AU Regional Conference on Human Trafficking and Smuggling in The Horn Of Africa

Khartoum, Republic of Sudan
13-16 October 2014

Police Club House

Draft Agenda

SUNDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2014

00:00 – 00:00  Arrival and hotel check-in of participants

DAY 1- MONDAY  13 OCTOBER 2014

08:00 – 09:00   Registration of participants
**Morning Session -**

**Session I:** Opening Session
Chair: Government of Sudan and AUC

09.00 - 09.20 Welcome Remarks by Host Government

*Government of the Republic of Sudan (3 mins)*
*Opening Remarks: UNHCR (5 mins)*
*Opening Remarks: IOM (5 mins)*
*Opening Statement: African Union Commission (7 mins)*

09.20 – 09:35 Key Note Speech: *Sudanese Minister of Justice (15 mins)* -

09.35 – 10.00 COFFEE BREAK (GROUP PHOTO)

**Session II:**
Chair: AUC
Inter-state Cooperation and Key African and International Policy Frameworks and Initiatives on Human Trafficking and Smuggling of Migrants

10:00 – 10:15 Presentation by AU: Presentation on AU policies and instruments on migration. (The presentation will also address human trafficking and smuggling of migrants from global, continental, and regional perspectives, and raise questions that will be addressed in the course of the dialogue).

10:15 – 11:15 Setting the stage: Presentation by partners

- **IOM:** Migration Governance (15 mins)
- **UNHCR:** Refugee Protection in Mixed Migration Flows (15 mins)
- **UNODC:** Assistance to Member States on ratification and implementation of UN Convention on TOC and regional protocols including Mutual Legal Assistance and Extradition (15 mins).
- **LAS:** Regional perspective on Human trafficking and irregular migration (15 mins)
- **RMMS:** State of play on Mixed Migration in the Horn of Africa (15 mins)

11.15 – 13:00 Discussion

13:00 – 14.30 LUNCH BREAK

**AFTERNOON SESSION**
### Session III:
**Co-Chairs:** AUC and IOM  
**14:30 – 15:30**  
**Trafficing and Smuggling from the Horn of Africa: State of Play**  
**Presenters:** Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Sudan, Djibouti and Somalia, Kenya, Tunisia, South Sudan and Libya (20 minutes per country)

**The issues, challenges, gaps and opportunities**  
(Participants are expected to exchange views on the state of play of human trafficking and smuggling in respective countries with a view to deepening understanding of the phenomenon. Challenges would be viewed from various perspectives including, protection and assistance to victims, alternative livelihoods, search for durable solution, border management, labour migration, law enforcement and prosecution, policy and legislative frameworks among others).

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**DAY TWO- TUESDAY**  
**14 OCTOBER 2014**

**MORNING SESSION**

### Session IV:
**Chair:** AUC and IOM  
9:00 – 9:15  
**Summary of the first day**  
**Presenter:** AUC

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| 9:15 – 10:15  | **Reviewing and Examining Inter - State Cooperation mechanisms and initiatives**  
**Presenter:** EAC (15 mins)  
(Participants and presentations are expected to examine and review existing coordination mechanisms, look at what has worked, what has not and why it has not worked, what can be improved, highlight the gaps and opportunities, and make proposals for complementary measures  
Discussion (45 mins)

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| 10:15 – 10:30 | **Labour Migration Governance for Development and Integration in Africa**  
**Presenter:** ILO (15 mins)

10:30 – 11:00  
**TEA BREAK**

11:00 – 12:00  
**Discussion (1 hour)**  
(The presentation and participants are expected to discuss and review among others, the role of each country in regards to labour migration governance, return assistance especially to labour migrants who have fallen victims of trafficking and other vulnerabilities. The discussion will aim at identifying concrete measures to strengthen coherence and
cooperation at all levels, with a view to enhancing knowledge and understanding the benefits of labour migration (for migrants and countries) and its important links to development, while reducing its negative implications.

12:00 – 13:30 TIME OFF AND LUNCH BREAK

AFTERNOON SESSION

Session V:
Chair: AUC and IOM

13:30 – 13:40 Plenary session and division into working groups
13:40 – 15:30 Working Groups

Working Group A:
Protecting and respecting human rights of people on the move (migrants, refugees and asylum seekers caught in trafficking/smuggling or other irregular migratory movements)

Chair: Ethiopia
Thematic input: UNHCR
Rapporteur: Sudan and Djibouti

Working Group B:
IP/Smuggling Prevention and related State obligations.
( Participants are expected to discuss the need for prevention as one of the key aspects of an effective anti-trafficking response and are therefore expected to examine and review existing prevention mechanisms, identify gaps and measures required to for improvement.

Chair: Egypt
Thematic input: NAPTIP
Rapporteur: Eritrea and Somalia

Working Group C:
Enhancing law enforcement at the national and regional level to curb smuggling and trafficking.
( Participants are expected to highlight whether there are laws in each country governing the trafficking and smuggling issues; if there are sufficient penalties for perpetrators; what frameworks are used for law enforcement cooperation across borders (as these are transnational crimes); corruption among enforcement offices; need for mutual legal assistance and extradition of offenders.)

Chair: Eritrea
Thematic input: UNODC
Rapporteur: South Sudan and Tunisia

15:30 – 16:30: Presentation from the working groups
Chair: AUC

16:30: 17:30 Plenary Discussion: Partnership

International and regional cooperation mechanisms: Enhancing Partnerships, Cooperation, coordination and collaboration among
concerned States and other stakeholders in responding to trafficking and smuggling in persons.

(Participants will discuss paper the need for cross border/inter-state cooperation in the fight against trafficking. Best practices for inter-agency cross border coordination and cooperation mechanisms, international mechanisms or structures that should ideally be in place to improve coordination of efforts of international and regional organizations.)

Chair: Sudan
Thematic input: IOM
Rapporteur: Eritrea and Kenya

DAY THREE:– WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2014

Morning Session Plenary:

Session IV: Chair: AU and EU
09:00 – 11:00 Senior Officials Meeting on EU-Horn of Africa Migration Route Initiative (Khartoum Process)

11:00 – 11:30 TEA BREAK

11:30 – 12:30 Interventions by other participating governments and partners (Norway, Switzerland, League of Arab States)

12:30 – 13:30 LUNCH BREAK

AFTERNOON SESSION

Session V: Chair: UNHCR and IOM
14:00 – 16:00 Consideration and adoption of report and related documents Declaration, Joint Strategy, Action Plan including the Terms of Reference of the Regional Coordination Mechanism

Presenter: AU
16:00 – 17:00 Wrap up and closing remarks- AU and host government
19:00 – 20:30 Cocktail reception

DAY 4:- THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER 2014

MINISTERIAL MEETING:

08: 30- 9:00: Registration of Participants
09:00 – 10:00 Opening Session  
Chair: The government of Sudan and AUC  
- Welcome remarks by Commissioner of Social Affairs (5 mins);  
- Opening remarks by Deputy Chairperson (TBC), AUC (10 mins)  
- Remarks by IOM Deputy Director General (10 mins)  
- Remarks by UNHCR (person to be decided) (10 mins)  
- Remarks by EU (person to be decided) (10 mins)  
- Remarks by Government of Norway (10 mins)  
- Keynote address by Government of Sudan (15 mins)

10:00 – 10:30: Group Photo

10:30 – 11:00: Reports of experts meeting – AUC

11:00 – 11:30: Presentation of background paper: AUC

11:30 – 12:30: Ministerial Dialogue  
Ministers are expected to discuss the realities and fundamental reasons for irregular migration (including human trafficking and smuggling) and how to effectively address the issues through cooperation, as well as dealing with the challenges in ensuring legitimate labour migration through effective labour migration management.

Moderator: Prof. Adebayo OLUKOSHI, Director of IDEP  
Discussants: Ministers from participating countries

12:30 – 13:30: LUNCH

13:30 – 15:30: Continuation of Ministerial Dialogue

15:30 – 16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:00 – 17:00 Presentation and adoption of Recommendations, Declaration, Joint Strategy, Action Plan including the Terms of Reference of the Regional Coordination Mechanism

Presenter: AUC

17:00- 17:30: Closing remarks:  
Government of Sudan  
AU

End of the Conference

* Interpretation will be made in English, French and Arabic.