFRC

- Enabling the transition for forcibly displaced people from dependency towards increased resilience, self-reliance and development - *Wairimu Munyinyi-Wahome, NRC Horn of Africa, South Sudan, Uganda and Yemen*
- Climate change and displacement – *DRC*
- Children in all contexts of migration – *Save the Children*

Respondents: Rabat process
European Commission, DG ECHO

14.15 – 14.30hrs **From Somalia to Libya. From Libya to Malta. Why the EU migration policy has to do with my search for freedom as a teenager?**
Farah Abdi Abdullahi, former child migrant and advocate

14.30 – 15.45hrs **Providing access to safe and regular migration routes to Europe**

Chair: Minos Mouzourakis, European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE)

- Alternatives to dangerous routes: legal access and protection along the migratory routes – *Petra Hueck, International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC) Europe*
- Dangers of the externalisation of border and asylum process – *Red Cross*
- Regular migration and mobility to Europe – *Kadri Soova, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM)*

Respondents: Mr. Amr Elsherbini, Minister Plenipotentiary, Deputy Chief of Mission of Egypt, Chair of the Khartoum process
European Commission

15.45 – 16.00hrs **Coffee break**

16.00 – 17.00hrs **Shedding the light on the positive role of migrants and migration**

Chair: IOM

- Facilitating and supporting migrants' and diaspora's contribution to development
Mr. Gibril Faal, Interim Director of the Africa-Europe Development Platform / Director of GK Partners
- Impact of remittances on development : the case of West Africa - *Fatou Cisse, Consortium pour la Recherche Economique et Sociale*
- Supporting citizen mobilization to change perceptions and perspectives on migrants and refugees in host countries
"Open the doors" campaign, Médecins du Monde

Respondent: MEP

17.00 – 18.00hrs **Improving migration and asylum governance in Africa**

Chair: Odile Faye, AFARD/MADE Africa

- Enhancing intra-African mobility – *Abdelfattah Ezzine, Réseau Marocain Transnational Migration et Développement (RMTMD)*
- Asylum policies in Africa – *UNHCR*

Respondent: Senegal (Chair of ECOWAS)

18.00 – 18.15hrs **Closing remarks**

III. About the organisers



The **International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC)** is an international non-governmental organisation serving and protecting uprooted people, refugees, internally displaced persons and migrants, regardless of faith, race, ethnicity or nationality. ICMC Europe supports ICMC Headquarters in advancing the rights of refugees and migrants. ICMC implements the EU-funded **Migration and Development Civil Society Network (MADE) Programme** which aims to strengthen civil society's role in advocacy and work with governments to promote policies for the well-being of all migrants and communities.

www.icmc.net; www.madenetwork.org



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The **Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)** is an independent, humanitarian, non-profit, non-governmental organisation. We provide assistance, protection and durable solutions to refugees and internally displaced persons worldwide. NRC promotes and protects the rights of refugees and people who have been displaced within their own country and take action during situations of armed conflict, and engage in other contexts where their competences will add value. www.nrc.no



MADE Africa is the Migration and Development (MADE) Civil Society Platform in Africa and currently comprises 373 members, including diaspora organisations. The platform is coordinated by **Caritas Senegal**, with the support of a steering committee consisting in 6 sub-regional leads for Central Africa, North Africa, West Africa, South Africa, East Africa and the diaspora. MADE Africa forms part of the global Migration and Development (MADE) civil society network.

www.caritas.sn; www.madenetwork.org/made-africa



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