



Workshop: Dynamics of Return Migration and Remigration in Tunisia

15 and 16 February 2023

Mövenpick Hotel du Lac Tunis
Rue du Lac Huron, Tunis, Tunisia

Wednesday, 15 February 2023	
9.00-9.30	<i>Registration and coffee</i>
9.30-10.00	<p>Welcoming remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Olfa Beldi, Office des Tunisiens à l'Étranger (OTE) • Mr. Samuel Germain, German Embassy in Tunisia • Ms. Stephanie Schrade, GIZ Tunis Office
10.00-10.15	<p>Introduction to project and workshop objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jonathan Chaloff, International Migration Division, OECD
10.15-12.00	<p>Panel 1: The role of family in return and reintegration</p> <p>Migration decisions are rarely individual but are embedded in wider family considerations. Families play a crucial role throughout the migration cycle: they mobilise resources to enable emigration of other family members, migrants in destination countries often support their families through remittances, and social links are maintained through regular interactions among others.</p> <p>This panel will discuss how families in Tunisia influence return decisions. It will address support and assistance provided to return migrants, and to what extent altered family dynamics affect return and reintegration processes. The panel also explores the situation of children, and possible challenges related to their education.</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ali Belhaj, Institut National du travail et des Études Sociales • Ms. Selima Mahjoub, Médecins du Monde • Ms. Semia Ben Massoud, Association Amal pour la Famille et l'Enfant • Ms. Naima-Christine Zaghdoudi, OFII Tunisie • Ms. Viera Schioppetto, CIES Tunisie <p>Discussion introduced and moderated by Mr. Jonathan Chaloff</p>
12.00-14.00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14.00-15.45	<p>Panel 2: The role of communities in return and reintegration</p> <p>Community organisations and associations provide crucial support to return migrants. They do not only foster their socio-economic reintegration, but also provide a platform to discuss sensitive topics such as social stigma associated with return.</p> <p>This panel focuses on the experiences of community organisations based in Tunisia. It examines different initiatives that facilitate the sustainable reintegration of return migrants. It also addresses cooperation with national agencies, persistent challenges and good practices moving forward.</p>



	<p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mehdi Baccouche, Shanti • Ms. Nesrine Akkari, Cit'ess Mahdia • Ms. Sihem Abdellaoui, Association de la culture et de l'Éducation à la Citoyenneté • Mr. Hichem El Amri, SMART Solutions (tbc) • Mr. Jacopo Granci, CEFA Tunisia • Mr. Adel Abidi, ANETI <p>Discussion introduced and moderated by Ms. Mona Ahmed</p>
15.45-16.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16.00-17.45	<p>Panel 3: Remigration decisions and choice of pathways</p> <p>The lack of evidence on remigration makes it difficult to understand if, why, and under which circumstances return migrants migrate again. The aim of this panel is to better understand remigration dynamics in the Tunisian context, and how families and communities influence these decisions. The panel also discusses regular pathways in the context of existing labour/skills mobility partnerships and circular migration schemes.</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ali Belhaj, Institut National du travail et des Études Sociales • Ms. Stephanie Schrade, GIZ Office in Tunisia • Ms. Hélène Hammouda, OFII Tunisie • Swiss Embassy in Tunisia and Swisscontact • Ms. Aude Galli, EU Delegation in Tunisia <p>Discussion introduced and moderated by Mr. Abdelwahab Ben Hafaiedh</p>
17.45-18.00	<p>Concluding remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Stephanie Schrade, GIZ Tunis Office • Mr. Jonathan Chaloff, International Migration Division, OECD
19:00	Dinner for Speakers and Delegates
Thursday, 16 February 2023	
09.00-15.30	<p>Site visits (transportation provided)</p> <p>Participants are invited to join visits to different actors providing services to return and potential migrants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centre Tuniso-Allemand/ANETI • Office des Tunisiens à l'Étranger (OTE) • Médecins du Monde