



European Migration Network Roundtable

SUSTAINABLE MIGRATION FROM AFRICA TO EUROPE

9 December 2020

9 am-4 pm CET

The European Migration Network (EMN) online Roundtable on **'Sustainable Migration from Africa to Europe'** takes place on **9 December 2020 from 9 am to 4 pm (CET)**.

Rationale and aims

On 23 September 2020, the European Commission published a "New Pact on Migration and Asylum" which put forward a comprehensive approach to manage migration that is fair, effective, long-term, and functional. The Pact proposes to take determined action on all aspects of migration policy. Of special concern for this webinar is the Pact's aim to give renewed impetus to the external dimension of the EU's migration policy by further strengthening its cooperation and work with partners. The EU can best tackle the challenges arising from migration and forced displacement by fostering tailor-made and balanced partnerships with countries of origin, transit and destination.

The EMN is committed to help address the challenges of sustainability in today's asylum and migration system, by bringing together EU and third country thought and practice leaders in the field and to stimulate discussion and debate. Professors Alexander Betts and Paul Collier have contributed significantly to EMN's earlier roundtables on sustainable migration – see their paper 'Sustainable Migration Framework for responding to movements from poor to rich countries'. They are keynote speakers in this concluding Roundtable of the sustainable migration series, hosted by EMN Norway and the Commission.

The aim of this Roundtable is to highlight the situation in countries of origin – specifically African countries – in the context of the whole of the migration 'chain', from countries of origin to countries of destination. By bringing together policymakers, researchers and practitioners, representing different sectors and perspectives, we wish to contribute to a better understanding on what sustainable migration means and thus deliver food for thought on how to design sustainable migration policies which work both in a European but also in a third country context.

Practical information

The roundtable will be held under Chatham House Rules and is open to policymakers, researchers and practitioners. Please register via the following link: <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/roundtable-sustainable-migration-9-december-2020> by **07 December 2020, 11 pm CET**.

The roundtable will be carried out via WebEx and can be accessed directly through your browser, following the **link which will be sent to registered participants only**. Please join the webinar 10 to 15 minutes ahead of schedule to allow for technical support if needed.

1 AGENDA

09:00 – 09:30	Log-in and technical tests
09:30 – 10:30	<p>Panel 1: Roadmaps to Sustainable Migration- Moderator Øyvind Jaer</p> <p><i>This introductory panel sets the ground for discussions by reflecting on the meaning of ‘sustainable migration’ as developed under EMN Norway’s Sustainable Migration Approach. The panel also presents key solutions proposed in the New EU Pact on Migration and Asylum, emphasising the external dimension and cooperation between Africa and the EU.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcome and introduction to the event: Roadmaps to sustainable migration - Øyvind Jaer, European Migration Network Norway ▪ New EU Pact on Migration and Asylum: Reinforced partnership with third countries – Davinia Wood, Head of Unit, International Strategy, European Commission DG HOME ▪ Panel discussion, Q&A
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45-12:30	<p>Panel 2: Costs and Benefits of Emigration from Africa to Europe- Moderator Alexander Betts</p> <p><i>The second panel will provide an overall picture of trends in mixed migration flows from Africa to Europe, focusing on volume and categories of migrants, looking at the current situation and providing future scenarios. Speakers will share their views on the meaning of ‘sustainability’ in relation to emigration from African countries of origin and discuss costs and benefits. To what extent is emigration from African countries considered sustainable both for countries of origin and of destination?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Current and future mixed migration flows: Asylum seekers or economic migrants? – Bram Frouws, Head of the Mixed Migration Centre ▪ Sustainable emigration from Africa to Europe: Costs and benefits – Paul Collier, Professor, University of Oxford ▪ Sustainable emigration from Africa to Europe: Perspectives from countries of origin – Joseph Teye, Associate Professor, University of Ghana ▪ Panel discussion, Q&A
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:45	<p>Panel 3: Protection and Development in Regional Havens - Julia Lendorfer</p> <p><i>85% of refugees and displaced persons are hosted in developing countries, and 73% of displaced persons are hosted in neighbouring countries (UNHCR 2020). This panel will discuss best ways forward to strengthen the development approach to regional solutions. It will do this by discussing the Betts-Collier ‘sustainable protection model’ in relation to concrete examples implementing regional solutions, as for example test pilots of the Global Compact for Refugees in African countries.</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sustainable refugee protection in neighbouring countries: What works? – <i>Alexander Betts, Professor, University of Oxford</i> ▪ Reflections on ‘regional solutions’: Piloting an approach for the implementation of the Global Compact of Refugees in African countries– <i>Tsion Tadesse Abebe, Senior Researcher, Institute of Security Studies, Addis Ababa</i> ▪ The development approach to ‘Regional Solutions’: Bridging migration and development policies and practices – <i>Manjula Luthria, Senior Economist at the Social Protection Labor, World Bank</i> ▪ Panel discussion, Q&A
15:45 -16:00	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Julia Lendorfer, EMN Austria ▪ Øyvind Jaer, European Migration Network Norway
