



EUROPEAN UNION

# NIGERIA

## ACTION AND PROGRESS UNDER THE MIGRATION PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK JUNE 2016 - JUNE 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 September 2017 (dates to be confirmed) will allow for a deepening of the ongoing dialogue and taking stock of the progress achieved.



### HIGH LEVEL ENGAGEMENT

#### 2017

- May** >> Visit of President of the S&D group in the European Parliament
- 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.
- >> Cooperation on readmission relatively positive, though negotiations for the readmission agreement with the EU have been slow.
- >> Growing cooperation on criminal trafficking of women and girls for sexual exploitation.
- >> Nigeria is cooperating closely with the International Organisation for Migration to facilitate assisted voluntary returns from Niger and Libya, which has amounted so far to 1,677 in 2017.
- >> Nigerian liaison officers have been deployed in Italy



## EU SUPPORT

- >> A European Migration Liaison Officer has been deployed to the EU Delegation in Abuja since 1 February 2017.
- >> Six projects which address, inter alia, resilience, return, reintegration and anti-radicalisation have been committed through the EU Trust Fund for Africa.
- >> 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

- >> Step up further bilateral cooperation on readmission.
- >> Resume the negotiations on the Readmission Agreement as soon as possible.
- >> Ensure the involvement of Europol and Eurojust in cross-border cases of trafficking in human beings, including support to financial investigations, by the end of 2017.
- >> Bring together all different work strands on investment, security and migration in view of the EU-Ministerial meeting.