

EU Migration Talks 2026

Focus on Africa: Migration in the context of multiple challenges and cross-sectoral cooperation

2 July 2026, 13:30-17:00 (admission from 13:00)
Hilton Vienna Plaza, Schottenring 11, 1010 Vienna

Agenda

13:30 – 13:45	Welcome Remarks - Marian Benbow Pfisterer, Chief of Mission, IOM Austria - Peter Webinger, Director-General for Migration and International Affairs, Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior
13:45 – 14:15	Keynote (online): Africa's Crisis Hotspots: Focus on Sudan and Regional Impacts Mohamed Refaat, Chief of Mission, IOM Sudan
14:15 – 15:15	Input 1: Austria's Africa Policy as a Comprehensive, Whole-of-Government Strategy - Envoy Stefan Scholz, Head of Division II.7 – Sub-Saharan Africa; African Union, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs Input 2: The External Dimension of Migration Policy in Cooperation with African States - Tobias Molander, Head of the Department for Migration Affairs (EU and International), Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior Input 3: The EU-Africa Partnership from the Perspective of the Republic of Kenya - Ambassador Valerie Rugene, Deputy Permanent Representative/Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy/Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kenya in Vienna Input 4: Migration in the Context of Relations between Europe and Africa - Anna Knoll, Head of Migration and Mobility Team, European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM) Input 5: A Civil Society Perspective on Cooperation between European and African States - Miriam Mona Mukalazi, Responsible for the Africa Policy Programme, Vienna Institute for International Dialogue and Cooperation (VIDC)
15:15 – 16:15	Panel Discussion & Questions from the Audience Moderation: Andrea Götzelmann-Rosado, Head of Programme and Policy Support Unit, IOM Austria
16:15 – 16:25	Closing Remarks Franziska Kandolf, Deputy Director General for Migration and International Affairs, Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior
16:25 – 17:00	Reception
Moderation:	Saskia Heilemann, Head of Policy Research and Migration Law Unit/National Coordinator of EMN Austria, IOM Austria

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