



Announcement

Online Course: From Brain Drain to Brain Gain

27 February 2017 – 8 April 2017

Since 2013, the African Diaspora Policy Centre (ADPC), in cooperation with The Network University (TNU), has undertaken the “Strengthening Policy Making Capacity of the Emerging Diaspora Ministries in Africa” programme. The overall objective has been to contribute to strengthening the policy making capacities and practical operations of African government officials serving at the newly-formed Diaspora Ministries and related institutions tasked with overseeing diaspora and development-related matters. In particular it aims to facilitate African policymakers responsible for diaspora engagement for homeland development to gain access to up-to-date information, good practices both in policy making and effective implementation of programmes, positive exceptions and lessons-learned in the field of migration and development.

One of the activities that is offered as part of the programme is an Online Course *From brain drain to brain gain*. This course will take place from **27 February – 8 April 2017**. The course aims to explain why the emphasis in the international discussion shifted from “brain drain” to “brain gain” in spite of the fact that the brain drain is larger than ever before, to review policies that national governments and international organizations have put in place to increase the “brain gain”, and to develop specific policies for the countries of the participants of the course to identify and mobilize contributions of highly skilled members of the diaspora to national economic development.

The programme aims to assist interested authorities in African countries in their efforts to map and mobilize critical and rare skills in the diaspora for national development. It offers a forum to discuss possible and feasible policy actions to harness the tremendous intellectual capacity of the diaspora and turn the brain drain into a brain gain.

The **target beneficiaries** of the course can be categorized as policy makers in developing countries (especially in Sub-Saharan Africa) who are involved in diaspora policy and in capacity development of their country – in the public or private sector. This is not a MOOC course (Massive Open Online Course), but a course for a small number of people that work in their own country or in international organizations on diaspora engagement.

The online course will take place from **27 February 2017 – 8 April 2017**. Participation in the course is **free**, that is, a scholarships of 400 euro will be provided, corresponding to the

course value. The scholarships will be granted to selected applications on the basis of the application.

To be considered for the training, and for further information, please visit <http://braingain.netuni.nl> and fill out the application form no later than **20 February 2017**. If you require any further information please contact Ciaran Hickey, c.hickey@diaspora-centre.org.

Please note that all participants should:

- be in command of the English language;
- be policy makers in developing countries (especially in Sub-Saharan Africa) who are involved in diaspora policy and in capacity development of their country– in the public or private sector.
- be able to spend **a minimum of 4 hours per week** (every week) on course work;
- Are motivated to participate actively,
- have basic ICT skills and a minimum of internet access.

For more information about the SEDIMA programme more generally, visit: <http://www.diaspora-centre.org/sedima/>

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