

Regional Thematic Meeting: Africa
Diaspora engagement initiatives on diaspora mentorship

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In 2020 EUDiF completed a diaspora engagement mapping of 107 countries, exploring policies, practices and trends in diaspora engagement around the world. The table below is a compilation of spotlight initiatives related to diaspora and mentoring in Africa, gathered through our mapping exercise and discussed during the public webinar on 4 May 2021.

We are interested in learning more from you! Should you wish to share details on diaspora engagement initiatives related to mentorship with us, please complete the [diaspora-led projects form](#).



COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	NAME	DESCRIPTION	LINKS
AFRICA			
Algeria	Support for Rural Women Entrepreneurs in Algeria	The Association Migration Solidarité et Échanges pour le Développement (AMSED) works to improve the economic situation of women in rural communities in Tizi-Ouzou in the Kabylie region of Algeria through diaspora skills transfer to develop agricultural and apiculture skills and provide them with the tools required to develop and maintain their livelihoods. The skills transfer is supported by a series of training activities and mentorship provided by peers based in France. It encourages ecological projects, in particular recycling of clothing and beekeeping, in order to preserve the environment.	https://www.amsed.fr/codeveloppement/
Benin	Support to Beninese diaspora entrepreneurs	The London-based African Foundation for Development (AFFORD) launched its AFFORD Business Centre (ABC) Benin project in February 2020 to enhance the investment potential of the diaspora in the small- and medium-sized enterprise (SME) sector. ABC increases the employability and business skills of Beninese young people and women by providing mentors, business advisory, business development sessions and investment to enable them to create sustainable income opportunities.	https://www.afford-uk.org/abc-benin/

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Côte d'Ivoire	La maison de l'entrepreneur	<p>“La maison de l'entrepreneur” in Ivory Coast is a project led by REDA (Le réseau des entrepreneurs de la diaspora africaine). The project aims to help 7 entrepreneurs with technical assistance and capacity development. As a result of a 3 day training, each participant received a customized work plan to ensure effective work and real results. To accompany the training, mentors kept contact with their mentees through a common WhatsApp group.</p>	<p>https://www.reda-france.com/</p>
Ethiopia	Ethiopian Diaspora Fellowship Leadership and Public Service Programme	<p>The Ethiopian Diaspora Fellowship (EDF) program is designed to promote leadership development, public service and creative storytelling. Through training, service in an organization in Ethiopia, peer-to-peer mentorship, and storytelling, fellows will have an opportunity to increase their own cultural identity and be a catalyst for growth and change in Ethiopia. Once in Ethiopia, fellows participate in peer-to-peer mentorship to increase cultural identity and promote a knowledge-sharing opportunity. Fellows are also encouraged to document their experience thoroughly through different mediums, in order to define and redefine what it means for them to be Ethiopian.</p>	<p>http://ethiopiandiasporafellowship.org/</p>
Libya	Empowering Libyan women in diaspora	<p>In April 2017, the Hague Academy for Local Governance organised a tailor-made training and training of trainers for 17 Libyan women living abroad, financed by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and in cooperation with CILG-VNG International. It aimed to connect Libyan women and support them in developing advocacy strategies to drive change. Three major topics were addressed: awareness-raising of participants' own (potential) sources of power and existent power structures; secondly, exchanging different perspectives on the role of Libyan women in the diaspora, their challenges as</p>	<p>https://thehagueacademy.com/project/women-in-diaspora-libya-2017/</p>

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		well as new opportunities; and thirdly developing (collective) action plans and an advocacy strategy linked to these plans.	
Morocco	StartUp Maroc	StartUp Morocco has operated in 17 cities across Morocco, accompanied more than 15,000 entrepreneurs in the idea phase and more than 300 entrepreneurs from the Proof of concept to commercialization phases through training, acceleration programmes, individual coaching, mentoring, conferences and Demo Day in partnership with renowned national and international organizations; StartUp Morocco has mobilized more than 400 experts and mentors in its network (national and international and the African Diaspora around the world).	https://www.startupmaroc.org/
Morocco	Tremplin Maroc	A business creation support programme offered by Maroc Entrepreneurs, whose objective is to help innovative project leaders transform their business creation ideas in Morocco into real, realistic, feasible and financially viable businesses. The programme includes a series of training sessions over a period of 7 months, led by a certified trainer and personal coaching by experts and professionals in the field of business creation.	https://marocentrepreneurs.com/tremplin-maroc-2/
Nigeria	Beijing +25 (Wiscar)	In partnership with UN Women Nigeria, the Beijing +25 Intergenerational Mentorship Programme is a laudable project strategically designed to provide world-class, structured mentoring, reverse mentoring, cross-learning, collaboration, networking and to facilitate the transfer of institutional memory and requisite leadership skills to a select group of young women activists and advocates by exposing them to a network of formidable and well accomplished older women who are ready to pass on the torch of activism and advocacy and share their wealth of knowledge and experience. Through this structured mentorship program, 25 young women had the opportunity to receive one on one mentoring from 25 mentors and also enabled them	https://wiscar.ng/programmes/beijing25-mentoring-programme/

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		access various webinars and trainings that increased their capacity to carry on their activism and generate transformational results.	
Sudan	AI-Sudaniya Mentoring	AI Sudaniya Mentoring provides tailored, holistic, one-on-one mentoring to young Sudanese women by Sudanese women across the globe with the goals of providing women with the tools and resources to become engaging leaders and make a difference in their communities in Sudan and to build a global network of Sudanese women for knowledge and skills sharing.	https://alsudaniyamentoring.org
Morocco, Mali, Tunisia, Cameroun, Senegal and Côte d'Ivoire	MEETAfrica (Mobilisation Européenne pour l'Entrepreneuriat en Afrique)	A partnership between the French Development Agency (AFD) and Expertise France to support innovative diaspora entrepreneurship, this is a flagship programme of the Rabat Process that provides expert advice and mentoring, as well as access to start-up funds, for diaspora investors in different African countries.	http://meetafrica.fr
African diaspora	DEMAC	The mentoring programme provides learning opportunities to local organisations in selected countries and diaspora organisations through matching them with mentors from the diaspora. Through knowledge-sharing, peer-to-peer support and guidance, provided by the mentors, diaspora or local organisations will be able to improve their skills and competencies in a certain area, reach their objectives, and better deliver their aid for the benefice of the affected communities.	http://www.demac.org/mentoring

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African diaspora	African diaspora network (ADN)	The Builders of Africa's Future (BAF) by ADN is a session that celebrates innovation and impact in early-stage African enterprise. BAF serves to showcase and award entrepreneurs who are running early-stage for-profit and not-for-profits that are addressing Africa's unique needs through technology or differentiated business models. Builders will be offered a several day entrepreneurship training and mentoring opportunity.	https://africandiasporanetwork.org/builders-of-africas-future/
African diaspora	ADYFE	In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, the African Diaspora Youth Forum in Europe (ADYFE) adapted their services in order to maintain the link between the African diaspora and the continent by setting up several online platforms and mentorship services."Office time" is a platform which enables entrepreneurs to connect with one or two coaches to help them resolve specific problems.	https://www.adyfe.eu/
	Mowgli Mentorship	Mowgli Mentoring is a social enterprise driving inclusive economic and social change in the Middle East, North and Sub-Saharan Africa. Mowgli's unique, accredited methodology provides a supportive framework which empowers and supports the talent and leadership development of entrepreneurs (micro, refugee and SMEs), women, youth as well as corporate leaders and employees to unlock their potential and seize new opportunities for growth	https://www.mowgli.org.uk/
	Ashoka "Experiencing social entrepreneurship"	Launched in 2016, "Experiencing Social Entrepreneurship" is an annual program that matches social entrepreneurs from Ashoka's network of Fellows with teams of mentors from J.P. Morgan. This program aimed on one side at supporting leading innovators to tackle their most pressing organization issues, and on the other at engaging J.P. Morgan employees to discover the world of social entrepreneurship and the power of cross-sector collaboration.	https://www.ashoka.org/en-us/story/jp-morgan-mentoring-program-experiencing-social-entrepreneurship

