What is MIEUX?
Migration EU eXpertise (MIEUX) is a joint EU-ICMPD initiative that supports third countries in addressing all areas of migration management through peer-to-peer transfer of knowledge and experience by EU Member States’ experts. More information on MIEUX is available at: www.icmpd.org/mieux

MIEUX IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA: FACTS AND FIGURES
- Over 50% of the total MIEUX Actions.
- Implemented in 23 countries and in 2 regional bodies (ECOWAS and COMESA).
- 94 experts deployed since 2009.
- Implementation in different fields:

Ongoing Actions
- Cabo Verde III
- Benin II
- Burundi I and II
- COMESA II
- Côte d’Ivoire I and II
- Ghana II
- Malawi II and III
- Mauritius
- Sierra Leone II
- Togo I and II

Completed Actions
- Angola
- Cabo Verde I and II
- COMESA I
- ECOWAS
- Ethiopia
- The Gambia
- Ghana I
- Kenya
- Malawi I
- Mozambique
- Rwanda
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone I
- Uganda
- West Africa I and II
- Zambia

MIEUX Events in Sub-Saharan Africa since February 2014

February
- Information sessions in Rwanda on migration data analysis, criminal investigation and border related crimes, and development of a border management training curriculum

March
- 2nd Workshop on counter-THB policy organised in Côte d’Ivoire, in cooperation with UNODC;
- Information session on developing a National Migration Policy for Malawi

April
- Workshop on remittances for Government officials in Togo

May
- Mission in Côte d’Ivoire to identify the institutional and policy frameworks on M&D issues;
- Information session on return and reintegration in Malawi

June
- 3rd and last Workshop on counter-THB policy organised in Côte d’Ivoire, in cooperation with UNODC;
- Training development and training of trainers for Government officials in Rwanda

July
- Workshop to promote a regional approach to migration data harmonisation and information sharing in COMESA Member States, and Meeting of the COMESA task forces on capacity building and roadmap;
- Information sessions in Rwanda on migration data analysis;
- National Seminar on Border Management in Burundi;
- Stakeholder workshop to review the draft National Migration Policy in Sierra Leone

August
- Information session on Diaspora capital and launch of the 1st workshop on the development of the Ghanaian Diaspora Engagement Policy in Ghana;
- Meetings in Burundi to map out Diaspora-related activities and 1st information session on migration and development
MIEUX EFFORTS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Highlighted below is a selection of MIEUX Actions:

Border and Data Management

Action in Rwanda

Technical assistance to support the implementation of Rwanda’s National Migration Programme

Rwanda adopted its National Migration Policy and Strategies in 2008, and, connected to this, expressed the need to develop its migration management capacities.

The request for technical assistance was addressed to MIEUX by the Directorate General of Immigration and Emigration (DGIE) in 2012. The proposal contained three components: enhancing the capacities of the Training Department, enhancing data management capacities, and criminal investigation techniques.

The organised workshops under the training component resulted in a draft Training Strategy along with a Manual for Training of Trainers which will ensure the effective development of the training unit and establishes a solid framework to fulfil the DGIE’s training needs.

In addition to that, the staff of the DGIE was able to widen its knowledge on data collection and analysis techniques as well as on the topic of criminal investigation and migration-related crimes.

Action in the COMESA region

Technical assistance to support COMESA on the implementation of the Protocols for Free Movement and Visa Liberalisation to contribute to increased cooperation and the harmonisation of policymaking processes in the COMESA region

Under this second request from the COMESA Secretariat, MIEUX provided technical expertise to the 5th meeting of COMESA Ministers responsible for Immigration, and prepared a comparative study analysing the state of harmonisation of the COMESA Member State Laws with the COMESA Model Law on Immigration.

Furthermore, MIEUX organised various capacity building activities to promote a regional and transnational approach against THB, harmonisation of migration data and information sharing on migration in the COMESA region. The elaborated recommendations and decisions taken by COMESA Member State representatives will be presented and discussed at the upcoming 6th meeting of COMESA Ministers responsible for Immigration.

The Action will be closed with an assessment of national migration data collection and information sharing systems of COMESA Member States. The metadata collected through questionnaires and desk research is used to analyse the level of data reliability, coherence and comparability. In addition, the information will be used for preparing an overview on concepts and definitions used to collect migration data in COMESA Member States.
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Migration and Development (M&D)

Action in Côte d’Ivoire II

Technical assistance to support the Ivoirian authorities in the drafting process of a Strategy on Migration and Development

Since 2001, Ivoirian authorities have put much effort into strengthening their links with the Diaspora as illustrated by the elaboration of a Strategy for Diaspora engagement.

Following this initiative, and based on its results, the Government decided to take a step further by crafting a Strategy on Migration and Development. With the involvement of French and Senegalese experts, MIEUX has been providing support to the Ivoirian authorities in this process.

The first activity, a fact-finding mission, was organised in May 2014 in Abidjan. It aimed to discuss migration management and issues pertaining to Migration and Development with the relevant Ivoirian stakeholders. It also intended to take stock of the result of the MeDAO Project (support and advice to African public authorities responsible for migration and development initiatives along the migratory route to West Africa) in Côte d'Ivoire in order to build upon what had already been developed.

At the end of September 2014, the drafting process of the Strategy was initiated during a meeting in which all relevant stakeholders discussed the main topics to be addressed by the future strategy.

Migration Policy

Action in Malawi II

Technical assistance to assist the Malawian authorities in developing a comprehensive Migration and Citizenship Policy of Malawi

In response to a second request received by Malawian authorities, the aim of this new Action is to support key stakeholders in elaborating a comprehensive Migration and Citizenship Policy of Malawi. Indeed, Malawi’s Government is committed to answering the current migration challenges facing the country by comprehensive migration management.

With the participation of Dutch and Nigerian experts, MIEUX has therefore been providing support to the Malawian authorities since 2013 with a set of targeted activities. This work has led to the setting up of a core group in charge of the drafting process of the policy document. To date, three thematic knowledge exchange sessions on the different topics of the future policy - labour migration and migration and development; irregular migration; and return and reintegration - have been successfully organised.

In September 2014, MIEUX experts participated in a joint drafting session with the core drafting team of Malawi officials, and are continuing to provide remote support before the finalisation, vetting and presentation of the Migration and Citizenship Policy of Malawi in November 2014.
Contact MIEUX

National and regional administrations and organisations are invited to send a written request for technical assistance, outlining the need to be addressed, by email, letter or fax to:
- The ICMPD MIEUX Project Office; or
- The local EU Delegation.

Experts from EU Member States’ administrations are invited to send their Curriculum Vitae to the ICMPD MIEUX Project Office.

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Beneficiaries’ views on MIEUX partnership

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The Directorate General of Immigration and Emigration (DGIE) is thankful for the cooperation and technical assistance of ICMPD/MIEUX. It was successful, provided DGIE officers with critical knowledge and we look forward to continued cooperation.

Being an expert for MIEUX

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Expert for Burundi and Togo

It is the innovating and inclusive technology of MIEUX Program that made me look closer at, and participate in this project: sending experts both from North and South, and gathering all actors of public policy making (civil society, state and parastatal organizations), in my opinion, ensure a global and concerted vision of issues and an appropriate answer to these. Missions accomplished in Togo and Burundi are also a great way to practically test migration policies that have been defined by national or international bodies. They allow public policy makers to assess the gap between declared ambitions and reality on the ground, which calls for a patient and modest approach.

Since 2009, 66 experts from 19 EU MS have taken part in MIEUX activities in Sub-Saharan Africa.