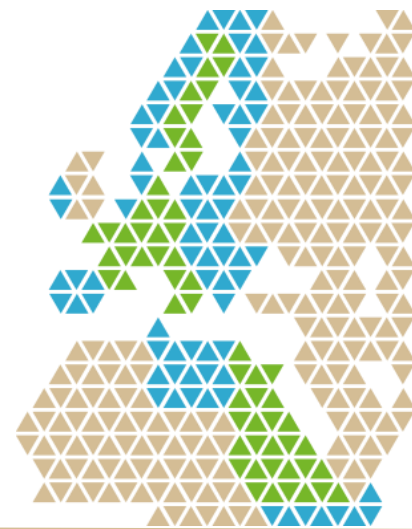


# Khartoum Process

EU-Horn of Africa Migration Route Initiative



## What is the Khartoum Process?

The **EU-Horn of Africa Migration Route Initiative** (Khartoum Process) is a regional migration dialogue. It serves as a platform for political cooperation amongst the countries along the migration route between the Horn of Africa and Europe and facilitates collaboration and information exchange.

**Established:** November 2014

**Current Chair:** Egypt

**Upcoming Chair:** TBC

**Secretariat:**

African Union Commission,  
European Commission, ICMPD

## Member States

Steering Committee members  
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Austria	Belgium
Bulgaria	Croatia
Cyprus	Czech Republic
Denmark	Djibouti
<b>Egypt</b>	<b>Eritrea</b>
Estonia	<b>Ethiopia</b>
<b>Finland</b>	<b>France</b>
<b>Germany</b>	Greece
Hungary	Ireland
<b>Italy</b>	Kenya
Latvia	Libya
Lithuania	Luxembourg
Malta	<b>The Netherlands</b>
Norway	Poland
Portugal	Romania
Slovakia	Slovenia
<b>Somalia</b>	<b>South Sudan</b>
Spain	<b>Sudan*</b>
<b>Sweden</b>	Switzerland
Tunisia	<b>Uganda</b>

*\*In light of Sudan's ongoing inability to fulfil their role as Steering Committee (SC) member, Somalia was elected to temporarily fill the vacant Steering Committee seat until Sudan's return.*



## Other Stakeholders

Various EU bodies, such as the European Commission (DG Home, DG INTPA and DG NEAR) and the European External Action Service, actively participate in the Khartoum Process.

International organisations, such as ICMPD, IGAD, IOM, UNHCR, and UNODC regularly partake in the dialogue.

The African Union Commission and the European Commission are in charge of the Secretariat of the Khartoum Process.

## Activities

The Khartoum Process organises meetings at the **political and technical level**. In doing so, the Khartoum Process seeks to create:



A common understanding of human trafficking and smuggling of migrants



Opportunities for balanced partnership



A spirit of shared responsibility and enhanced cooperation

## Strategic Framework

As per the **Rome Declaration**, the thematic focus of the dialogue is tackling human trafficking and people smuggling. Since then and due to the ever-changing nature of migration realities and challenges, the Khartoum Process has expanded its scope to address concerns within the five domains of the **Joint Valletta Action Plan (JVAP)** and beyond.

### ABOUT THE ROME DECLARATION

On 28 November 2014, the Khartoum Process member states and the EU met in Rome for a Ministerial Conference and signed a Declaration agreeing to undertake concrete actions to prevent and tackle the challenges of trafficking in human beings and smuggling of migrants between the Horn of Africa and Europe, in a spirit of partnership, shared responsibility, and cooperation. The Declaration defines priority areas for cooperation, on a voluntary basis.

### 5 DOMAINS OF THE JVAP

1. Development benefits of migration & addressing root causes of irregular migration and forced displacement
2. Legal migration and mobility
3. Protection and asylum
4. Migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings
5. Return, readmission, reintegration

## Priority areas of the Egyptian Chairmanship

- ▶ **Legal Migration, Mobilisation of Skills, and Legal Pathways:** This priority aims to explore the legal frameworks and pathways for migration between the Horn of Africa and Europe.
- ▶ **Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus:** This priority area emphasises the interdependencies between humanitarian aid, development assistance and peacebuilding. Addressing and utilising this integrated approach requires coordinated and simultaneous actions across the three areas.
- ▶ **Nexus between Displacement and Climate Change:** Under this theme, the Khartoum Process aims to discuss the relationship between climate change, displacement, and conflict.
- ▶ **Burden- and Responsibility-Sharing in Migration Context:** This cross-cutting topic will focus on the responsibility and burden-sharing aspects of current migration frameworks and policies. The aim is to facilitate a comprehensive discussion among stakeholders to identify practical strategies and collaborative approaches.
- ▶ **Tools for Combatting Smuggling of Migrants (SoM) and Trafficking in Human Beings (THB):** The Khartoum Process aims to further explore thematic workshops for practitioners in the field to combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling.

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