



9th AU-EU CSOs Seminar on Human Rights



African Union – European Union Civil Society Seminar Ensuring respect for human rights in the context of migration and forced displacement

Day 1

8h30 – 9h00	Registration
9h00 – 9h45	<p>Opening session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AU CSO Steering Committee speaker • EU CSO Steering Committee speaker • Representative of the AU • Representative of the EU <p>Moderator: Hannah Foster, African Center</p>
9h45 – 11h15	<p>Session 1: EU and AU policy and actions addressing forced displacement and migration: assessment of civil society and responses by policy-makers</p> <p>Brief inputs by civil society representatives from EU and AU followed by interactive discussion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AU Side: Mamadou Goïta, IRPAD - TBC 2. EU Side: Josephine Liebl, ECRE – TBC <p>Moderator: Mabassa Fall, FIDH – TBC</p> <p>Issues to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are key trends and developments in policy and practice on forced displacement and migration on both continents? • What is the role of regional organisations like the EU and AU in shaping asylum and migration policy, including that of member states? • What is the role of regional economic organisations (RECs) in shaping migration policy? • How has cooperation between the EU and AU and individual Member States on this issue impacted on human rights? • What are the expectations and recommendations for the negotiations of the post-Cotonou framework that are currently underway? • What are positive examples of policy and practice to be learned from, what are concerning developments? • Recommendations going forward for EU, AU and Member States
11h15 – 11h45	Coffee Break
11h45 – 13h15	<p>Session 2: Protecting rights of displaced people: developments regarding access to asylum, rights and dignity of displaced people on both continents</p> <p>Brief inputs by civil society representatives from EU and AU followed by interactive discussion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AU Side: Samir ABI, West African Observatory on Migrations- TBC 2. EU Side: Leïla Bodieux, Caritas Europa – TBC

	<p>Moderator: SodfaDaajii, European Network of Migrant Women - TBC</p> <p>Issues to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of and interaction between asylum and migration policies, including migration chapters in economic cooperation agreements on forced displacement and protection of rights • Opportunities and challenges arising from implementation of GCR and GCM in EU and AU • Addressing root causes of forced displacement: lessons learned and how to ensure human rights compliance? • Trends and responses to address human trafficking and sexual exploitation along migration routes • Strategic litigation as a tool to ensure compliance with asylum legislation and support accountability • Recommendations going forward for EU, AU and Member States
13h15 – 14h15	Lunch
14h15 – 15h45	<p>Session 3: Mobility and legal pathways: safe and legal routes for refugees and the expansion of legal migration between the continents</p> <p>Brief inputs by civil society representatives from EU and AU followed by interactive discussion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AU Side:Badara Ndiaye, Migrafrique - TBC 2. EU Side:Torsten Moritz, CCME – TBC <p>Moderator: LebohangLiepolloPheko, Trade Collective Think Tank - TBC</p> <p>Issues to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State of play regarding safe and legal pathways for protection and legal migration channels between the continents • Identification of positive examples to be expanded and/or replicated • Impact of EU external migration policies on intra-regional and inter-regional mobility • Factors that make refugees and migrants more vulnerable to human rights abuse upon arrival in Europe • Opportunities and challenges arising from implementation of GCR and GCM in EU and AU • Recommendations going forward for EU, AU and Member States
15h45 – 16h00	Coffee break
16h00 – 17h30	<p>Session 4: Migration focus in funding: impact on protection of human rights in the EU and AU</p> <p>Brief inputs by civil society representatives from EU and AU followed by interactive discussion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AU Side:DanielThiombiano, CADEV Niger - TBC 2. EU Side:Raphael Shilhav, Oxfam – TBC <p>Moderator: Gilbert Sendugwa, AFIC</p> <p>Issues to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the implications of the increased migration focus in EU political engagement and financial support on the relationship between the two

	<p>continents and within the continent (i.e. between different countries and regions)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the implications of externalization on EU, AU and member state policies and practices? • What priorities should be supported by this focus and how? How can civil society best respond to adverse human rights impacts of migration focus, externalization? • What is the relevance of the negotiations of the post-Cotonou framework that are currently underway? • Human rights compliance in programmes and approaches related to migration, especially where they touch upon border management and include support to the security sector • Role of civil society in developing, advising on and monitoring policy and programmes on forced displacement and migration • Recommendations going forward for EU, AU and Member States
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Day 2

8h30 – 9h00	Arrival and coffee
9h00 – 10h30	<p>Session 1: Search and rescue efforts and the situation in the Mediterranean Sea Brief inputs by civil society representatives from EU and AU followed by interactive discussion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AU Side : Gibril Faal, GK Partners – TBC 2. EU Side : Inma Vasquez, Médecins Sans Frontières - TBC <p>Moderator: Mohammed Sally Yousef, African Center for Migration Studies - TBC</p> <p>Issues to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search and rescue as an obligation under international maritime law and the responsibility to protect the right to life • Civil society recommendations on the role of regional bodies and Member States to respond to the situation in the Mediterranean
10h30 – 11h00	Coffee Break
11h00 – 13h00	<p>Session 2: Criminalisation and other challenges in civil society efforts to support refugees and migrants. Brief inputs by civil society representatives from EU and AU followed by interactive discussion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AU Side: Japheth Biegon, Amnesty Africa – TBC 2. EU Side: Aniko Bakoni, Hungarian Helsinki Committee – TBC <p>Moderator: Lionel Grassy, FIACAT / or Katharine Derderian, Amnesty International – TBC</p> <p>Issues to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressing criminalization of civil society involved in support to refugees and migrants, including undocumented migrants on both continents • Civil society recommendations on the role of regional bodies and Member States to respond to the situation in the Mediterranean, the wider migration “crisis” and the criminalization of those assisting refugees and migrants
13h00 – 14h00	Lunch
14h00 – 17h00	<p>Discussion and review of recommendations from different sessions Moderator: ECRE</p>
17h00 – 17h30	Closing session