



EUROPEAN UNION

# SENEGAL

## ACTION AND PROGRESS UNDER THE MIGRATION PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK JUNE 2016 - JUNE 2017

The EU has a long history of very good relations with Senegal, particularly in the areas of security, trade, fisheries and development. Senegal is a trusted partner of the European Union and we engage in a strong dialogue on migration. This cooperation has been strengthened under the Partnership Framework, with Senegal being a priority country. It is a beneficiary country of the EU's Emergency Trust Fund for Africa. Senegal plays a very constructive role in the Rabat and the Valletta processes. Co-operation under the various pillars of the joint Valletta action plan is progressing well.



### HIGH LEVEL ENGAGEMENT

#### 2017

- June** >> Participation of the President, the Minister of Economy, Finance and Planning and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Senegal at the European Development Days in Brussels.  
>> Meeting of President Juncker and HRVP Federica Mogherini with the President of Senegal in Brussels
- May** >> High-level mission from Sweden to Senegal
- April** >> Visit of Senegalese Minister of Foreign Affairs and Senegalese abroad to Brussels.

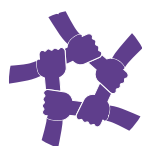
#### 2016

- December** >> Visit of the President of Senegal to France.
- November** >> Visit of French Minister of Foreign Affairs.  
>> Visit of Minister of Foreign Affairs of Italy.
- October** >> State visit of the President of Senegal to Poland.  
>> Participation of Commissioner Mimica at the regional conference on migration in Dakar.  
>> Visit of Minister of Interior of France.
- September** >> United Nations General Assembly bilateral meetings, several EU Member States.
- August** >> Visit of Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany.
- July** >> Visit of Commissioner Avramopoulos.



## KEY PROGRESS BY SENEGALESE AUTHORITIES

- >> Reorganisation of border police service and improvement of the availability of reliable migration data.
- >> Action plan of the national migration strategy to be adopted in the coming weeks
- >> Bilateral cooperation with Italy, Belgium and Germany expanded through technical missions.
- >> Extension of central fingerprints database is progressing with 6.5 million out of 10 million registered citizens.
- >> Embassy opened in Niger to assist migrants wishing to return to Senegal.
- >> Negotiations with the European Border and Coast Guard Agency on improved working arrangements finalised in June.
- >> Focal Points for Identification identified in relevant ministries.



## EU SUPPORT

- >> 9 projects for a total of more than €181 million adopted: Senegal is the first beneficiary country of the Lake Chad/Sahel window of the EU Trust Fund,
- >> EU funds project on Assisted Voluntary Returns. So far in 2017, 823 people have returned from Niger and 528 from Libya.
- >> Memorandum of Understanding with the European Border and Coast Guard Agency to be signed.
- >> Memoranda of Understanding with some Member States under discussion. Support to bilateral return and readmission agreements.



## NEXT STEPS

- >> Establish an Africa Frontex Intelligence Community Risk Analysis Cell in Senegal.
- >> Improve day to day cooperation for both identification and issuance of travel documents.
- >> On the basis of results achieved, step up cooperation in other areas including border management.
- >> Sign as soon as possible the Memorandum of Understanding with the European Border and Coast Guard Agency.
- >> Strengthen mechanisms for voluntary returns of Senegalese migrants stranded in Niger and Libya, in co-operation with IOM.
- >> Establish effective cooperation on readmission, based on the respect of best practices, focusing on migrants arrived through the Central Med route