

Federal Foreign Office, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, and IOM's Global Migration Data Analysis Centre (GMDAC)

"Migration and Development Debate Series"

Moroccan migration transition and development potentials

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Morocco experiences an important migration transition in the last years. Traditionally, the country figures among the most important emigration countries in the world. Around 4 million people of Moroccan descent live outside the country, especially in Europe. Over the last years however, Morocco has gradually become a destination for migrants and refugees from sub-Saharan-Africa and the Middle East. There are furthermore return migrants from Europe, and – to a limited extend – even immigrants from European countries due to the economic crisis. Moroccan society, especially in big cities such as Rabat, Casablanca, Tangier, Fez or Nador, is thus increasingly confronted with “integration issues” that are known in immigration countries such as Germany.

The seminar will discuss how this (recent) development influences Morocco's self-image as an emigration country as well as the potential of development cooperation to assist Morocco during this transition process. Hein de Haas will share the results of his study “Moroccan migration trends and development potentials” on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. He analyses changing migration patterns, and how they can be explained by social, political and economic developments in Morocco, Europe and Africa, illustrating their implications on human development.

The ensuing debate will address the following questions: What happens if emigration countries develop to migration transit and destination countries? What does this transition mean for migration stakeholders in Morocco and how can they be supported by international cooperation? What role do these activities play within the German-Moroccan migration partnership and, on a broader level, in the GFMD-process? What are lessons learned from other migration transition and destination countries? How can Morocco serve as a role model for other migration transition countries?

Welcome remarks:

Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

Federal Foreign Office

International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Speaker:

Prof. Dr. Hein de Haas

Professor of Sociology at the University of Amsterdam and Extraordinary Professor of Migration and Development at the University of Maastricht/United Nations University

Discussants:

Dr. Jan Schneider (tbc)

Head of Research Unit, Expert Council of German Foundations on Integration and Migration

H.E. Ambassador Omar Zniber (tbc)

Ambassador of Morocco in Germany

Peter Wolf (tbc)

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