



“Partnership Building Meeting: UNICEF and Diaspora Organizations in Europe”

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Brussels, Belgium

The Public Partnership Division (PPD) of UNICEF and the African Diaspora Policy Centre (ADPC) have the pleasure of announcing a “Partnership Building Meeting: UNICEF and Diaspora Organizations in Europe” to be held in Brussels from the 29-30 August, 2016.

The main purpose of the meeting is to provide a space in which representatives from UNICEF and the African Diaspora organizations based in Europe can convene, establish viable contacts, consult and deliberate options for strategic partnerships in the foreseeable future. A related purpose of the meeting is to present and share key findings and recommendations of a study that ADPC conducted for the Public Partnership Division (PPD) of UNICEF. The aim of the study was to identify entry points and strategic actors as well as explore modalities for UNICEF to engage with the African Diaspora communities residing in Europe, in the promotion of children’s rights in their countries of origin. After the study, a Blueprint was developed which will guide an engagement strategy and collaborative framework between UNICEF and the African Diaspora organizations in the future. Therefore, a review of the engagement strategy and of the proposed actions with the leaders of key African Diaspora organization based in Europe is critical to further scrutinize the challenges and opportunities of mobilizing the Diaspora, and to agree on appropriate modalities for the partnership.