

Session 2.1 – Moving beyond emergencies – Creating development solutions to the mutual benefit of host and origin communities and displaced persons

Statement by the Republic of Poland

Roundtable 2: Migration and Development through Multilateral and Bilateral Partnerships: Creating Perspectives for Inclusive Development

- Poland would like to thank Germany and Morocco for organizing this Forum with attention to the smallest details and well in advance. This splendid organization gave the participants time for thorough preparation for discussing cross-cutting ideas. Poland also thank Denmark and Egypt for merit preparation of the session 2.1 Moving beyond emergencies.
- We are looking forward to contribute and take from the Forum as much as it is possible, also in the light of the incoming presence of Poland in the UN Security Council as a non-permanent Member starting in January next year.
- I would like to make reference to the 2nd guiding question put in the Background Paper. How to minimize vulnerabilities and maximize potential for socio-economic benefits for all? It is often impossible to avoid displacements. In such situations it is of vital importance to support hosting communities to make displacement sustainable. Otherwise we risk destabilization of social balance of hosting communities and secondary movements in consequence.
- In this context a part of the solution may be supporting sustainability of the hosting communities and regional leaders. That is why the EU is so much investing on external dimension of migration cooperation with all partners, and Poland does support this approach.
- There are many tools that contribute to the enhancement of multilateral and bilateral partnerships. We must realize the results of most of them will be visible in the medium and long term. And one of the best investment on the long term is the investment in the education. We think the more sustainable are the investments in loco and not always the scholarships programs as they eventually may create the effect of a brain drain.
- Taking into account that Poland is usually associated with cooperation with the Eastern Europe, today we would like to quote one of the examples of our most deepened cooperation with an African country. It would not have been achieved without an outstanding cooperation with Angola. Its aim was principally to contribute to the sustainability of the Angolan economic development, but at the same time it fits perfectly into the framework of EU-Africa cooperation by addressing the needs of youth in the area of education and job creation, thus enhancing the economic potential of Angola. What must be underlined is that we perceived Angola from the beginning as an equal partner and a regional economic leader, and we have found this type of cooperation mutually beneficial for both countries.
- According to the intergovernmental agreement with Angola a Polish company in cooperation with the Maritime Academy of Gdynia has constructed High School of the Maritime Fishing in the City of Namibe. The final stage of the project with a budget well over 70 mln euro has been initiated this year. The High School approved 500 students from Angola and other African countries in May. It provides the capacity of 50 ths square meters, the state-of-the-art center for maritime search and rescue operations, 30 specialist laboratories, vessel simulator. Third phase of the project is consisting of the provision of a training ship is on the way. The High School is very well received by the Angolan authorities as it has enabled the teaching at the highest, international level.