



AGENDA

GOVERNING MIGRATION AND REFRAMING EUROPE-AFRICA RELATIONS

Tuesday, 18th February 2020

FEPS Offices, Rue Montoyer 40, 1000 Brussels

15:00

Welcome remarks

Lászlo ANDOR, FEPS Secretary General

Session 1: Taking off the lenses of insecurity to reframe transcontinental relations and migration management

On the occasion of the publication of the second paper of the FEPS Global Migration Group – focusing on increasing and strengthening orderly regular migration routes; better framing relations with both the African countries and African regional organisations in the field of migration management as well as development; and at converging fair and non-discriminatory standards and procedures in the EU labour markets that put people at centre stage – the Foundation for European Progressive Studies promotes a debate to discuss relations between Europe and Africa in the field of migration. These seems to be currently based largely on a securitarian approach, whose positive effect on both migration management and relations between the two continents is arguable. A change of perspective may therefore be necessary to reframe and relaunch them.

Introductory remarks

Giuliano AMATO, Former Prime Minister of Italy, Member of the Italian Constitutional Court and Chair of the FEPS Global Migration Group

Speakers:

Caroline WANJIKU KIHATO, Visiting Associate Professor, Graduate School of Architecture, University of Johannesburg, Global Scholar, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars

Laura CORRADO, Head of Unit, Legal Pathways and Integration, DG Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission (TBC)

Gerald KNAUS, Chair, European Stability Initiative (ESI) (TBC)

Moderator

Hedwig GIUSTO, Senior Policy Advisor, Foundation for European Progressive Studies

Q&A

16:30

Session 2: Migration – African perspectives

Why do migrants make the difficult decision to leave their countries, homes and families to come and work in Europe? What pushes them? What motives are so compelling to be stronger than the dangers and risks they often meet during their journey? And what measures can be taken to address in an effective and humane way the so-called root causes? The study that will be presented today – promoted by the Foundation for European Progressive Studies and the Max van der Stoel Foundation – aims to search answers to the above-mentioned questions by means of a research on the field conducted in Ghana and Tunisia, as well as with interviews and workshops, and with the invaluable support and insight of African diasporas in the Netherlands.

Presentation of the paper: Migration – African perspectives

Anne VAN DER MEER, Senior Policy Officer, Max van der Stoel Foundation

Speakers:

Kati PIRI, Member of the European Parliament and Vice-President of the Group of the Socialists and Democrats (tbc)

Kiza MAGENDANE, The Broker online

Yaye Helene NDIAYE, Program Officer for Africa Governance and Advocacy Project, Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA), Africa Regional Office of Open Society Foundations (AfRO)

Moderator

Milka YEMANE, FMS Board Member; founder Lemat Foundation; Migration, diaspora and development consultant (tbc)

Q&A

18:00

Concluding remarks

Maria João RODRIGUES, President of FEPS

18:15

Cocktail reception at FEPS' Offices