



## INTRODUCTION TO ADEPT

ADEPT aims to *'improve and enhance the capacity and impact of the African diaspora organisations that are involved in development activities in Africa'*.

The aim is pursued through delivery of services to diaspora organisations and individuals in Europe and Africa. **ADEPT will work and engage with 84 countries** (28 EU countries, plus Switzerland and Norway, and 54 African countries). In particular, ADEPT will assist **Africa Diaspora-Development Organisations (ADDOs)** to:

- Optimise their development engagement in Africa
- Professionalise their organisations and activities
- Create effective partnerships in Europe and Africa
- Expand and improve their development activities in Africa
- Influence the policy and practice of development cooperation.

*(ADEPT emerged out of the pilot Africa-Europe Platform (AEP) project that ran from 2010 to 2013).*

**ADEPT is working to create a permanent service-delivery directorate which focuses on:**

- Providing training and guidance
- Producing directories and databases
- Showcasing best practices
- Disseminating information and announcements
- Undertaking action research
- Facilitating networking and partnerships
- Conducting consultations and joint positions
- Engaging in policy representations and negotiations
- Promoting positive images and representation of Africa.

ADEPT is implemented by:



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## TEN ADEPT ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2014/15



- Provided **accredited professional training to 100 people** (ADDOs) resident in **15 European countries** with origins in **30 African countries** including Guinea Bissau, Madagascar, Mauritania, Sudan and Togo.
- Publish regular newsletters **highlighting grants, jobs and events relevant to ADDOs** and individuals working or interested in diaspora-development.
- Appointed **five African diaspora professionals to ADEPT's Advisory Council** and working with Belgian law firm to develop **full legal and membership structure**.
- Worked with **five ADDO partners** and three mainstream partners to deliver **Diaspora Development Forums (DDFs)** in Denmark, Malta and Austria on the topics of:
  - *'Enhancing Diaspora Role in Job Creation in Africa'*
  - *'From Irregularity to Stability: Strategic and Viable Actions to Prevent Irregular and Dysfunctional Migration'*
  - *'Migration and Development in Times of Crisis: Common Obligations and Collective Action'*
- Facilitated diaspora engagement with **over 300 senior officials, policymakers and diplomats** from European and African governments, civil society organisations, international agencies and development institutions.
- Represented on the **High Level Panel on Migration** during the 2015 European Development Days (EDD), and engaged with the African Union and EU partners on the 2015 **EU-Africa Valletta Summit on Migration**.
- Contributed to policy advocacy for the **Financing for Development (FfD) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)** global agreements.
- Hosting a **side event during the Government Days** of the 2015 Global Forum for Migration and Development (GFMD), and facilitating **four ADDOs to participate in GFMD** for the first time.
- Developing frameworks **for capacity building of ADDOs** through partnership with **national mainstream partners**, and **national policy engagement** through European Commission **missions in EU countries**.
- Commissioning consultancies for the **development of new services** relating to: Diaspora Grant Fund; Diaspora Youth Fellowship; Diaspora Policy Consultations; National Platform Building; and Media Images of Africa.

*"Migration will be with us for many years to come. We can make it a win-win situation if we concentrate on development in the countries of origin and by providing legal channels that regulate the flow of migrants to Europe and subsequently back to the countries of origin. This is what the Diaspora Development Dialogue will be discussing."*  
**Dr George Vella – Minister of Foreign Affairs, Malta (May 2015)**

*"We urgently need to offer African youths better socio-economic opportunities at home. Without this, the tragic circumstances of migrants in the Mediterranean will continue and deaths may even increase. I am pleased that the Diaspora Development Forum gives us the opportunity to think and work on practical actions and solutions."*  
**Dr Abdramane Sylla – Minister of Malians Abroad**