

MADE Platform

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DAKAR DECLARATION

African civil society stakeholders, stemming from social movements, NGOs, platforms interested in the governance of the migratory phenomenon and sharing the same principles met in Dakar, upon the invitation of CARITAS SENEGAL, between 13.10. and 14.10.2014, in order to lay the foundations for a Migration and Development African Platform **(MADE)**.

During the course of the event, the participants from all Regions of Africa and Diaspora members have welcomed the initiative of Caritas Internationalis and International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC), deeming it useful and pertinent.

At the end of the two-day event, the participants adopted the creation of the platform MADE-AFRICA and recommended:

- ✓ The drafting and adoption of the MADE Africa platform Charter
- ✓ The dissemination of MADE's objectives and organisational chart
- ✓ The drafting of an action plan, based on defending the rights of the migrants, to advocate for policies that emphasise the relationship between migration and development
- ✓ The creation of an African Day of Migration

At the end of the two-day working sessions, which assessed the migratory policies and the situation of migrants in Africa and in the world, and driven by openness and solidarity and deep concern over respecting human dignity and protecting human rights, the members of MADE Platform shall disseminate it and reinforce it all over the continent. Moreover,

Considering the international context, marked by a series of repressive actions against migrants and their families;

Considering 'Mos Majorum' joint police Operation underway in the European Union and coordinated by the Italian Ministry of Internal Affairs, in cooperation with Frontex Agency, it is clearly understood that the goal of this repressive operation is to stop the massive traffic of undocumented migrants

into the European Union, in view of returning them *manu militari* to their countries of origin,

Considering that in Africa the situation of migrants has not improved given the frequent repression, harassment at borders, the high number of migrant retention centres under inhuman conditions, and violent persecutions ending in death;

MADE Platform in Dakar:

- ✓ Condemns FRONTEX policy and regrets its consequences, which represent a shameful element for the humanity.
- ✓ Requests States, regional and international institutions to define rights-based policies with a view to leave repressive and humiliating migratory policies behind.
- ✓ Shall unite the efforts of all those involved and shall set a mutual support plan in motion, with a view to influence in a positive manner the migratory policies of African states and of their partners in other locations worldwide and in view of observing the rights of the migrant(s), in search for better living conditions.
- ✓ Addresses all the social organisations and the citizens to join the platform, in a spirit of African solidarity.

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