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INTEGRATED BORDER MANAGEMENT

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER MANAGEMENT

COMMUNITY STABILISATION

IOM Presents the Integrated Border Management National Strategy in Mauritania

Med Abdellahi Ould Zeidane, migration focal point of the Ministry of Interior and Decentralization, Ms Anke Strauss, IOM Mauritania Chief of Mission ©IOM Mauritania

On June 24, the International Organisation for Migration mission in Mauritania, in partnership with the Mauritanian government, presented the Strategy for Integrated Border Management in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania. This is the first strategy of its kind in the entire sub-region and will serve as a model for the further development of a similar strategy in the Republic of Mali. Read more

Secure air, land and sea borders in Mauritania from cross-border threats

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The African Youth discusses the role of the diaspora in national development

African Youth Forum on Durable Development and Peace

The Mauritanian government, in collaboration with IOM, UNDP and the American Embassy, hosted delegations from 12 African countries, July 20-22, to discuss the UN post-2015 development agenda with the African youth. During the three-day youth forum, 311 participants discussed several topics, such as migration and development, counter-trafficking, countering violent extremism, and sustainable development. At the end of the forum, participants from the Arab Maghreb Union, the G5 Sahel and the Organization for the Development of the Senegal River (OMVS) released the *Declaration of Nouakchott 2015*. The declaration includes several recommendations made by the youth and calls on the 12 governments to consider the security and stability of countries in their sustainable development agenda, giving priority to social components of human development.
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IOM expert presents "Migration in Africa" ©IOM Mauritania

Representatives of national security services attend the presentation ©IOM Mauritania

Security is a right for all

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DEVELOPING CAPACITIES IN MIGRATION MANAGEMENT

IOM and Japan: Enhancing border management capacity and border communities protection in Mauritania and Mali

On June 12, IOM Mauritania and Mali launched a two-year project financed by the Government of Japan aimed at reinforcing the collective capacities for managing borders of the responsible services for border management in Mauritania and Mali.
Read more (March 2015 - March 2017)

Active participation of local communities

The improvement of border security involves the mobilisation of border communities obtained by improving trust with border police and the harmonisation of coordination mechanisms and procedures.

S.E.M. Jun Yoshida, the Ambassador of Japan in Mauritania, during the presentation

From left, M'Hamanda Ould Meimou, General Inspector of the Ministry of Interior and Decentralization, Anke Strauss, IOM Mauritania Chief of Mission and S.E.M. Jun Yoshida, the Ambassador of Japan in Mauritania

Coordinated Border Management in Niger, Mali, Mauritania and Burkina Faso

On July 12, in support of the G5 Sahel countries (Mauritania, Mali, Niger, Burkina Faso and Chad), IOM launched a new project to enhance regional security in the Sahel by strengthening operational and strategic capacities, and developing regional approaches for immigration and border management.
(March 2015 – March 2016)

Promoting humane and orderly migrations for the benefit of all

Launching event for the project **"Enhancing the collective capacity for managing border and for protecting border communities between Mauritania and Mali"** ©IOM Mauritania

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Strengthening border management - The Involvement of the Gendarmerie

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Rosso - Border between Mauritania and Senegal

As part of the EU's technical assistance to Mauritania for the implementation of the National Migration Strategy, IOM Mauritania is implementing this project in direct coordination with the Ministry of Interior and Decentralization as well as the Mauritanian Gendarmerie. The project aims at enhancing national border management capacity in order to protect and assist citizens and travellers from various cross-border threats.

(December 2013 - December 2015)

The project focuses on three main areas:

- Development, revision and realisation of standard operating procedures (SOPs)
- Construction of four border posts and a transnational coordination centre
- Capacity building of the gendarmerie and border police.

ACTIVITIES

- **July: Training for the gendarmerie and the police on border management and migration.**
- **August: Training for the gendarmerie and the police on border management.** Read more

The IOM team and the Mauritanian gendarmerie after a training session ©IOM Mauritania

Final exam after a four-days training in Kiffa ©IOM Mauritania

With the financial support of the European Union

IOM supports host communities faced by severe food insecurity in the south east of the country

Thanks to funding by the Government of Italy, IOM Mauritania launched the third phase of its community stabilisation intervention. The five-month project will enhance local populations' resilience while promoting peaceful coexistence with refugees in the southeast of the country. The region is affected by food and nutrition insecurity exacerbated by the prolonged presence of Malian refugees unable to return because of the unstable security conditions in their homeland.

©A.Dragaj Beneficiary of the host community

(August 2015 - December 2015)

Since 2013, thanks to the financial support provided by the Government of Japan and by the United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), IOM carried out a two-phase community stabilisation and conflict prevention project to address food insecurity in various villages of the Hodh Ech Chargui region of southeast Mauritania.

Distribution or agricultural kits

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Wells Rehabilitation

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Construction of Drinking Trough

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©IOM Mauritania Inhabitants of Beretroume

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United Nations CERF Central Emergency Response Fund

West Africa and the Sahel Regional Summit on Countering Violent Extremism (CVE)

On August 19-20, the Government of Mauritania, with the support of the US Embassy organised the West Africa Regional Conference on Countering Violent Extremism (CVE). The conference was the seventh in a series of regional conferences organised by the US, following President Obama's remarks at the White House Summit on CVE in February 2015, designed to emphasize the role civil society and local communities must play, alongside national governments, in addressing the drivers of violent extremism. This was the final regional conference prior to the United Nations General Assembly in September. Following the conference, the US Embassy organised a workshop for civil society practitioners to develop youth-oriented CVE networks throughout the region. During the workshop, IOM Nouakchott facilitated a discussion on Economic Empowerment as a tool to build community resilience. Read more

Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration

IOM's Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) programme has traditionally been a solution for migrants that are forced to live in precarious living conditions as a result of their irregular status and without a way to leave Mauritania back to their home country. There is growing recognition by the Mauritanian government of the importance of assisted voluntary return as a more dignified and humane solution to migration management. IOM is looking for the financial support of donors to implement a project which will offer a durable solution to stranded irregular migrants who have returned from Mauritania. This project also looks to reduce the pressure on Mauritania as a transit and destination country, and ultimately on Europe, created by these irregular migration flows.

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