

## Cairo Action Plan

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The Khartoum Process Partners agree on the following approaches and cross-cutting priorities to be mainstreamed throughout the implementation of the Cairo Ministerial Declaration, in order to further promote a holistic approach in the governance of migration and forced displacement:

- **A regional and whole-of-route approach:** the identification, formulation and implementation of actions will take into account local and regional specificities. In addition, the Khartoum Process Partners will take into account migration and forced displacement patterns and trends along the whole routes, from countries of origin, transit and destination;
- **An inclusive and multi-stakeholder approach:** the Partners will apply a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach and seek to involve all relevant actors as well as relevant international organisations, to ensure coordinated and orderly management of all dimensions of migration and forced displacement;
- **A human rights-based approach:** the implemented actions will contribute to fully respecting, protecting and fulfilling the human rights and dignity of all people, including migrants, refugees and forcibly displaced persons as well as victims of trafficking in human beings, particularly those in vulnerable situations;
- **Racism, discrimination and xenophobia:** particular attention will be paid to the fight against racism, discrimination and xenophobia all along the route, and to promoting a balanced and a fact-based narrative on migration and diasporas, while recognising that regular migrants and diaspora contribute to the sustainable development of countries of origin, transit and destination;
- **Inclusive and sensitive approach for groups in vulnerable situations:** Particular attention will be paid to the issues of gender and the protection of groups in vulnerable situations, including women at risk and children;

### Domain 1

**Strengthen the nexus between regular migration and development as well as address the root causes of irregular migration and forced displacement**

1. Engage regular migrants and diaspora communities of countries of origin, transit and destination to capitalise on their role as agents for development, including through their contribution to the legal labour market, as well as their voluntary remittances targeted towards community-driven projects that address poverty, education and healthcare in regions most affected by migratory pressure;
2. Promote the inclusion of migration into development and cooperation programmes, while taking into account existing global, continental, regional and national normative frameworks and the labour market needs of both the countries of origin and destination;
3. Support the development and creation of livelihood opportunities in countries of origin and transit, in order to promote self-reliance and resilience as well as reduce dependency and irregular migration;
4. Address the root causes of irregular migration and forced displacement, including environmental degradation, climate change and structural drivers for migration through knowledge sharing and regional cooperation, and building initiatives for enhancing resilience in order to mitigate their impact in the most affected regions;

## **Domain 2**

### **Promote regular migration and mobility, in particular of young people and women**

1. Promote skills development, skills matching, skills mapping, the recognition of qualifications and work experience in partnership with the public and private sectors of both countries of origin and destination, in line with national competences and priorities. Particular emphasis will be placed on activities for women and youth;
2. Enhance existing pathways for regular migration while taking into account national labour market needs and normative framework, including through efficient visa procedures and ensure transparency of rules and regulations on admission and residence in order to facilitate safe, orderly and regular migration;
3. Reinforce existing labour mobility schemes, such as through regional and bilateral mobility agreements, periodic exchange of information and sharing of best practices, which are beneficial to the labour market needs of all sides;
4. Promote communication, awareness raising and easy access to reliable and up to date information on regular channels of migration;

## **Domain 3**

### **Ensure international protection for refugees and forcibly displaced persons and the respect of the dignity and the human rights of all migrants**

1. Promote measures to enhance protection of refugees and forcibly displaced persons, notably victims of conflict, in accordance with international obligations, and address, through the Khartoum Process, the issue of missing migrants along the migratory route;
2. Promote the sharing of experience and best practices on local, national and regional policies and contingency planning in addressing situations of large movements of people in need of international protection and mixed migration movements;
3. Promote durable solutions for persons in need of international protection, namely voluntary repatriation, resettlement, humanitarian admission and local integration while utilising complementary pathways to protection;
4. Promote international solidarity and burden and responsibility sharing with countries hosting large numbers of refugees by increasing cooperation, and providing technical and financial assistance to host countries;

## **Domain 4**

### **Reduce and prevent irregular migration and fight against smuggling of migrants and trafficking in human beings**

1. Strengthen international, regional and bilateral cooperation and promote sharing expertise in reducing and preventing irregular migration and fighting against smuggling of migrants as well as trafficking in human beings with a human rights-based approach and adequate protection of victims of human trafficking;
2. Reinforce international cooperation in preventing and combating the smuggling of migrants and trafficking in human beings by identifying, investigating, and dismantling organised crime groups, by ensuring the prosecution of smugglers and traffickers by enhancing law

enforcement, judicial actors, financial and digital aspects of investigations, as well as anti-corruption measures;

3. Promote gender responsive awareness raising and information campaigns on the risks of irregular migration, smuggling of migrants and trafficking in human beings in countries of origin, transit and destination, as well as on the availability of regular migration opportunities as a legal and safe alternative;
4. Strengthen multi-stakeholder cooperation for the development and periodical review of national and regional strategies and policies for the identification, protection, assistance, referral and reintegration of victims of trafficking;

#### **Domain 5**

#### **Strengthen international, regional and bilateral cooperation for safe, timely, dignified and effective return, readmission and for sustainable reintegration**

1. Enhance international, regional and bilateral cooperation on return and readmission, based on States' obligation under international law and bilateral agreements to readmit their own nationals;
2. Promote the exchange of best practices related to return and readmission, including, as relevant, aspects relating to identification and issuance of travel documents and capacity building, as appropriate;
3. Foster partnerships and synergies to improve a multi-stakeholder approach as regards to sustainable reintegration, reinforce relevant national capacities, as well as share best practices in economic, social, and psychosocial reintegration of returning nationals;
4. Encourage cooperation in the area of management, monitoring and evaluation of return, readmission, and reintegration processes.