Programme

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

Policy Seminar

1-2 October 2009

Borschette Conference Centre, European Commission
Rue Froissart 36
Brussels, Belgium

Purpose

The purpose of the policy seminar is to provide a platform for exchange of perspectives between the African diaspora, representatives of African civil society forums and policy makers working on migration and development issues at the European and African levels. It should enable the identification of the strategic role that the African diaspora in Europe can play both in policy dialogue and in the practical implementation of the Joint Africa-EU Strategic Partnership. It will also explore the means by which the African diaspora in Europe can organise itself to become stronger, more effective and influential actors in policy design and implementation.

This seminar is hosted by the African Diaspora Policy Centre (ADPC) and the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) and supported by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the European Commission.

Day One: 1 October 2009

08:30 – 9:00  Registration of participants

Chair of the opening: Dimitria Clayton, Ministry for Intergenerational Affairs, Family, Women and Integration, North Rhine-Westphalia (MGFFI-NRW), Germany
09:00 – 9:15 Welcome by Domenica Ghidei, Chair of the Board of the African Diaspora Policy Centre (ADPC)

09:15 – 9:30 Welcome by Lukas Gehrke, Head of Mission, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) Brussels

09:30 – 9:45 Brief address by Klaus Rudischhauser, Director of the DG Development, European Commission

09:45 – 10:00 Brief address by H. E. Mr. Mahamat Saleh Annadif, Ambassador of African Union Mission in Brussels

10:00 – 10:15 Brief address by Saul Kaye, Manager, Governance & Public Administration AU/NEPAD office

10:15 – 10:30 Brief address on ‘Swedish policy on migration and development’ by Kajsa Marsk Rives, Coordinator Migration and development Team Sustainable services, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)

10:30 – 10:45 Setting the context of the seminar by Awil Mohamoud, Director of the African Diaspora Policy Centre (ADPC)

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break

**Perspectives on Advancing Africa–EU Policy Dialogue**

*This panel will discuss how the active participation of the diaspora in the consolidation of the Africa-EU political dialogue can be promoted and sustained.*

Chair: Dimitria Clayton

11:00 – 11:15 Diaspora perspective by Gibril Faal, Board director of the African Foundation for Development (AFFORD), United Kingdom

11:15 – 11:30 African civil society forum perspective by Prof. Oumar C. Ndongo, Secretary General of the West African Civil Society Forum (WACSOF)

11:30 – 11:45 Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC), of the AU perspective by Dr. Akere Muna, President of ECOSOCC

11:45 – 12:00 AU member state perspective by Elizabeth Adjei, Director of the Ghana Immigration Service

12:00 – 12:15 EU member state perspective by Stéphane Gallet, Ministère de l'Immigration, de l'Intégration, de l'Identité Nationale et du développement solidaire, Service des Affaires Internationales et du développement solidaire

12:15 – 12:30 European Commission perspective by Rob Rozenburg, Head of Sector Migration, DG Development - C2
12:30 – 13:00  Forum Discussion

13:00 – 14:30  Lunch

14:30 – 16:00  Parallel Panels

Panel I  Perspectives on Diaspora Building Bridges

*Main room, Centre Borschette*

This panel will discuss the potential of further strengthening the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership programme by mobilising the considerable potential (capital, knowledge and networks) of the African diaspora in Europe to play a valuable bridge-building role in the process.

**Chair:**  Professor Oumar C. Ndongo

Diaspora perspective by **Andredina Gomes Cardoso**, Vice-President, *Fundo de Apoio Social de Caboverdianos em Portugal* (FASCP), Portugal

African civil society forum perspective by **Yemisrach Kebede**, Executive Director CCP-African Union

AU member state perspective by **Belay Taddese**, Expatriate Affairs Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ethiopia

EU member state perspective by **Jaime Mira Salama**, Migration and Development Project Manager, Directorate General of Development Policy Planning and Evaluation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation

Panel II  Perspectives on Employment

*ICMPD Premises, Rue Belliard 159*

This panel will reflect on the ways in which the development initiatives undertaken by diaspora organisations in the area of job creation in the homeland can be up-scaled, sustained and replicated.

**Chair:**  Dr. Puleng Lenka-Bula

Diaspora perspective by **Yéra Dembele**, President of *Fédération des Associations Franco-Africaines de Développement* (FAFRAD), France

AU member state perspective by **Samba Yomb Thiam**, Technical Advisor, Ministry for Senegalese Abroad, Republic of Senegal

EU member state perspective by **Dr. Irina Kausch**, Deputy Head of Migration and Development Unit, GTZ, Germany
EC perspective on employment in development cooperation by Hjordis Ogendo, Principal Administrator, Unit for Human and Social Development & Migration, EuropeAid

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee break
16:15 – 17:00 Forum Discussion
17:00 – 17:45 Summary of Day One Discussions by rapporteurs
17:45 – 18:00 Methodology for Day Two

Day Two: 2 October 2009

09:00 – 11:00 Building an EU-wide platform of diaspora organisations working on development issues in Africa: the challenges ahead

This round-table discussion will involve only African diaspora leaders, with the aim of discussing the possibilities for the set-up of an EU-wide network of migrant/diaspora organisations involved on migration and development in Africa.

Chair: Santo Deng, Chairman of the Diaspora Forum for Development (DFD), The Netherlands

09:00 – 09:15 Introduction to an EU-wide diaspora platform creation by Lulessa Abadura, Network Coordinator, African Diaspora Policy Centre (ADPC)

09:15 – 09:30 Brief statement and recommendations by Olivier Consolo, Director of CONCORD, Brussels

09:30 – 11:00 Round-table discussion by diaspora leaders

Rapporteur: Joyce Armstrong, ADPC Rapporteur

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 12:30 Presentation of Summary of the Round-table discussion and recommendations (on an EU-wide platform of diaspora organisations) by Santo Deng

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 Parallel Panels
Panel III  Perspectives on Smart Partnerships

Main room, Centre Borschette

This panel will explore the means through which smart partnerships can be initiated between diaspora organisations and mainstream development agencies in order to advance the practical implementation of the AU-EU Partnership.

Chair:  Ms. Yemisrach Kebede

Diaspora perspective by Birame Diouf, Director of Atlantik Foundation, Norway

AU member state perspective by Maimuna Nasir-Ajanah, Director, Office of the Secretary to the Government of Nigeria

EU member state perspective by Edgard D’Adesky, Direction Générale de la Coopération au Développement (DGCD), Belgium


Panel IV  Strengthening Cooperation Between Diaspora Organisations and Civil Society Institutions in Africa

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This panel will focus on the strategies that African diaspora organisations in Europe can adopt to build up partnerships and viable alliances with the new and traditional civil society forums in Africa for the effective implementation of the Partnership.

Chair:  Elizabeth Adjei

Diaspora Perspective by Kashetu Kyenge, President, Associazione Internazionale Dawa Diaspora Africana, Italy

AU member state perspective by Seydou Keita, Technical Advisor, Ministry of External and Integration, Republic of Mali

African civil society forum perspective: Dr. Puleng Lenka-Bula, Department of Systematic and Ethics, University of South Africa

15:30 – 15:45  Coffee break

15:45 – 16:30  Forum Discussion

16:30 – 17:15  Summary of Day Two Discussions by Rapporteurs

17:15 – 17:30  Closing Remarks by Gibril Faal, AFFORD, UK (member of the Migrant Advisory Board of the EC-UN Joint Migration and Development Initiative)