

RECOMMENDATIONS

Regional Forum for Knowledge Exchange and Cooperation among National Coordinating Bodies to combat Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling along the Central and Western Mediterranean Migration Routes

1. Explore the feasibility of establishing a regional network of anti-human trafficking and migrant smuggling coordinating bodies between African Union Member States affected by the main mixed migration routes in Africa.
2. Strengthen the existing anti-human trafficking and/or migrant smuggling national coordinating bodies by providing them with the needed human, financial and technical resources.
3. Increase coordination and information exchange among African national coordinating bodies on human trafficking and/or migrant smuggling and ensure periodic meetings among them to exchange best practices and know-how.
4. Ensure that holistic national strategies and action plans that guide the work of national coordinating bodies are based on the 4Ps and include periodical monitoring mechanisms to review progress achieved and challenges faced.
5. Map and share information on existing bilateral and regional cooperation frameworks for combating human trafficking and migrant smuggling.
6. Encourage the competent authorities to ratify or accede to international legal instruments of relevance to the fight against human trafficking and migrant smuggling and encourage the harmonization of national legislation to their provisions.
7. Share good practices in the development and coordination of evidence-based awareness raising campaigns on human trafficking and migrant smuggling tailored to the specific needs of target groups.
8. Encourage the engagement of civil society organizations, including women's associations and grassroot organizations in anti-human trafficking and migrant smuggling efforts of national coordinating bodies to increase outreach to target groups and communities.
9. Encourage national coordinating bodies of origin countries to decrease the vulnerability of young people through ensuring youth engagement in vocational education trainings and livelihood projects.
10. Increase identification of trafficking victims through multi-stakeholder coordination and strengthen the capacity of service providers to provide tailored assistance according to individual needs, including for children victims of trafficking.
11. Explore the involvement of regional organizations, including the African Union, in further promoting coordination of anti-human trafficking and migrant smuggling efforts between national coordinating bodies.