

Side event of the 68th session of the Executive Committee

Challenges and responses along the central Mediterranean route

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Speakers:

Mr. Mohamed Bazoum, Minister of the Interior of Niger

Mr. Othman Belbeisi, Chief of Mission in Libya, IOM

Mr. Roberto Mignone, Representative in Libya, UNHCR

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Refugees and migrants moving across the Sahara desert and the central Mediterranean Sea towards Europe face severe protection risks along the routes. Tackling the root causes and triggers of such movement, as well as addressing the protection needs of those already on the move, requires close cooperation among all stakeholders using a comprehensive cross-regional approach in countries of origin, transit and destination. This session aims to review progress, challenges and responses to ensuring effective protection and to offering viable alternatives to the dangers of the central Mediterranean route for people on the move.

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13:15 – 15:00

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Sandwiches and refreshments will be provided.

