Promoting cooperation between Morocco, Côte d’Ivoire, Mali and Senegal in the area of migration

BACKGROUND

Located between Europe and Sub-Saharan Africa, Morocco has initiated for several years an ambitious migration policy that wishes both to strengthen the links between Morocco and its nationals living abroad and to promote the integration of migrants coming into Morocco from, among others, West Africa.

This Moroccan migration policy accompanies a growing South-South mobility.

With this in mind, Morocco has been engaged for several years in strengthening its cooperation with the sub-Saharan countries on migration issues. As such, MoUs were signed with Senegal (June 2013), Côte d’Ivoire (January 2015), and Mali (February 2019). These cooperation agreements constitute a basis for the concrete implementation of cooperation activities in the field of migration.

Indeed, despite the peculiarities of their migration situations, the four countries face many common challenges related to the development or implementation of their migration policies. They also share similar challenges on issues related to their diasporas, the reintegration of returnees, the integration and protection of migrants, and the facilitation of regular migration.

Morocco’s collaboration with these three West African countries thus represents an important potential for mutual learning in the field of migration.

It is in this context that the Action for «South-South Cooperation on Migration» comes into play. This Action is co-funded by the European Union and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). It is implemented by the «Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit» (GIZ) and «Expertise France» (EF).

PRESENTATION OF THE ACTION

With the support of the Emergency Trust Fund of the European Union and the BMZ, the South-South Cooperation Action on Migration aims to support Morocco, through the Delegate Ministry to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccans Residing Abroad in Charge of Moroccans Residing Abroad (MDCMRE), and respectively Côte d’Ivoire, Mali, and Senegal in the practical implementation of reciprocal commitments on migration, based on action plans jointly drawn up by these countries.

To this end, the South-South Cooperation Action mobilizes national and international expertise in each of the four countries in order to support and strengthen dialogue and cooperation between stakeholders and to contribute to the implementation of joint actions in the following fields:

- Migration and development, especially in terms of Diaspora mobilization policies and practices at the national, regional and local levels
- Access to migrants’ rights, in terms of integration and reintegration
- South-South mobility in a win-win approach (country of origin, host country and migrants)
The South-South Cooperation Action on Migration aims at strengthening South-South cooperation on migration, which is a constituent element of a regional system of migration governance between Morocco, Côte d’Ivoire, Mali, and Senegal. Specifically, it aims at facilitating and promoting the sharing of experience and transfer of migration practices among institutional, administrative and non-governmental stakeholders in the four countries.

**GOALS**

- Promoting the exchange of views and ideas, dialogues and mutual
- Conducting diagnoses, studies, reports and mapping activities
- Deployment through the implementation of pilot activities
- Capacity building
- Promoting cooperation between Morocco, Côte d’Ivoire, Mali and Senegal in the area of migration

**APPROACH**

The Action is based on a dynamic methodological approach including 4 steps.

- Financial partners: European Union through the Emergency Trust Fund (EUTF) and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
- Implementing partners: GIZ and Expertise France

**COUNTRIES OF INTERVENTION**

**MOROCCO**
Main Partner through the Delegate Ministry to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccans Residing Abroad in Charge of Moroccans Residing Abroad

**CÔTE D’IVOIRE**
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**MALI**
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**SENEGAL**
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