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(UN-OHRLLS)

Following the High-Level Dialogue on Migration and Dialogue, the UN-OHRLLS, in collaboration with the UNDP, is organizing a regional consultation with Diaspora on the remittances and development in Africa. The meeting is tentatively scheduled in January 2007 in Ghana. The main objectives of the meeting is to promote an inter-African dialogue on migration and remittances, develop practical recommendations to all stakeholders and assist UNDP in integrating migration policies in its country programmes.

Pursuant to the Declaration of the Ministerial Conference of the LDCs on Migrants' Remittances and within its mandate for the implementation of the Brussels Programme, the UN-OHRLLS will also assist the Government of Benin in the establishment of the International Migrant Remittances Observatory for LDCs which will serve the purpose of collecting remittances data, sharing information on remittances flows, trends and patterns, transfer mechanisms and service providers, lessons learned and best practices, as well as assist LDCs in remittance-related capacity building, research, analysis, policy making , with the view of improving their remittances services and facilitate access of the poor.