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OPENING CEREMONY 10:15 – 10:45

Unanimous recognition of the role of diaspora to advance development goals and build more inclusive and resilient societies.

More interventions are necessary when it comes to building confidence, empowering diasporas, strengthening institutional capacities and policies, and ultimately creating common spaces for reflection and exchange.

HOMELAND DIASPORA STRATEGIES - MEASURING & SCALING IMPACT

11:00 -12:30

The main mistake to avoid in the process of drafting diaspora engagement policies is to not sufficiently consult and listen to all segments of the diaspora.



There is no one-size-fits-all approach.



Copy & pasting policies from other countries is not a suitable solution.



MAPPING & PROFILING - A DIGITAL FUTURE

13:30 - 15:00

No one data set can answer it all and there is not a single way to know one diaspora. A multitude of methodologies can be used in a complementary manner.



Data collection exercises are not sufficient; countries of origin need to open a communication channel with the diaspora and reach out to them.



"The most effective ways to learn what is relevant to the diaspora are surveys and interviews because this is when you start having a conversation."

-Ljubica Nedelkoska, Growth Lab, Harvard University

"EUDIF is a Facility for diasporas, homelands, EU Member States and other players who are willing to benefit from the opportunities that it offers." -Ralph Genetzke, ICMPD

DESTINATION DIASPORA: HOST COUNTRY SUPPORT MODELS

11:00 -12:30



Essential tenets: know the diasporas, build trust, tolerate failures, consistency and sustainability, be patient and set realistic expectations regarding what diaspora can/wish to achieve.



Golden recommendation: listening!



"we need to have the right partners at the table and know how they are connected to the ecosystem."

-Raffaella

CDL & DP4D: TECHNICAL SUPPORT EXPLAINER

13:30 - 15:00

Channel diaspora individuals and organisations' enthusiasm, engagement and skills to the countries of origin.



Initiatives such as EUDiF can play a catalysing role in establishing communication and trust.



Local partners complement diaspora's knowledge of the heritage context and assist in the conceptualisation and operationalisation of diaspora skills transfer and diaspora engagement.



Apply for CDL or DP4D by 16 July!

VOTING MATTERS: DIASPORA PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATION

15:30 - 16:30

Rights to vote and be elected as members of the parliaments for nationals abroad give full citizenship.



Diversity and representation of migrants in political bodies, including at EU level, are critical aspects to consider to build more inclusive societies.



"We are in a multicultural Europe and it is time that this is seen at the highest political level."
-Selina Adedeji Mortoni, #DiasporaVote

DIASPORA NETWORKS: HOWS AND WHYS 15:30 - 16:30

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