Brief minutes and actions of last week’s Migration Coordination Group are as follows.

1. Group received an update on the Senior Officials Meeting in Valetta in February, which re-affirmed the Valetta Framework as the direction of travel for national policy and collaboration. Final report brought together reports from Khartoum Process and Rabat Process as well as reflecting some discussions at the meeting.

2. Views exchanged highlighted a number of key current issues:
   a. The lack of reliable data on migratory flows, due to a range of factors - poor government capacity, lack of willingness to share, lack of agency presence in key areas such as northern state. UK DFID flagged its new programme to fund expansion of the IoM Displacement Tracking Matrix to include migrant flow monitoring. Agreement that data was one example of where we need a wider range discussion with government.
   b. The urgent need for swift implementation of the National Coordination Mechanism on migration, and to influence the mechanism so that it is appropriate for focused, technical-level dialogue. Strong agreement amongst the group that this fell neatly within the remit of BMM to develop migration governance, although there is currently uncertainty over what the Sudan Country Package being developed in Brussels/ Berlin will include on this pillar. There is a need for greater clarity on this and on the country package in general.
   c. Given the slow implementation of the NCM, the need for an alternative mechanism for Heads of Mission and the MCG to develop dialogue with the government that covers the entire Valetta agenda, as opposed to the current more MoI-focused approach. Such a dialogue would include for example, data, issues around refugee/ migrant rights and non-refoulment.

3. The scope of the updated Project Matrix was discussed. It was agreed to include the “root causes” (ie development/ conflict) programmes at portfolio level only, to ensure their contribution to migration was captured whilst keeping the matrix a manageable product. It was also agreed that the Matrix would reference the contribution of humanitarian programmes to addressing migration issues.
4. Member State updates:
- UK - DFID considering funding Safe Houses in Kassala via IFRC. FCO hosting fact-finding visit of MoJ and Senior Prosecutor to London in March.
- Germany – upcoming BMZ visit to scope future programmes
- EU – upcoming planned research on Darfur. Visit to Dongola planned in April.

ACTIONS
• Pierre to draft email that can be sent from EU Delegation and Member States to Brussels BMM team, highlighting the importance of the NCM as seen locally, and requesting an in-country meeting on the ground package with all implementing agencies. **Timing: ASAP**
• Chloe to draft Note Verbale to request HoMs level dialogue on Valetta with relevant GoS departments; to be passed to Bogdan for discussion and agreement at next HoMs meeting. A HoMs migration meeting would then take place once the Valetta meeting has been set up. **Timing: ASAP for HoMs meeting 1st week of March**
• Pierre to update Matrix with references to root causes/ humanitarian programmes as agreed, and request further info from MS as needed. **Timing: For next MCG meeting**
• Philippe to coordinate a list of upcoming trainings by MS to avoid duplication and all members to send him dates of upcoming trainings and visits, as well as contact details for embassies in neighbouring countries that cover Sudan and should be included.

David Foster will take over as the UK FCO co-Chair from here-on, working with Ben from DFID, and EU/ Germany.

Many thanks
Chloe

Chloe Hamborg | Head of Political, Communications and Programmes Section | British Embassy | Khartoum, Sudan
Tel: +249 (0)15 677 5515 | Ftn 8381 5515 | Mobile +249 (0) 912160515 | Fax : +249 (0) 15 677 5502 | chloe.hamborg@fco.gov.uk

Visit us [online](http://www.gov.uk/fco) or follow us on [Facebook](http://www.facebook.com), [YouTube](http://www.youtube.com) and Twitter ([@HMAMichaelAron](http://twitter.com/HMAMichaelAron) and [@UKinSudan](http://twitter.com/UKinSudan))


This email (with any attachments) is intended for the attention of the addressee(s) only. If you are not the intended recipient, please inform the sender straight away before deleting the message without copying, distributing or disclosing its contents to any other person or organisation. Unauthorised use, disclosure, storage or copying is not permitted.

Any views or opinions expressed in this e-mail do not necessarily reflect the FCO's policy. The FCO keeps and uses information in line with the Data Protection Act 1998. Personal information may be released to other UK government departments and public authorities.
All messages sent and received by members of the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and its missions overseas may be automatically logged, monitored and/or recorded in accordance with the Telecommunications (Lawful Business Practice) (Interception of Communications) Regulations 2000.

----------------------------------------------------------------------------------