

Diaspora Development Dialogue (DDD)

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The Diaspora Development Dialogue (DDD) is ADEPT's multi-actor dialogue that brings together the Africa Diaspora-Development Organizations, Government and Local authorities, Civil Society Organizations, Development agencies, private sector and other development stakeholders, to work on practical means of improving diaspora interventions on Africa's development. DDDs are convened by the African diaspora, thereby providing the opportunity to mainstream diaspora perspectives, priorities, and practices.

DDD's objectives

Facilitate effective dialogue through discussions, debates and exchanges on African development.

Facilitate face-to-face networking between diaspora organizations and individuals involved in African development.

Facilitate practical partnerships between ADOs and international development agencies and institutions in different European countries.

DDD's activities

The DDDs include:

Development Dialogue between diaspora organizations, mainstream agencies and authorities.

Policy Development with focus on practical, effective and sustainable implementation.

Facilitated Networking for partnership action and improved development impact.

The previous ten DDDs took place in Denmark, Malta, Austria, France, Kenya, Slovenia, Belgium, Senegal and Morocco on the following themes :

- DDD1** 'Diaspora's Role in Job Creation' (Copenhagen, 2014)
- DDD2** 'From Irregularity to Stability: Strategic and Viable Actions to Prevent Irregular and Dysfunctional Migration.' (Valletta, 2015)
- DDD3** 'Migration and Development in Times of Crisis: Common Obligations and Collective Action.' (Vienna, 2015)
- DDD4 and COP 21** 'Climate change, migration and Development: how to enhance the impact of African diaspora organizations?' (Paris, 2015)
- DDD5** 'Actions Needed to Reduce Remittance Costs in Africa.' (Kenya, 2015)
- DDD6** 'Migration and Integration: Actions for Inclusive Development.' (Piran, 2016)
- DDD7** 'Diaspora Participation in African Institutions and Europe.' (Brussels, Dec 2017)
- DDD8** 'Expanding and Enhancing the Role of Diaspora Parliamentarians.' (Dakar, 2018)
- DDD9** 'Gender and Women Empowerment-Engaging and Strengthening the Voices of the African Diaspora Women.' (Brussels, 2018)
- DDD10** 'The role of the African Diaspora as catalyst for sustainable development in the implementation of the Global Compact for Migration.' (Marrakech, 2018)
- DDD11** 'GlobalCompact: Breaking the Barriers.' (Barcelona, 2019)
- DDD12** 'The role of the African Diaspora: 'African Ambassadors and contributors to tourism growth.' (Accra, 2019)
- DDD13** 'What partnerships are needed to improve the diaspora's impact on development in Africa?' (Online, 2021)

DDD's in numbers

- **150 people** ADOs resident in **15 European countries** with origins in **30 African countries** trained.
- **13 Declarations** as a result of DDDs produced and serve as a thematic expertise and policy advocacy support.
- Over **400 senior officials**, policymakers and diplomats from European and African governments, civil society organizations, international agencies and development institutions outreached and engaged
- More than **1000 people** representing civil society, government. officials from Europe and Africa, International and national organizations outreached and sensitized through DDDs.

And more...

STRENGTHENED COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE CATALAN GOVERNMENT AND SENEGALESE ADOS, AS WELL AS POLICY CO-DEFINITION.

PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN ADOS AND BETWEEN ADOS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES AS WELL AS ADOS AND CSOS.

Testimonies

"Migration will be with us for many years to come. We can make it a win-win situation if we focus 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 ,about the DDD n°2

"We urgently need to offer African youths better socio-economic opportunities at home. Without this, the tragic circumstances in the Mediterranean will continue and deaths may even increase. I am pleased that the Diaspora Development Dialogue gives us the opportunity to think and work on practical actions on solutions."

Dr Abdramane Sylla- Minister of Malians Abroad, about the DDD n°2

"The today's forum is approaching us to our common goal. Mrs President, by being at the head of a large organization, such as ADEPT, means much more than just the principle of equality, it contributes to our common fight for democracy. I congratulate you for your initiative, this dialogue and for our joint efforts. You have the support from President Macky Sall."

H.E.M Sidiki KABA, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Senegalese from Abroad, about the DDD n°7

"It is a way for us to work with our colleagues and our colleagues in the diaspora to bring the problems to the table of the executive. Since that day we have seen with our colleagues that we have managed to solve many problems of the diaspora" (...)

"This dialogue has allowed you to have an idea on the laws and regulations on decentralization, which govern some countries (...)"

More Kane Ndiaye, Deputy North Africa Diaspora de la Diaspora, about the DDD n°8

"The Diaspora has become aware that, alongside States and international organizations, it must take its destiny in hand. And by coming to Dakar, in a context strongly marked by uncontrolled mobility, by a dynamic of irregular migration, by a phenomenon of trafficking in migrants, of human trafficking, which means that the image given off by migration is not positive; this initiative shows us that there are positive things being done at the level of the diaspora. This initiative shows us that there are positive things happening in the diaspora. If the diaspora itself takes the initiative to create a person, to invite states, NGOs, resource persons around the world, to discuss at least the dialogue for development, it means that there is something positive for the diaspora."

Sory Kaba, Directeur des Sénégalais de l'Extérieur ,about the DDD n°8