

ADEPT AT THE GFMD 2015

The new ADEPT platform started operations in late 2014, As such, 2015 is ADEPT's first opportunity to participate in the Global Forum for Migration and Development (GFMD). Through partnerships, collaborations and networks, ADEPT has a significant and prominent presence at GFMD 2015 in Istanbul (12-16 October 2015).

ADEPT Plenary Session Speaker:

ADEPT Interim Director **Mr Gibril Faal** who co-chaired the 2014 GFMD is participating this year in the name of ADEPT. He is a **panellist at the opening of the Civil Society Days (CSD)**, speaking on 'Migrants, diaspora and rights in the Sustainable Development Goals'. He is also **co-moderating the opening session of Common Space** together with Peter Sutherland, the UN Secretary General's Special Representative on International Migration.

ADEPT Working Session Speakers:

Gibril and ADEPT board member **Ms Khady Sakho** are **speakers at separate working sessions and participants in the private breakfast sessions** between civil society and governments. Khady is speaking at two working sessions: 'Beyond Xenophobia' and 'Civil society's role in implementing and monitoring the SDGs'. Gibril is speaking at the working session on 'Civil society's role in fashioning the SDG indicators'.

ADEPT Side Events:

In collaboration with AFFORD and the governments of Mali and Rwanda, **ADEPT is the host of one of the 15 side events during Government Days, the African Union Commissioner for social Affairs as guest speaker** (see separate leaflet). Through collaborations, **ADEPT will also participate in a private meeting on private sector** hosted by the governments of Switzerland and Bangladesh; and a joint meeting on 'diaspora, migration, governance and development', hosted by AFFORD and Cordaid.

ADEPT Delegates:

In May 2015, ADEPT encouraged the network to apply for participation in the Eighth GFMD. This led to a significant increase in applications from Nordic and Southern European countries. There were more than 800 applications from across the world and 311 were invited to participate as delegate. **Of those invited, 16 of them (5%) were part of the ADEPT network** – based in 10 European countries (Denmark [1], France [3], Malta [2], Netherlands [1], Portugal [2], Slovenia [1], Spain [1], Sweden [1], Switzerland [1] and United Kingdom [3]). **Seven of the 15 had never participated in GFMD.** ADEPT offered support to these first time delegates and **four delegates took up ADEPT's financial support and participated at GFMD 2015.** Other people from the ADEPT network attended. *(ADEPT had negotiated for a network delegate from Denmark to be a panel speaker but the delegate could not attend).*

ADEPT Exhibition Desk:

ADEPT has an exhibition desk during both the Civil Society Days (CSD) and Government Days (GD) of GFMD. Banners and information leaflets are available in English and French and the desk is a meeting point for the ADEPT network. Apart from the 300 delegates attending CSD, another 300 government delegates from 150 countries are attending the GD. **All 600 delegates meet during Common Space on 14 October 2015.**

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