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## “Regional Conference on Refugee Protection and International Migration in West Africa”

Dakar, Senegal, 13-14 November 2008

Hotel Le Méridien Président

### CONFERENCE AGENDA

**W**EDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2008

18.00 - 20.30

Registration of participants (optional)

**T**HURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2008

08.00 - 09.00

Registration of participants

### Morning Session - Plenary

Co-Chairs

ECOWAS, UNHCR, IOM

9.00 - 9.10

**Opening Remarks**

*His Excellency Maitre Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal*

9.10 - 9.15

*His Excellency Ambassador Jean-Christophe Rufin, Ambassador of France*

9.15 - 9.35

**Challenges of Irregular Migration: Addressing Mixed Migration Flows**

*His Excellency Ambassador William Lacy Swing, Director General, IOM*

9.35 - 9.55

**Free Movement of Citizens and ECOWAS' Common Approach on Migration**

*His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas, President of the ECOWAS Commission*

9.55 - 10.15

**Refugee Protection and International Migration in West Africa**

*Ms. Erika Feller, Assistant High Commissioner (Protection), UNHCR*

10.15 - 10.25

**International Migration and Human Rights Protection**

*Mr. Bacre Ndiaye, the Director of the Treaty Bodies and Human Rights Council Division, OHCHR*

10.25 – 11.00

**Coffee Break**

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| 11.00 – 11.10 | <b>"Challenges of migration management in the context of mixed flows"</b><br><i>Mrs. Kelly Ryan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees, and Migration, United States of America</i> |
| 11.10 - 11.20 | <b>Presentation by the European Commission</b>   |
| 11.20 - 11.45 | <b>Presentation of key findings from the background study</b><br><i>Marion Frésia, Anthropologist, Institut d'Ethnologie de Neuchâtel</i>  |
| 11.45 - 12.30 | <b>Discussion</b>  |
| 12.30 - 14.00 | <b>Lunch Break</b>   |

## **A**fternoon Session

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### 14.00 – 15.30 **W**orking Groups

**Working Group A:** Enhancing local capacities for refugee status determination and addressing secondary movements of refugees and asylum seekers

Co-Chairs UNHCR and Benin

**Working Group B:** Solutions through Free Movement of ECOWAS citizens within ECOWAS region

Co-Chairs ECOWAS and Cote d'Ivoire

**Working Group C:** Options for Migrants who are not citizens of ECOWAS countries

Co-Chairs IOM and Niger

**Working Group D:** Addressing challenges to human rights protection

Co-Chairs OHCHR and Senegal

15.30 – 16.00 **Coffee Break**

16.00 - 17.30 **P**lenary: Reports from Working Groups and Discussion

19.30 **C**ocktail

## 8.30 – 10.45 Morning Session - Plenary

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| Co-Chairs            | ECOWAS, UNHCR, IOM   |
| <b>8.30 - 8.45</b>   | <b>Introduction to second day by the Chair</b>   |
| <b>8.45 - 10.00</b>  | <b>Good practice examples. Presentations from participating States:</b>                                    |
| 8.45 - 9.00          | Local Integration of refugees in Sierra Leone<br><i>Representative of the Government of Sierra Leone</i>   |
| 9.00 - 9.15          | Senegal: Migration and Development<br><i>Mr. Moustapha Ly, Ministry of Interior, Government of Senegal</i> |
| 9.15 - 9.30          | Children trafficking<br><i>Representative of the Government of Ghana</i>                                   |
| 9.30 – 9.45          | Livelihoods opportunities for refugee women in Senegal<br><i>Mrs. Habiba Kone, Women Refugee Committee</i> |
| <b>9.45 - 10.45</b>  | <b>Discussion on presentations</b>   |
| <b>10.45 - 11.15</b> | <b>Coffee Break</b>  |

## 11.15 – 13.15 Working Groups

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| <b>Working Group E:</b> | <b>Enhancing border management while ensuring protection</b>                     |
| Chair                   | ECOWAS and Nigeria   |
| <b>Working Group F:</b> | <b>Combating trafficking and implementing the Ouagadougou Plan of Action</b>     |
| Chair                   | IOM and Liberia  |
| <b>Working Group G:</b> | <b>Enhancing legal migration: alternatives to dangerous irregular migration?</b> |
| Chair                   | ILO and Mali   |
| <b>Working Group H:</b> | <b>Return of non-refugees</b>  |
| Chair                   | OFADEC and Senegal   |

**13.15 – 14.45 Lunch Break and time for prayers**

## Afternoon Session – Plenary

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**14.45 – 16.00**

**R**eport from Working Groups and discussion

**16.00 – 16.30**

Coffee Break

**16.30 – 17.30**

**A**doption of Recommendations, summary and closing

UNHCR, IOM and ECOWAS

**17.30**

**E**nd of the Conference