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**INSTITUTIONALIZING
A
REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE DIALOGUE
ON
MIGRATION FOR WEST AFRICA**

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Objective of Presentation:

Present the concept of institutionalizing a regional consultative process developed with the Department of Free Movement and Tourism at the ECOWAS Commission.

Discuss with ECOWAS Member States and Partners of the Commission the utility of such a platform and start planning the next steps.



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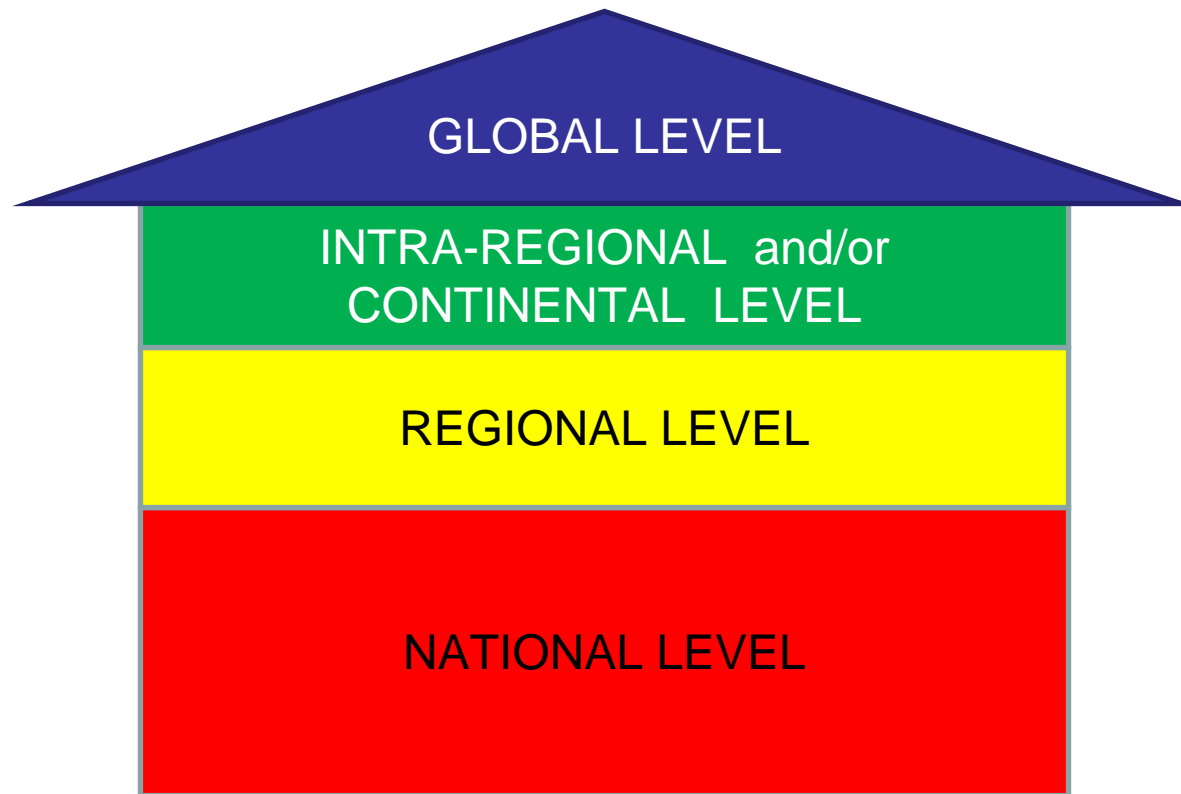
Why the Presentation in the framework of a GFMD Meeting?

- 1. Format and Concept similar**
- 2. It will open to external partners**
- 3. We want to reestablish the missing floor in the international dialogue on migration architecture**



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The International Dialogue on Migration is a House





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Building on MIDWA

- 1. Established in 2000 between the ECOWAS Commission and IOM**
- 2. Several important achievement**
- 3. Never really institutionalized**



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Overarching Goals

- 1. Enhancing the implementation of the ECOWAS Common Approach on Migration;**
- 2. Become a catalyst for spin-off projects;**
- 3. Enhancing the conceptualization and implementation of more coherent and comprehensive migration policies;**
- 4. Increasing cooperation amongst relevant partners (CSO, IO, Int. Partner) by establishing a common platform for dialogue;**
- 5. Strengthening the mutually benefitting exchanges between the national, regional and global level;**



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Substance based on ECOWAS Common Approach

- Free Movement within the ECOWAS space**
- Management of regular migration**
- Policy Harmonisation of Migration and Development**
- Controlling irregular migration and human trafficking particularly of women and children**
- protect the rights of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees**
- Gender and Migration**



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Structure

- **Chaired: Country holding the ECOWAS Chairmanship**
- **Back-Office: ECOWAS Commission and partner such as IOM**
- **Frequency: Annually**

Funding

- **Discussion ongoing for 10th European Development Fund**
- **Other Donors and interested partners**



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- THANK YOU !
 - MERCI !
 - OBRIGADO!