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“THE INTERSECTION OF IRREGULAR MIGRATION AND TRAFFICKING IN WEST AFRICA AND THE SAHEL”

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A number of policy and security changes in the Mediterranean, North Africa and the Sahel over the last five years have led to a decrease in mobility options towards Europe. **The study aims to measure whether the pattern of vulnerability towards trafficking has shifted for migrants in light of the increased difficulty in reaching Europe.**



This is achieved through an **innovative methodology** where a 1600-person survey was conducted with migrants along the routes to North Africa and proxies were used to gauge changes in patterns of vulnerability. Respondents' experiences with trafficking were also tracked, thereby creating **a new set of data in relation to trafficking along routes to Europe.**

SPEAKERS

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