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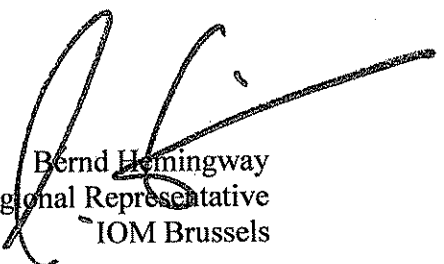
Dear Sir,
Dear Madam,
Your Excellency,

The International Organization for Migration (IOM), in partnership with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), and with the support of the Government of Spain and the European Commission, cordially invites you to a one day workshop in Brussels on the **4th of June 2009**, on the subject of the **Africa-EU Partnership on Migration, Mobility and Employment** (State and non-State actors).

The day's agenda will be divided into a morning and afternoon session, with the first session (9:30am) dedicated to an update and analysis of the current implementation status of the EU-AU partnership and the Action Plan, with an opportunity for debate and discussion amongst participants; while the afternoon session (1:00pm) will address how non-institutional actors can play an active role in the implementation of the Partnership in light of recent global economic developments.

To conclude, if you have registered and expressed your interest in the workshop already, we would like to thank you for your prompt reply and encourage you to forward the following information to all interested parties. If not, please note that due to limited space registration is mandatory. We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you, and your colleagues, to the **Résidence Palace, Polak Room**. For further details, please contact nhodiwala@iom.int and find attached a detailed agenda of the day's proceedings including a tentative list of high-level speakers for your attention (all identified speakers will receive further details regarding their participation within the coming days).

With warm regards,


Bernd Hemingway
Regional Representative
IOM Brussels



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The Africa-EU Joint Strategy, signed at the second Africa-EU Summit in Lisbon in December 2007, aims to enhance dialogue and cooperation between the two regions “*Beyond Development, Beyond Africa-EU and Beyond Institutions*”. In this context, the Action Plan (2008-2010) with its eight thematic partnerships, which was launched to complement the Joint Strategy, provides the main operational agenda for Africa-EU relations until the next Summit which is due to take place in 2010 in Africa¹. The seventh Partnership on Migration, Mobility and Employment (PMME) offers a holistic response to migration, mobility, and employment between the two continents, with an objective to work towards creating more and better jobs in Africa, advancing the Decent Work agenda, and managing migration flows.

In its report entitled *One Year after Lisbon: The Africa-EU partnership at Work*, published on 19 February 2009, the European Parliament noted that an “overwhelming emphasis is placed on state actions” and that input and involvement of non-state, civil and local actors needs to be “deepened and further clarified”². A month later, at the 8th meeting of the Joint-Africa-EU Task Force in Brussels, it was noted that there was a need to involve “other important actors with a *real implementation capacity* but also international partners” into the AU-EU partnership if dialogue and cooperation was to go *Beyond Institutions*.³

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¹ Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament, “One Year after Lisbon: The Africa-EU Partnership at work”, (COM 2008 0617).

² European Parliament Report, *One Year after Lisbon: The Africa-EU partnership at work*, (2008/2318 INI)

³ Report of the 8th meeting of the Joint Africa-EU Task Force, 17-18 March 2009, Brussels

⁴ Joint Progress Report on the Implementation of the Africa-EU Joint Strategy and its first Action Plan, Africa-EU Ministerial Troika, Addis Ababa (20-21 November, 2008)



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Tentative Agenda

9:00-9:30	Registration and Coffee
9:30-11:30	<p><i>Opening Remarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Bernd Hemingway, Regional Representative, IOM Brussels ▪ Ms. Colleen Thouez, Head, UNITAR New York <p><i>Panel Report on EU-AU Partnership on Migration, Mobility and Employment</i> <u>Chair:</u> Mr. José Matres Manso, Principal Advisor, Spanish Ministry of External Relations and Cooperation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ H. E. Ambassador Annadif, African Union ▪ Mr. Rob Rozenburg, DG Development, European Commission ▪ Ms. Liselotte Aberg, Ministry of Justice, Sweden <p><i>IOM Presentation on Migration and Mobility in the context of the AU/EU Partnership</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Ryszard Cholewinski, IOM Geneva
11:30-12:00	Questions/Discussion session
12:00-13:00	Lunch & Beverages
13:00-14:00	<p><i>Panel I : "Impact of the Global Financial Crisis on the EU-AU Partnership on Migration, Mobility & Employment"</i> <u>Chair:</u> Ms. Francoise Pissart, Director of Migration, King Baudouin Foundation (To Be Confirmed)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Gabrielle Clotuche, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) ▪ Representative of World Bank (To Be Confirmed) ▪ Mr. Andrew Sherriff, European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM)
14:00-15:00	<p><i>Panel II: "How to involve African and EU Civil Society in the EU-AU Partnership on Migration, Mobility & Employment"</i> <u>Chair:</u> Ms. Carmen Silvestre, Senior Policy Officer, Open Society Institute</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Isabelle Hoferlin, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) ▪ Mr. Awil Mohamoud, Director African Diaspora Policy Centre ▪ To Be Announced
15:00-15:30	Questions/Discussion Session
15:30-16:00	<p><i>Concluding Remarks – The Way Forward</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Klaus Rudischhauser, Director DG Development, European Commission ▪ Mr. Bernd Hemingway, Regional Representative, IOM Brussels

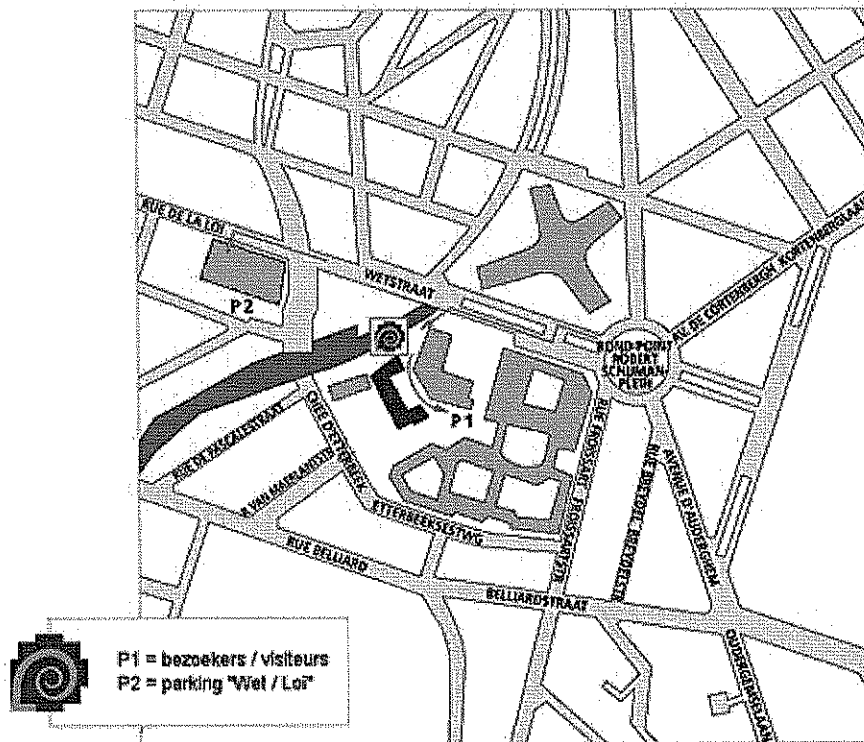


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Venue:

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Centre de Presse International



For further details and registration (required) please contact: nhodiwala@iom.int

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