

# AGENDA

## 27 November 2024 – Day 1

08:30 – 09:00 Registration of participants and welcome coffee

09:00 – 10:15 High Level Opening

Room: Carthage 1

- **Sofiene Bessadok**, Secretary of State to the Minister of the Interior in Charge of Security, Ministry of the Interior Tunisia
- **Victor Cramer**, Director General, Ministry of Asylum and Migration of the Netherlands
- **Giuseppe Perrone**, Ambassador of the European Union to Tunisia
- **Michael Spindelegger**, Director General, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)

## Governance



10:15 – 11:15 Plenary - Setting the Scene Debate

Room: Carthage 1

**Advancing International Cooperation through Capacity Partnerships and Joint Leadership in Border Management**

*This high-level panel will centre on the role of international cooperation and capacity partnerships in shaping effective and sustainable border management systems. Emphasising joint leadership and shared responsibilities, the session will explore how collaborative approaches can align priorities and address shared challenges across regions.*



**Moderator: Borut Erzen**, Head of Border Management and Security Programme, ICMPD

- **Col. Maj. Nizar Badis**, Director General of Public Security of the National Guard, Ministry of the Interior, Tunisia
- **Col. Maj. Hassen Labidi**, Director General, Border and Foreigners Police, Ministry of the Interior, Tunisia
- **Sedef Dearing**, Director of Migration Dialogues and Cooperation, ICMPD
- **Olivier Bertrand**, Policy Officer Migration, Management Response and Counter-Smuggling Unit, DG HOME

11:15 – 11:45

Coffee Break

11:45 – 13:00

MCP Med



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**Thematic Session 1**

**Room: Carthage 3**

**Joint Leadership, Shared Responsibilities in Border Management**

*This session will introduce the Migration Capacity Partnerships (MCP Med) framework, which is built on the principles of joint leadership and shared responsibilities.*

*Participants will examine practical examples of how MCP Med can enhance border security, promote the professional development of border personnel, improve governance structures, and strengthen communication efforts.*

**Moderator: Julien Simon**, Head of Mediterranean Region, ICMPD

- **Kasper Thams Olsen**, Deputy Director for the Department for Migration for Denmark, Peace and Stabilisation
- **Dr. Bassim Al Dahamsheh**, Governor and Director of the Nationality, Foreigners Affairs and Investment Directorate, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

**Thematic Session 2**

**Room: Carthage 2**

**Showcasing Tunisia’s Border Management Strategies: Maritime and Land Borders**

*This session will spotlight Tunisia’s comprehensive border management strategies in both its maritime and land borders. With its unique geographical positioning and complex border challenges, Tunisia has developed practices that balance security, humanitarian concerns, and international cooperation.*

**Moderator: Donya Smida**, Migration Expert

- **Col. Maj. Sami Hassayoun**, Director of Land Border Guards (GN), Ministry of Interior, Tunisia
- **Col. Maj. Tarek Bel Azerek**, Director of Coast Guards (GN), Ministry of Interior, Tunisia
- **Col. Maj. Mahjoub Abdelhafidh**, Director of Customs Guard, Tunisia



- **Heba Sabry**, Second Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt

- **General Police Commissioner Makrem Gaied**, Deputy Director at the Directorate General of Border Police and Foreigners, Ministry of Interior, Tunisia

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch Break

### Governance



14:30 – 15:30

Plenary

Room: Carthage 1

#### Border Management and Trade Facilitation: Balancing Security, Economic Growth, and Cross-Border Cooperation

*This session will explore the interplay between border management, trade facilitation, and cross-border cooperation, focusing on the "Whole-of-Route" approach. It will highlight how secure borders can be maintained while facilitating the flow of goods, services, and people across interconnected migration routes. The session will incorporate case studies from projects in various regions and organisations, showcasing the challenges and successes of a holistic border management approach.*

**Moderator: Tony Mihaitoiaia**, Senior Border Management Specialist, ICMPD

- **Astrid Heiter**, Technical Attaché, World Customs Organization
- **Charles Lumor**, Chief Revenue Officer, Customs Division of Ghana Revenue Authority
- **Lidia Ababii**, Deputy Director, Customs Service of the Republic of Moldova
- **Umair Mahmood Siddiqi**, Domain Officer, Pakistani Single Window
- **Djamal Amichi**, Deputy Director of Operational Activity of Brigades, General Directorate of Customs of Algeria

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:00

Communication



Modernisation





### Thematic Session 3

#### Room: Carthage 2

#### Narrative and Communication Strategies in Border Management

*This session will explore the role of effective communication and narrative-building in shaping public perception and policy support for border management. It will also address how to counteract misinformation when it comes to border security.*

**Moderator: Viktor Makai**, Head of Office for Libya, ICMPD

- **Alice Emmerson**, Deputy Director, Digital, Marketing and Immigration communications, UK Home Office
- **Dr. James Dennison**, Communication Expert and Part-Time Professor, European University Institute
- **Xenia Pilipenko**, Project Manager, ICMPD

### Thematic Session 4

#### Room: Carthage 3

#### Technical innovations in Border Management: The Role of Technology and Data

*Building on the findings of the Amman side-event and focusing on the latest technological innovations, this session will discuss how new digital solutions, technologies and big data analytics are transforming and enhancing border security.*

**Moderator: Hassan Harake**, Modernisation Specialist, ICMPD

- **Dr. Ashraf Abushady**, Senior Advisor on Digital Transformation and Artificial Intelligence, UNIDO
- **Col. Maj. Fakhredin Guedri**, Deputy Director at the Directorate General of Operations, Ministry of Interior, Tunisia
- **Mohammad Abbas**, Former Head of Document Security Lab - Rafic Hariri International Airport Beirut, Document Security Specialist
- **Camela Ishac**, Legal Compliance Specialist
- **Alaa Demnati**, Head of Office Jordan and Lebanon, ICMPD

19:00

Official Dinner

Professionalisation



09:00 – 10:00

Plenary

Room: Carthage 1

**Effective Practices in Border Management Training: Insights from the Field**

*This session will delve into practical approaches to border management that have proven successful at the implementation level. Participants will explore best practices, tools, and strategies that enhance operational efficiency and cooperation at borders, focusing on experiences from key actors in the field.*

**Moderator: Adrian Cooper**, Senior Professionalisation Specialist, ICMPD

- **Dr. Bassim Al Dahamsheh**, Governor and Director of the Nationality, Foreigners Affairs and Investment Directorate, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- **Martinus Van Eert**, Managing Director, ID Centre
- **Col. Maj. Imed Mekki**, Director of National Guard Training, Ministry of Interior, Tunisia

10:00 – 11:00

Professionalisation



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**Thematic Session 5**

Room: Carthage 3

**Capacity Enhancement for Border Agencies**

*Effective border management relies heavily on the skills, knowledge, and preparedness of border guards. This theme focuses on the importance of capacity enhancement,*

**Thematic Session 6**

Room: El Majless

**Border Management in Crisis Situations**

*This session will focus on the challenges faced by border management authorities during crises, such as armed conflicts, and large-scale migration flows. Participants will discuss best practices for managing borders in emergency situations, including*

**Thematic Session 7**

Room: Carthage 2

**Human Rights-Centred Border Management**

*This session will emphasize the importance of aligning border management practices with international human rights standards, focusing on enhancing the capacity of border authorities to protect the rights of migrants, refugees, and asylum*

training, and professional development for border personnel.

The session will cover approaches and experiences that enhance accessibility, relevance and recognition of learning, while facilitating regional standardisation.

**Moderator: Shiraz Jerbi**, Project Manager for MCP MED TI, ICMPD

- **Col. Maj. Mongi Arfaoui**, Head of the Nafta Training Centre, Customs, Tunisia
- **Youssef Jabre**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Lebanon, First Secretary, Lebanon Embassy in Paris
- **Dr. Imen GAM**, Academic Researcher and Lecturer/ training Expert in Crisis Management, ESSECT (Higher School of Economic and Commercial Sciences of Tunis)
- **Mohammed Dbayh**, Training and Qualification Directorate, Ministry of Interior, Iraq

contingency planning, resource mobilisation, and maintaining security while ensuring humanitarian assistance.

**Moderator: Tony Mihaitoia**, Senior Border Management Specialist, ICMPD

- **Brigadier General Engineer Robert Mansour**, Acting Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Director of Signals, Lebanese Armed Forces
- **Eugen Levco**, Head of the International Cooperation Directorate, General Inspectorate of the Border Police Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova
- **Lilien Havasi**, deputy head of department at Border Police Department, Hungarian National Police Headquarters (ORFK)
- **Lieutenant Colonel Mohamed Abdelsalam**, Officer in the Egyptian Armed Forces, Ministry of Defense of Egypt

seekers while maintaining national security. The discussion will explore strategies to build the skills and capabilities of border personnel to balance security measures with humanitarian principles.

**Moderator: Amala OBIKOYE-NWALOR**, Project Manager and Head of Office, ICMPD Ghana

- **Dr. Fatma Raach**, Public International Law Expert
- **Jagoda Walorek**, Senior Fundamental Rights Monitor, FRONTEX
- **Elsa Salame**, Head of Outreach and Knowledge, Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (DCAF)

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee Break

Modernisation



<p><b>11:30 – 12:30</b></p>	<p><b>Plenary</b></p> <p><b>Room: Carthage 1</b></p> <p><b>Tourism-Friendly Border Management</b></p> <p><i>Tourism is a significant economic driver for many countries, and efficient, secure, and welcoming border management is crucial to maintaining and enhancing this sector. This session will explore how border management can be optimized to facilitate tourism while ensuring security. By examining successful models from global hubs, participants will gain insights into how to create a seamless and positive experience for international travelers, balancing ease of access with necessary security measures.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator: Julien Simon</b>, Head of Mediterranean Region, ICMPD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Ashraf Abushady</b>, Senior Advisor on Digital Transformation and Artificial Intelligence, UNIDO</li> <li>• <b>Pol. Lt. Col. Ekkapong Mahatanavanij</b>, Deputy Superintendent of Don Mueang Airport Immigration in Thailand</li> <li>• <b>Narjes Abdennebi</b>, Chief Facilitation Section, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)</li> </ul>
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<p><b>12:30 – 14:00</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch Break</b></p>
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<p><b>14:00 – 15:00</b></p>	<p><b>Thematic Session 8</b></p> <p><b>Room: Carthage 3</b></p> <p><b>Engagement with Border Communities</b></p> <p><i>This session will focus on the crucial role of border communities in ensuring effective and sustainable border management. It will explore strategies for actively engaging these communities in decision-making processes, fostering trust, and building partnerships to improve security, economic opportunities, and social cohesion.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator: Rania Skaine</b>, Project Manager, ICMPD</p>	<p><b>Thematic Session 9</b></p> <p><b>Room: Carthage 2</b></p> <p><b>Whole-of-Route Approach to Border Management</b></p> <p><i>This session will explore the comprehensive "whole-of-route" approach to border management, emphasizing coordination across transit and destination countries to address challenges at all stages of the migration route. The discussion will focus on strengthening</i></p>	<p><b>Side Session</b></p> <p><b>Room: El Majless</b></p> <p><b>Presentation of the Migration Partnership Facility (MPF)</b></p> <p><i>This session will provide an overview of the open Calls for Proposals under the EU-funded Migration Partnership Facility (MPF), focusing on funding opportunities for migration partnerships between EU</i></p>
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<p><b>15:00 – 16:00</b></p>	<p><b><i>Conclusions and Next Steps</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Borut Erzen</b>, Head of Border Management and Security Programme, ICMPD</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Closing ceremony</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Slah Salhi</b>, Director General for Migration and Tunisians' Abroad, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Migration and Tunisians' Abroad, Tunisia</li> <li>• <b>Josephine Frantzen</b>, Ambassador of the Netherland to Tunisia</li> <li>• <b>Julien Simon</b>, Head of Mediterranean Region, ICMPD</li> </ul>		