



EUROPEAN UNION

# ETHIOPIA

## ACTION AND PROGRESS UNDER THE MIGRATION PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK

### JUNE 2016 - MARCH 2017

The EU has supported development and the Ethiopian people for many years, including by investing in infrastructure, food security and healthcare projects. Ethiopia is a country of origin, transit and destination of migrants. It is the host of one of the largest refugee population in Africa. Ethiopia is a priority country under the Partnership Framework. This relationship was framed in a Strategic Engagement signed in June 2016 that comprises 6 Dialogues on issues ranging from regional security, to human rights, governance and migration. Ethiopia is one of the main beneficiaries of the EU Trust Fund for Africa, and is also Chair of the Khartoum process, since December 2016. Enhanced cooperation on return and readmission is needed to reach an agreed and swift process for returns in the future. Ethiopia's internal situation remains difficult, with a State of Emergency in place since October 2016. The European Union continues to interact with a wide range of interlocutors to facilitate an inclusive process and dialogue.



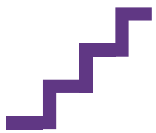
## HIGH LEVEL ENGAGEMENT

### 2017

- February** >> Meeting between High Representative/ Vice-President Mogherini and Ethiopian Minister for Foreign Affairs Gabeyehu.  
>> Visit of Minister for Foreign Affairs Gabejehu to Brussels.
- January** >> Meeting between Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development Mimica and Prime Minister Desalegn.

### 2016

- December** >> Ethiopia Chair of the Khartoum Process: Steering Committee and Senior Officials Meetings in Addis Ababa.  
>> 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 Hailemariam Desalegn.
- June** >> Meeting of Prime Minister of Ethiopia Hailemariam Desalegn with several members of the College, including President Juncker for the signature of the Strategic Engagement, which includes a sectoral dialogue on migration



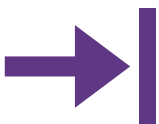
## KEY PROGRESS BY ETHIOPIAN AUTHORITIES

- >> Constructive contribution to Valletta Senior Officials' meeting as chair of the Khartoum process.



## EU SUPPORT

- >> Regional programmes under the EU Trust Fund for Africa adopted in December 2016, to support a Regional Operational Centre for the Khartoum Process, and a facility to support returns, to help stranded migrants and their sustainable reintegration into communities. Support to refugees hosted in Ethiopia and their host communities through humanitarian funding and the Regional Development and Protection Programme.
- >> European Migration Liaison Officer to be deployed in Ethiopia in March 2017.



## NEXT STEPS

- >> Finalise actions on the pilot return cases and use them as the blueprint for faster returns to be performed in the future.
- >> Continue to support Ethiopia as a country of transit and of destination of migrants and refugees, including through the actions financed under the EU Trust Fund for Africa.
- >> Launch the Strategic Engagement sectoral dialogue on migration (target date of April 2017).
- >> Maintain close dialogue with Ethiopia as Chair of the Khartoum Process.