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## Context

- ✓ Spanish Foreign and Cooperation Policy
- ✓ Ministerial Euro African Conference on Migration and Development
- ✓ ECOWAS Common Approach on Migration



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## Spanish Foreign and Cooperation Policy

- ✓ Master Plan Spanish Cooperation
- ✓ Plan Africa



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## Master Plan Spanish Cooperation

- ✓ Spanish Commitment to Millennium Development Goals
- ✓ Support to regional and subregional structures



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## Plan Africa

- ✓ Priority to regional organisations
- ✓ Reinforcing Spanish political and institutional presence in Africa
- ✓ Partnership with Africa to cooperate on the regulation of migration flows
- ✓ Contribution to fight against poverty in Africa
- ✓ Support for processes of democracy consolidation and of peace and security building in Africa
- ✓ Strengthening of Spain-Africa relations, both multilaterally and through the European Union



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# I Ministerial Euro African Conference on Migration and Development

- ✓ Rabat Declaration and Action Plan on:
  - ❖ Migration and Development
  - ❖ Legal migration
  - ❖ Illegal immigration
  
- ✓ Follow up Committee - ECOWAS



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# ECOWAS Common Approach on Migration

Adopted by the ECOWAS Heads of State and Government at the 33rd Ordinary Summit on 18 January 2008 in Ouagadougou

# Legal framework

- Memorandum of Understanding on the administration and management of a Spanish ECOWAS Fund (9 December 2007)
- Technical Document on the administration and management of the ECOWAS/Spain Migration and Development Funds (2 July 2008)



# Objectives

## General Objective

- ✓ The eradication of poverty in the ECOWAS region, through effective and sustainable regional integration and institutional capacity building.

## Specific Objectives

- ✓ Support the ECOWAS Commission and the Member States in the development and implementation of the ECOWAS Common Approach on Migration.
- ✓ Finance projects of civil society institutions and organizations in the ECOWAS Member States in the field of migration and development

# Components

## ✓ Institutional Building

- ECOWAS Commission and Member States' ministries and public institutions and organisations at, regional, national and local level

## ✓ Civil society

- Non Governmental Organisations, Foundations, Associations, Co-operatives established within ECOWAS or in third countries

# Geographical Scope

✓ All of the territory of ECOWAS

- Regional
- National
- Local
- Cross-border

# Thematic scope

## ECOWAS Common Approach on Migration

1. Actions to promote free movement within the ECOWAS zone
2. Actions to promote the management of regular migration
3. Actions for policy harmonisation
4. Actions for controlling irregular migration and human trafficking particularly of women and children
5. Actions to protect the rights of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees
6. Actions aiming to take into account the Gender and Migration dimension

# Management bodies

- ✓ Steering Committee
- ✓ Technical Management Team
- ✓ Fund Management Unit
- ✓ National Platforms

# Steering Committee - Composition

– 5 Representatives of Spain

- ✓ Director of the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID)
- ✓ Ambassador of Spain to Nigeria and ECOWAS (MAEC)
- ✓ Director of Cooperation for Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe (AECID)
- ✓ Head of the Sub-Saharan Africa Department (AECID)
- ✓ AECID – ECOWAS Liaison Officer

– 5 Representatives ECOWAS

- ✓ Vice-President of ECOWAS Commission
- ✓ Commission Trade, Customs, Industry and Free Movement of Persons
- ✓ Commission Administration and Finance
- ✓ Commission Human Development and Gender
- ✓ Commission Political Affairs, Peace and Security

# Technical Management Team-Composition

- ✓ Representatives of ECOWAS Commission  
Departments involved on migration and  
development
- ✓ ECOWAS-Spain Liaison Officer

# Fund Management Unit – Composition

- ✓ Head of Unit
- ✓ Project Officer
- ✓ Financial Officer
- ✓ Secretary



# National Platforms - Composition

- ✓ ECOWAS representatives in Member States
- ✓ Member States representatives in the field of migration and development
- ✓ Spanish Embassies, Technical Cooperation Offices or Liaison Officers
- ✓ Benefiting stakeholders

# Budget

10 Million Euro

- ✓ 50% institutional capacity building
- ✓ 50% civil society

# Institutional Capacity Building

- ✓ Beneficiaries ECOWAS Member States and Commission
- ✓ Indicative amount **4 Million Euros**
- ✓ Grant awarded **250.000 Euros**
  - ✓ **90%** by the Fund
  - ✓ **10%** by the beneficiary (cash or in kind)
- ✓ Duration 18 months

# Institutional capacity building support

Projects to reinforce the institutional capacity of ECOWAS Member States and the Commission for the development and implementation of the ECOWAS Common Approach on Migration and in particular the actions included in the Action Plan

# Institutional capacity building support

## Priorities

- **Free Movement of People:**
  - The definition of national migration policies coherent with the ECOWAS Common Approach on migration.
  - The establishment and/or strengthening of structures for the coordination and monitoring of migration and development issues that include the main actors.
  - Information, awareness building and training regarding the Protocol of the Free Movement of People (right entry, residence and establishment)
  - Harmonisation and Securing of travel documents.
- **Irregular migration and the fight against the trafficking of human beings, particularly women and children:**
  - Information, awareness building and training

## PREVENTION OF IRREGULAR MIGRATION

COUNTRY	BENEFICIARY	PROJECT	OBJECTIVE	PRIORITY AREA
Gambia	Ministry of Trade, Regional Integration and Employment in partnership with Department of Immigration (Ministry of Interior)	Reduction of youth illegal migration through apprenticeship training, skills development, employment creation and counselling for returned or in risk youth	The specific objectives are to raise awareness on the importance of skills acquisitions and the migration risks and to integrate the repatriated youth creating opportunities for further education and training	PREVENTION OF IRREGULAR MIGRATION
Nigeria	Nigerian Immigration Service	Passport to safe Migration	This project would target the development of information on the challenges and dangers of irregular migration in a passport booklet	PREVENTION OF IRREGULAR MIGRATION
Mali	Ministère des Maliens de l'Extérieur et de l'Intégration Africaine	Information, prevention and awareness campaigns on the migration risks	The project proposes a broad variety of interesting approaches to inform the general public on the dangers of irregular migration	PREVENTION OF IRREGULAR MIGRATION
Burkina Faso	Ministère de l'action sociale et de la solidarité	Project to combat irregular migration and children trafficking in six regions of Burkina Faso	This project includes the establishment of several committees of monitoring at regional and local levels and sensitization campaigns	PREVENTION OF IRREGULAR MIGRATION

# FREE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE

COUNTRY	BENEFICIARY	PROJECT	OBJECTIVE	PRIORITY AREA
Cape Verde	Gabinete do Ministro-Adjunto do Primeiro Ministro e Ministro das Comunidades Emigradas	Migration Observatory	The overall objective is to establish a migration observatory and, in particular, to produce migration relevant data, to publish a bi-annual publication on migration and organise a regional conference on migration to establish networks	FREE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE Capacity Building
Cape Verde	Gabinete do Ministro-Adjunto do Primeiro Ministro e Ministro das Comunidades Emigradas	Unit for Migrants Coordination	The objective is to develop an instrument of coordination and formulation of a national migration policy for Cape Verde	FREE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE Policy Coherence
Ghana	Ministry of the Interior	Developing a migration policy to integrate migration into Ghana's national development framework	The objective is to develop a comprehensive and coherent migration management that serves as a guide for mainstreaming migration issues into the government's development framework at all levels. It includes training workshops and host a seconded IOM expert at the Migration Unit	FREE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE Policy Coherence
Benin	Ministère de l'économie et des finances	Establishment of an Observation and Complaints Reception Office	The main purpose to create an office in charge of observation and receiving complaints borders is strategically important to improve the freedom of movement. The project also includes users sensitization of Abidjan- Lagos Corridor	FREE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE Information, awareness building and training
Togo	Ministère de l'économie et des finances /cellule CEDEAO	Gender / Irregular Migration	This project includes: strategy and plan of action on gender and migration, assistance to coordination mechanism for joint controls; sensitization campaigns on irregular migration.	FREE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE Information, awareness building and training Capacity Building

## FREE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE

COUNTRY	BENEFICIARIY	PROJECT	OBJECTIVE	PRIORITY AREA
Guinea Bissau	Ministry of Interior	Formulation of a national migration policy	The overall objective is the formulation of national migration policy to implement a more coherent approach to migration, to get the framework for data collection on migration and set the priorities for implementing projects in the field of migration	FREE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE Policy Coherence
Guinea Conakry	Ministère d'Etat chargé des affaires étrangères, de l'intégration africaine et de la francophonie	Project to support capacity building on migration and development.	The main purpose is to rehabilitate a centre which will have the potential to become a reference in the field of migration. This project also includes the development of a coherent national migration policy and information campaigns on the risks of irregular migration	FREE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE Capacity Building Information, awareness building and training Policy Coherence
Senegal	Ministère des Sénégalais de l'extérieur		This overall objective is to establish a data system to monitor the migration flows. It also includes capacity building and training of the main actors involved	FREE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE Information, awareness building and training Capacity Building
Senegal	Ministère des Sénégalais de l'extérieur	Installation of information offices, guidance and monitoring system	The main purpose is to enhance a coherent migration policy but also includes information and sensitization campaigns for returning migrants	FREE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE Capacity Building Information, awareness building and training
Mali	Ministère des Maliens de l'Extérieur et de l'Intégration Africaine	Training for managers and technical officers on migration management	Training for managers and technical officers on migration and development, migration and gender, projects assessment among other courses.	FREE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE Capacity Building
Niger	Ministère des Affaires Étrangères	Migration Project for Development and Regional Integration	The project includes an action plan for the implementation of the national migration policy, and a monitoring committee for implementation of the ECOWAS legal instruments on free movement.	FREE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE Capacity Building Policy Coherence



# Institutional Capacity Building

8 projects approved

Benin

Burkina Faso

Cape Verd

Ghana

Guinee

Liberia

Mali

Nigeria

# Civil society

- ✓ Civil society
- ✓ Indicative amount 4 Million Euros
- ✓ First Call for Proposals - 2 priorities areas of the ECOWAS Common Approach on Migration
  - ❖ Actions to promote free movement in ECOWAS
  - ❖ Actions to promote and Enhance Migration and Development nexus
- ✓ Grant awarded 30.000 and 120.000 Euros
  - ❖ 90% by the Fund
  - ❖ 10% by the ECOWAS Commission
- ✓ Duration 12 months

# Civil society

## 1st Call for Proposals

- ✓ 239 concept notes
- ✓ 58 projects
- ✓ 24 approved

# Civil Society – First Call for proposals

OVERVIEW PER COUNTRY	ACCEPTED
<b>BENIN</b>	1
BURKINA FASO	2
<b>CAP VERT</b>	1
CCOTE D'IVOIRE	2
<b>GAMBIA</b>	0
GHANA	0
<b>GUINEE</b>	2
GUINEE BISSAU	1
<b>LIBERIA</b>	0
MALI	0
<b>NIGER</b>	2
NIGERIA	2
<b>SENEGAL</b>	8
SIERRA LEONE	0
<b>TOGO</b>	2
OTHERS	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	24

# Next Steps

- ✓ Signature of Co-financing Agreements between the ECOWAS Commission and Member States
- ✓ Approval of projects from Member States
- ✓ Transfer of Funds to Member States
- ✓ Monitoring of projects
- ✓ Transfer of Funds to civil society beneficiaries
- ✓ Monitoring of projects
- ✓ Preparation of 2<sup>nd</sup> call for proposals for civil society
- ✓ Signature of Memorandum of Understanding between the ECOWAS Commission and National Platforms

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**Merci**  
**Obrigada**