



EUROPEAN UNION

ETHIOPIA

ACTION AND PROGRESS UNDER THE MIGRATION PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK

JUNE 2016 - JUNE 2017

The EU has supported Ethiopian development and its people for many years, including by investing in infrastructure, food security and healthcare projects. Ethiopia is a country of origin, transit and destination in the context of migration. It is the host of one of the largest refugee population in Africa. Ethiopia is a priority country under the Partnership Framework. Since June 2016, EU relations with Ethiopia have been framed in a Strategic Engagement that comprises 6 sectoral 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 until the end of 2017. Enhanced cooperation on return and readmission is needed to reach an agreed and swift process for returns in the future. Ethiopia's internal political 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

May

- >> Bilateral Meeting between President Juncker and Ethiopian Prime Minister Hailermariam Desalegn at the margins of the G7 summit in Italy.
- >> Meeting between the High Representative/Vice-President Mogherini and the Prime Minister of Ethiopia Desalegn at the Somalia conference in London.

April

- >> Visit of EUSR for Human Rights, Stavros Lambrinidis to Addis Ababa to launch the sectorial dialogue on governance and human rights under the EU- Ethiopia Strategic Engagement.
- >> Visit of the Danish Minister for Immigration and Integration to Addis Ababa
- >> Visit of Minister of Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg to Ethiopia

March

- >> Visit of HR/VP F. Mogherini to Addis Ababa to meet with members of the African Union, as well as bilaterally with Ethiopian Prime Minister Hailermariam Desalegn

February

- >> Meeting between HR/VP 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.



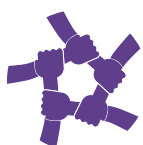
2016

- 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.
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- 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

- >> First sectoral dialogue on governance and human rights under the EU-Ethiopia Strategic Engagement took place in April 2017.
- >> Ethiopia is chair of the Khartoum Process.



EU SUPPORT

- >> Development, with the EU, of a comprehensive project on improved collection and maintenance of national data on migrants, asylum-seekers and refugees.
- >> A European Migration Liaison Officer has been deployed in Ethiopia since March 2017.



NEXT STEPS

- >> Ensure a rapid delivery of travel documents by the Ethiopian consulates and effective return of the migrants concerned by the pilot project.
- >> To establish as soon as possible an effective structured cooperation for identification and returns.
- >> In parallel to progress on returns from Europe and depending on the humanitarian situation, consider EU support for the protection of returnees from Saudi Arabia.
- >> Continue cooperation on other aspects of migration, such as support to refugees and host communities, notably through further actions in the Regional Development and Protection Programme (RDPP) and by supporting the creation of industrial parks where jobs will be provided for refugees.
- >> Further enhance regional cooperation to tackle smuggling and trafficking, notably through the Regional Operational Center (ROCK) and other actions under the Khartoum Process.
- >> Launch the Strategic Engagement sectoral dialogue on migration (Autumn 2017).