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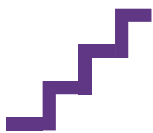
ETHIOPIA

ACTION AND PROGRESS UNDER THE MIGRATION PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK JUNE-DECEMBER 2016



HIGH LEVEL ENGAGEMENT

- December** >> Visit of the Italian Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa.
>> Visit of the UK Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa.
- October** >> Visit of Minister of Foreign Affairs of Slovakia.
>> Visit of Chancellor of Germany.
- September** >> United Nations General Assembly bilateral meetings, several Member States, and HR/VP Mogherini with Prime Minister of Ethiopia .
- June** >> Meeting of Prime Minister of Ethiopia with several members of the College, including President Juncker for the signature of the Strategic Engagement/ High level dialogue on migration.



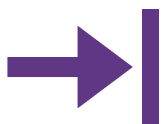
KEY PROGRESS BY ETHIOPIAN AUTHORITIES

- >> Technical dialogue has continued, a workshop on readmission is being prepared for the beginning of 2017.
- >> A European Migration Liaison Officer will be deployed to Ethiopia in early 2017.
- >> Contact point to cooperate with Member States in identification and return issues appointed.
- >> The Ethiopian government identified a majority of the cases submitted for return.



EU SUPPORT

- >> Ethiopia is one of the main beneficiaries of the EU Trust Fund for Africa, with activities on the protection and development needs of refugees and host communities, root causes of irregular migration, economic opportunities and resilience of the most vulnerable communities.
- >> Further programmes are in the pipeline to support job creation, in particular for refugees (also through support for the newly planned industrial parks), as well as to support the establishment of a unified national identification and registration system.
- >> EU development and protection support to refugees in Ethiopia has continued through the implementation of the Regional Development and Protection Programme (RDPP) for the Horn of Africa, including specific action for the protection of children.
- >> Preparation of projects on biometrics and on reintegration are ongoing.



NEXT STEPS

- >> Maintain close dialogue with Ethiopia as Chair of the Khartoum Process, in the preparations of the Valletta Senior Officials Meeting in February 2017.
- >> Continue building on the initial steps taken in order to improve cooperation in the field of return and readmission.
- >> Strengthen further support to Ethiopia as a country of transit and of destination of migrants and refugees.