

MAKING MIGRATION WORK FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TUNISIA

2012 - 2023

In Tunisia, high youth unemployment rates and stagnant economic growth drive both regular and irregular migration. With 1.8 million Tunisians living abroad, engaging with and empowering this skilled diaspora community offers many possibilities to enhance Tunisia's local socioeconomic prosperity. In addition, irregular migration from Tunisia to Europe has increased significantly, with 74,760 arrivals to Italy from Tunisia, from 1st January – 31st August 2023, compared to 16,283 in the same period in 2022.

As part of all three phases of the **M4SD Programme** since 2011, IOM and UNDP have supported the Tunisian government to mainstream

migration in sectorial policies related to employment and youth. To better coordinate, design, implement and monitor policies with migration considerations, the knowledge and capacities of local and national government practitioners has been strengthened and the overall understanding and operationalization of the nexus between migration and sustainable development has become part and parcel of their work. In addition, the Tunisian government has strengthened their long-term partnership with diaspora organizations and private sector actors to sustainability and jointly work toward youth employability and local development.

National POLICY COHERENCE

National 5-year Development Plan (2016-2020)

Mainstreamed migration, with a focus on social inclusion, human development and engaging with diaspora

General Framework for the National Migration Strategy (SNM)

Mainstreamed the link between migration and development (e.g., labour migration)

Draft Youth National Strategy (forthcoming)

Training to be provided to government officials to support the elaboration of the national youth strategy, including mainstreaming migration and development components

National Strategy for International Employment and the Protection of Migrant Workers' Rights

Trained 88 stakeholders from public and civil society institutions & academia on migration and development nexus

SDGs impacted



Indicator 8.b.1

Existence of national strategy for youth employment



Indicator 10.7.2

Countries with migration policies to facilitate orderly, safe, regular, and responsible migration



Target 17.14

Enhance policy coherence for sustainable development

Sousse

Technical support provided to integrate migration into local development planning; to develop a migration profile of the municipality; to elaborate and implement a roadmap to better integrate migration into the municipality's policy planning processes and development plans; to launch a coordination mechanism in Sousse and to organize 3 workshops on migration and social cohesion

Sfax

Technical support provided to mainstream migration into Local Economic Development Plan with a focus on social cohesion, health and sports

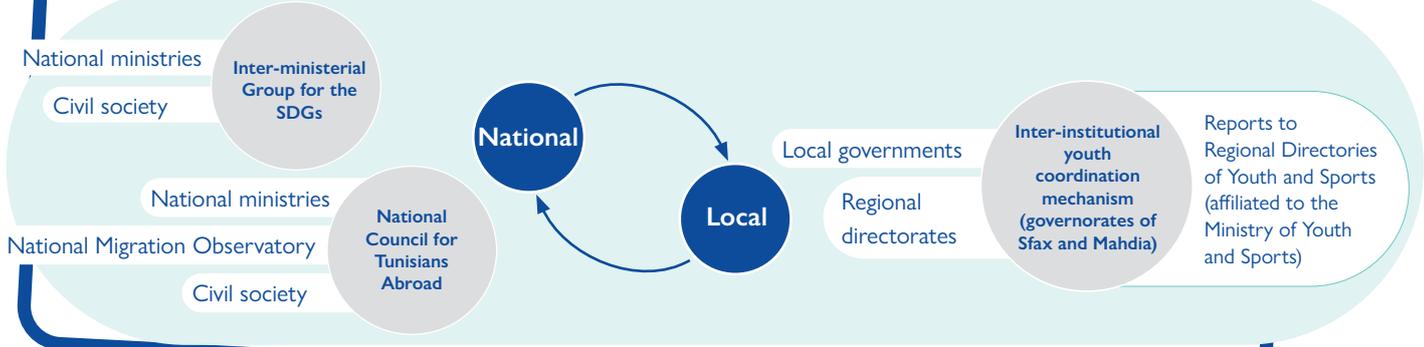
Local

COORDINATION MECHANISMS

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS Target 16.7
Ensure responsive, inclusive and representative decision-making

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS Target 17.H
Encourage effective partnerships

SDGs impacted



PUTTING POLICIES INTO PRACTICE TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY WELLBEING

SDGs impacted

- 4 QUALITY EDUCATION
- 8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
- 10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES
- 16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS
- 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

National

- Private sector mapping study elaborated, which include a database of a) 160+ companies in Tunisia and Switzerland interested in hiring migrants as interns and b) 54+ companies in Switzerland with open internship positions
- Guidelines and recommendations for implementing skills mobility partnerships elaborated
- Pre-departure curriculum developed for Tunisians' and migrants' interns, incl. guidelines for individual counselling sessions and training for career counsellors, employment agencies
- 300 youth from 8 countries gathered at Youth Symposium on the Future to discuss emerging issues and themes related to youth and migration
- Enhanced mobilization of Tunisian diaspora by building capacities of 56 enterprises (Mobi-Tre phase 1) and secured diaspora's support for the creation of 30 new enterprises
- 2 Tunisian diaspora associations supported to enhance their contributions to local development initiatives: PONTES and FTCR

Target 10.2
Promote social, economic and political inclusion



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

MAKING A REAL AND MEASURABLE IMPACT IN COMMUNITIES OF TUNISIA

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