



EUROPEAN UNION

NIGERIA

ACTION AND PROGRESS UNDER THE MIGRATION PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK JUNE 2016 - MARCH 2017

The European Union engages in regular political dialogue with Nigeria and supports efforts to improve economic, political and social development. In recent years, the EU has also stepped up its support for those displaced by violence and terrorism in Nigeria through its humanitarian aid programmes. The EU signed a Common agenda for Migration and Mobility (CAMP) with Nigeria in March 2015, during which an open and constructive dialogue was held. Nigeria is a priority country under the Partnership Framework and dialogue and political cooperation has been stepped up significantly. In March 2016, at a Ministerial Dialogue in Brussels, the Parties agreed to take necessary steps to launch negotiations for an EU-Nigeria Readmission Agreement and the first negotiation meeting took place in October 2016. A Ministerial meeting in the course of 2017 will allow deepening the ongoing dialogue and taking stock on the progress achieved.



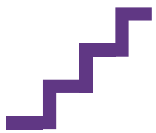
HIGH LEVEL ENGAGEMENT

2017

- February** >> Visit of the Spanish State Secretary to Nigeria.
>> Visit of the Nigerian Controller General to the Netherlands.
>> Visit of European Commission Vice President Ansip to Abuja and Lagos.

2016

- November** >> Visit of Secretary of State of Slovakia to the 5th EU Nigeria Business Forum.
October >> Visit of President of Nigeria to Germany.
>> Visit of Minister of Interior to Italy.
>> Visit of Minister for EU Affairs and Trade of Sweden.
>> Visit of Minister of Foreign Affairs of Germany.
>> Visit of Secretary of State of Portugal.
September >> United Nations General Assembly bilateral meetings, several EU Member States.
August >> Visit of Minister of Foreign Affairs of Italy.



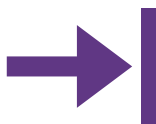
KEY PROGRESS BY NIGERIAN AUTHORITIES

- >> Launch of Cooperation Platform on Migrant Smuggling, involving EU Agencies and Member States.



EU SUPPORT

- >> A European Migration and Liaison Officer has been deployed to the EU Delegation in Abuja since 1 February 2017.
- >> Projects adopted under the EU Trust Fund for Africa in December 2016 to support reintegration, literacy, and mental health services.
- >> Support to cover humanitarian needs of the victims of the crisis in Nigeria, in terms of food and nutrition, protection, water, sanitation and hygiene, shelter, non-food items, and health.



NEXT STEPS

- >> Conclude the negotiations on the Readmission Agreement by June 2017.
- >> Continue active cooperation on anti-smuggling and trafficking through the Africa-Frontex Intelligence Community and the recently launched Cooperation Platform on Migrant Smuggling.
- >> Identify EU Trust Fund for Africa projects with a strong migration focus.