



SIDE EVENT

Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons on the African Continent: Multi-Disciplinary Approaches to Preventing and Prosecuting Crimes and Upholding the Human Rights

Thursday 26th August 2021, 10:00-11:30 Morocco time, Online

Brief background

The UNODC Observatory on Smuggling of Migrants collects and analyses data on migrant smuggling, and makes it available on the [Observatory website](#), providing for an evidence-based transnational response to the smuggling of migrants in African countries, in line with GCM Objective 9. The [UNODC Global Reports on Trafficking](#) in Persons provide an overview of patterns of trafficking in persons at global, regional and national levels. Based on a decade of systematically collecting data, UNODC identifies key trends in African countries' progress towards meeting GCM Objective 10.

This Side Event brings together the perspectives of experts at national, sub-regional and international levels to improve responses to migrant smuggling and trafficking in persons and promote safe migration across the African continent.

Side event objectives

This event underlines the importance of using the evidence base to ensure that border governance, particularly in combating migrant smuggling and trafficking in persons, is effective and rights-based,

in order to promote safe, orderly and regular migration.

Facilitators

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Speakers

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Mr. Olatunde Olayemi, Program Officer, ECOWAS Commission, Nigeria

Ms. Bahija Jamal, Professor, Universite Hassan II Ain Chock de Casablanca, Morocco

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