Ongoing programmes

Building institutional cooperation between the diaspora and homeland governments in Africa

This project aims to foster the development of networks, strategic alliances and sustained institutional cooperation between the diaspora and policy makers to increase the contribution of the diaspora to the overall development of their countries of origin in a sustainable and large-scale manner.

Participation of the diaspora in the Joint Africa-EU Strategic Partnership

The goal of this programme is to promote the proactive participation of the African diaspora in Europe in policy dialogue regarding the newly formulated Joint Africa-EU Strategic Partnership and the implementation of the Action Plan adopted in Lisbon in 2007.

Capacity-building for the newly formed Diaspora Ministries in Africa

This programme aims to contribute to strengthening the policy-making capacity of the newly formed Diaspora Ministries in Africa. The objective of the programme is two-fold: to develop new knowledge in the field of migration and development tailored to the specific policy-making needs of the diaspora representatives; and to provide capacity-building training which will enable these newly appointed policy makers to gain access to up-to-date information.

DIASPEACE

The ADPC is a consortium member of the multi-disciplinary DIASPEACE research project, which seeks to generate evidence-based and policy-relevant knowledge about the ways in which diasporas can be involved in conflict-resolution and peacebuilding initiatives in their home countries.

Promoting the contribution of the African diaspora to the development of Africa

This programme aims to continuously showcase the contribution of the Europe-based African diaspora to the development of their countries of origin and to facilitate access of mainstream development organisations to members of the diaspora in Europe. We produce newsletters and factsheets, and provide articles, reports, personal stories and publications from and about the African diaspora on our website. The African Diaspora Skills Database facilitates access among mainstream development organisations to members of the diaspora in Europe with extensive professional experience.

The ADPC is committed to contributing to better development in Africa by mobilising the African diaspora in Europe

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George Duncan, Chairman of Sankofa Foundation, launching the Sankofa Family Poultry project in Ghana in 2007

Consultation Meeting, 9 July 2009 in The Hague
A unique platform of knowledge and expertise

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It generates knowledge and information primarily targeted at three groups: African diaspora organisations in Europe, development practitioners and policy-makers dealing with diaspora-related issues both in Africa and in Europe.

The ADPC is committed to stimulating informed policy dialogue and constructive debates between the diaspora and other stakeholders in the field of migration and development.

The Centre’s work focuses on four main interlinked areas:

Migration & Development; Peacebuilding; Better Governance and Brain Gain.

The ADPC aims

- To mobilise African diaspora organisations in the Western hemisphere to contribute more effectively to the development of Africa;
- To produce and make available information and policy-supporting documents aimed at strengthening the policy-making capacity of newly formed diaspora institutions in Africa dealing with migration and development-related issues;
- To inform and influence migration and development policy makers in the host countries;
- To promote research collaboration between diaspora and homeland researchers;
- To facilitate diaspora network-building by organising meetings, seminars and conferences;
- To foster viable partnerships between African diaspora organisations in Europe and civil society institutions in Africa.

The ADPC’s activities include

- Conducting evidence-based policy-related research;
- Organising workshops, expert meetings and conferences;
- Providing capacity building and training;
- Facilitating contacts and networking relations;
- Disseminating information through publications.

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