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Factsheet

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## Mediterranean Transit Migration Dialogue

### Building partnerships through innovation

#### Key Data

Secretariat: ICMPD  
Established: 2002  
Staff: 9  
Partner States: 45  
Partner Agencies: 10

ICMPD has hosted the Secretariat of the Mediterranean Transit Migration (MTM) Dialogue since its inception in 2002. Anchored to the Southern Dimension of ICMPD, the MTM Dialogue is a consultative platform

between migration officials in countries of origin, transit and destination along the migration routes in Africa, Europe and the Middle East. Initially focusing on transit migration, it has extended its scope over the years to cover a broad range of migration issues, including migration and development, irregular and mixed migration. Through the various activities and regular expert meetings, MTM participants benefit from the expertise of ICMPD's Competence Centres and MTM Partner Agencies. In 2009, the dialogue entered its 4th phase, "**A Dialogue in Action**".

The MTM Dialogue aims to support the efforts undertaken at international, regional and sub-regional levels. To this end, it follows the main global, African and European policy guidelines. In addition, regular synergies and cross-fertilisation is ensured with other relevant initiatives, e.g. the Global Forum on Migration and Development, the Africa – EU Partnership on Migration, Mobility and Employment (MME), the Rabat Process, the EUROMED Migration III and the 5+5 Dialogue on Migration in the Western Mediterranean. Finally, the dialogue fully respects the application of all relevant international legal instruments for human rights and refugee protection, as well as for combating trafficking and smuggling.

The dialogue is inter-governmental in character, as it concentrates on the real concerns faced by MTM Partner States. It is also entirely informal and nonbinding, thus enabling an open exchange of perspectives that contributes to the opinion-forming of state officials.



The driving force of the dialogue has always been to address not only current issues, but to adopt an innovative approach and anticipate future challenges. It does not tackle political issues but operates at the technical level exclusively. It also reflects the diversity of migration actors and builds on their respective expertise and maximises the benefits of inter-agency cooperation, notably to develop cutting-edge tools and mechanisms. Furthermore, the dialogue addresses issues in a sustainable fashion and ensures a regular and long-term transfer of results and methodologies to participating states.

The working languages of the MTM Dialogue are *Arabic, English and French*.

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### Participants

Since the launch of “A Dialogue in Action”, MTM Partner States’ involvement has varied depending on the activities implemented. As of 2012, the **MTM Partner States** are: Algeria, Cape Verde, Egypt, Ethiopia, the EU 27 Member States, Ghana, Kenya, Lebanon, Libya, Mali, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Senegal, Switzerland, Syria, Tunisia and Turkey.

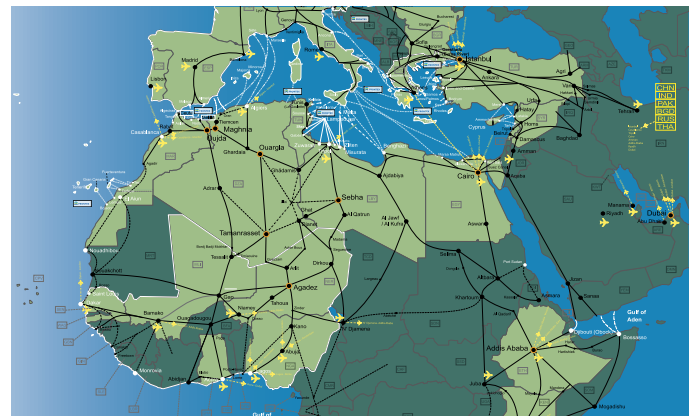
Since its inception, the Dialogue has promoted and has strongly relied on the principle of inter-agency cooperation and partnership with relevant international organisations in the various MTM activities. In 2012, the following international organisations hold the status of **MTM Partner Agencies**: Europol, Frontex, IFAD, Interpol, IOM, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), UN-Habitat, UNHCR and UNODC. Various relevant actors are invited as Observers, depending on the focus of the MTM activity.

Throughout the Dialogue’s development, MTM activities have received various forms of funding from numerous committed states and donors, i.e. Austria, Belgium, Caritas, Cyprus, Denmark, Egypt, Ethiopia, European Commission, Europol, France, Frontex, IFAD, Interpol, Italy, Lebanon, Libya, Malta, Morocco, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, UNHCR, the United Kingdom and UNODC.

### Current Activities

#### i-Map

The *Interactive Map on Migration (i-Map)* was created in 2006 and is an instrument of information collection and practices exchange adaptable to any regional cooperation framework. It provides a broad range of information on the institutional capacities and practices of a given country with regard to its migration management system. The MTM i-Map is currently in its third phase and is planned to run until 2014. More information can be found at [www.imap-migration.org](http://www.imap-migration.org).



#### AMEDIP

The project *Strengthening African and Middle Eastern Diaspora Policy through South-South Exchange (AMEDIP)* was launched in September 2011 and will run until the end of June 2014. The project aims to enhance the institutional capacities of national authorities charged with migration and development to better harness the contributions of their diaspora communities. This will be achieved inter alia through the implementation of 5 pilot projects as well as an innovative tool: the ‘South-South Expert Exchange Mechanism’.

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