

Diaspora engagement initiatives on **Green initiatives**

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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 all spotlight initiatives related to **green initiatives** around the world, gathered through our mapping exercise and further research.

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

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COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	NAME	DESCRIPTION	LINKS
LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN			
Barbados	“We Connect” programmes	The Barbados Investment and Development Corporation government agency launched three main programmes in 2020 (Bajans Connect, Innovate Barbados, and Bloom) under the theme “We Connect”. This initiative integrates these three programmes under a common strategy focused on engaging the diaspora’s potential as an export market as well as its potential contribution to Barbados’ development through the exchange of ideas, expertise, and investment. Innovate Barbados and Bloom focus on brainstorming and incubating innovative solutions to development challenges. Their particular focus on the blue and green economies is indicative of interests to promote diaspora involvement in these sectors.	http://www.bidc.com/bajansconnect , http://www.bidc.org/innovate , https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/bl og/are-you-up-for-the-blue-flame-challenge/ , http://www.bidc.org/bloom https://bidc.org/business-news/we-connect-launch
Burkina Faso, Senegal, Morocco, Ethiopia, India	Avaclim	The Avaclim project aims to create the necessary conditions for the deployment of agroecology in drylands. To do this, CARI, the NGO that is leading the project, and its partners have given themselves three years, from 2020 to 2022. Practitioners, farmers and scientists are studying agroecological initiatives in seven countries: Burkina Faso, Senegal, Morocco, Ethiopia, South Africa, Brazil and India, in order to promote agroecology to the political authorities of these countries and to intergovernmental bodies. Agroecology allows for the improvement of agricultural production by making use of local natural resources and traditional know-how. It helps maintain biodiversity and restore land in arid areas in these generally poor regions, where physical constraints are significant. They are particularly threatened by global warming and food insecurity.	https://avaclim.org/le-projet/

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Colombia	Economic alternatives to deforestation in Colombia	This 3-year programme (2020-2022) is developed by the France based organisation FORESTEVER in partnership with 3 other allied NGOs (Envol-Vert, Impulso Verde and Up2green Reforestation) and is mainly supported by the French Development Agency. The objective is to develop new economic alternatives to deforestation with rural and indigenous communities in Colombia. Within the framework of this programme, FORESTEVER continues to strengthen community reforestation and agroforestry activities with native species, commonly used by the populations but little cultivated. At the same time, the association is developing new economic activities of transformation and commercialisation with local communities, thus proposing alternatives to reduce the pressure on the Amazonian forest.	http://www.forestever.org/nos-projets/alternatives-economiques-a-la-deforestation-en-colombie/
Côte d'Ivoire	Agir Ensemble	Due to the massive deforestation, the organisation “Agir Ensemble” in partnership with “les Eaux et Forêts” et the local population in the region of Bondoukou in the north of Ivory Coast to replant 30 000 trees.	https://www.safewatercube.com/nos-actions/pole-agriculture/
Equatorial Guinea	Kuche Fisheries Project	The NGO Development 2000 in Africa (D2000) and the Equatoguinean diaspora organisation Macoelanba implemented the Kuche agricultural and fishing exploitation project in Kuche in the locality of Rio Muni, near the border with Cameroon. The project is a partnership with the Department of Agrifood Engineering and Biotechnology of the Polytechnic University of Catalonia, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in Equatorial Guinea, private sector firms Mobil and Noble, and the Escuela de Capacitación Agraria. It aims to produce food to supply local markets and reduce Equatorial Guinea's dependence on imports from third countries of basic natural products. Its work includes integration of agricultural, livestock, and fishing exploitation complemented by small-scale extractive fishing activity.	http://macoelanba.org/macoelanba/index.php/actividades/96-proyecto-kuche

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<p>Haiti</p>	<p>Diaspora Challenge Initiative</p>	<p>The Diaspora Challenge Initiative aims at leveraging ideas about successful development concepts amongst members of the diaspora looking for opportunities to contribute to Haiti's economic development. Funded by the United States' Agency for International Development (USAID), the initiative is part of the broader Leveraging Effective Application of Direct Investments programme (LEAD) implemented by the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF). The LEAD programme encourages the Haitian diaspora in the United States to support Haitian businesses. LEAD has organised four roadshow events in the United States, as well as sponsored two Investment Expos. Out of 272 applicants to the LEAD Business Plan Competition, 34% and 9 of the 31 winning enterprises were from the Haitian Diaspora. These diaspora projects involve diverse issues and sectors, including economic development and the environment. Combined, they are valued at over \$3.85M.</p>	<p>http://dci.naahpusa.org/ https://leadinvestmentshaiti.info/diaspora-engagement</p>
<p>India</p>	<p>Agriculture Man Ecology Foundation</p>	<p>The initiative is funded by the FFEM (Fonds français pour l'environnement mondial) and supported by AME, which has successfully promoted Low External Inputs and Sustainable Agriculture (LEISA) methods of farming and Participatory Technology Development (PTD). The organisation helps farmers to adapt and sustain their livelihoods despite challenging climatic conditions through better management of natural resources by making better choices of crops, cropping systems and farming systems and enable them to adopt the ecological agriculture practices. The initiative strives to foster local-level farmer institutions and develop their capacities to sustain the adoption of ecological agriculture.</p>	<p>https://avaclim.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Avacлим_Factsheet_AME_EN.pdf</p>

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<p>India</p>	<p>Dharamitra</p>	<p>The mission of Dharamitra is to bring about the sustainable development of rural people by the judicious management of natural resources and promotion of ecological agriculture. The organisation promotes appropriate eco-friendly technologies to address problems faced by marginalised rural people so as to conserve the environment and promote sustainable development. The initiative located in central India undertakes a range of activities including sustainable agriculture and income generation, alternative cultivation practices and organic recycling and renewable energy. Soil and water conservation, greening of land through tree cover and introduction of bio-diversified systems in farming. The farmers in each village have organized into "Farmers' Study Groups", which are facilitated by a trained motivator, who is a young practicing farmer from the same village.</p>	<p>https://avaclim.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Avaclim_Factsheet_Dharamitra_EN.pdf</p>
<p>Moldava</p>	<p>Diaspora engagement Hub</p>	<p>The Hub is a governmental programme created in 2016 for Moldovan citizens who have been resident abroad for at least two years and are highly qualified experts who wish to cooperate with representatives of governmental institutions on five priority areas: social, economic, environment/ecology/rural development, justice, civil society. The Diaspora Engagement Hub included sub programmes: - Diaspora Professional Return: grants offered to diaspora professional and highly skilled migrants, encouraging the transfer of human capital and professional experience oriented towards the academic, social and economic development of Moldova, via short-term professional returns. - Diaspora Innovative Projects: grants offered to diaspora representatives for the implementation of their innovative projects and activities in Moldova, based on the transfer of knowledge, experience and international best practices. - Thematic Regional Partnerships: grants offered to diaspora associations for their collaboration and implementation of actions on local socio-economic development, education and health care. - Diaspora Women Empowerment: grants offered to diaspora members for implementation of projects aimed at improving the social and economic conditions of women migrants via the transfer of knowledge and skills.</p>	<p>http://brd.gov.md/ro/content/diaspora-engagement-hub-1</p>

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Moldova	DAR 1+3 Programme	The DAR programme aims to utilise the human and financial potential of the diaspora in the socioeconomic development of Moldova. The DAR programme is based on the 1 + 3 principle of the partnership: diaspora + government and/or local authorities + development partners and donors. The project focuses on infrastructure; protection of the environment; economy; optimisation of energy; culture; and social protection.	https://brd.gov.md/sites/default/files/hg_dar_13.pdf
Rwanda	Girinka	Girinka is a government initiative adopted under Vision 2020, the Economic Development and Poverty Reduction Strategy (EDPRS) and the Integrated Development Programme (IDP). The programme is based on the premise that providing a dairy cow to poor households helps to improve their livelihood because of a more nutritious and balanced diet from milk, increased agricultural output through better soil fertility as well as greater incomes by commercialising dairy products. Rwandan diaspora from different countries participate in this initiative by raising funds to gift cows to poor households.	https://www.minagri.gov.rw/index.php?id=28
Sudan	Sudanese Partnership for Knowledge Transfer by Expatriate Nationals (SPaKTEN)	To address the problem of brain drain in the country, SSWA launched the SPaKTEN initiative to recruit Sudanese diaspora experts for short-term consultancy assignments in Sudan in different sectors, including specialists in medicine, education, agriculture and livestock management, engineering, environment, and energy, IT, finance, and other sectors of strategic importance to Sudan's development. The SPaKTEN network is comprised of 215 experts based in 34 different countries. Experts typically undertake assignments of 2-3 weeks and are paid travel, expenses, and a small stipend.	https://www.spakten.com/ https://www.spakten.com/experts-network-2

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Sudan	The Nubian Initiative	The Nubian Initiative (TNI) is a US-based Nubian diaspora initiative that runs trans-boundary projects on Nubian cultural preservation and sustainable socioeconomic development efforts. It produces online multimedia archives to represent the endangered Nubian history, archaeology and culture, and engages local communities, particularly youth, in viable socio-economic projects, specifically focused on Green Economy and Sustainability. TNI also supports local and international entrepreneurial efforts towards sustainable tourism in Nubia.	http://thenubiainitiative.org/
Sri Lanka	Climathon	Climathon is a global community-based organisation working on innovative solutions to reduce the impact of climate change. The first hackathon in Sri Lanka took place in Jaffna, and was initiated by The Organic Movement of North East (OMNE) and Dilmah Tea in cooperation with Comdu.it.	https://climathon.climate-kic.org
Thailand	Project RETURN	An initiative of the Association of Thai Professionals in Europe (ATPER) in Denmark, the project aims to create a forum for Thai people with knowledge, skills and experience accumulated abroad to apply and share it back home. It also seeks to inspire all Thai people through cooperation and communication as well as to give them an opportunity to gain knowledge and experience from abroad. Target areas are science and technology, law, agriculture, forestry and environment, energy, transportation and health.	https://atper.eu/return/

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Togo	Kadjiriti	<p>The German based African organisation “Couleurs Afrik - die Farben Afrikas e.V.” collaborated with the city of Schwerin in Germany and the Togolese organisation “Espoir Plus” in Sokodé, Togo to support the establishment of a functioning waste separation and disposal system. This project also included raising awareness in local schools about the importance of recycling. Through the work in the 20 schools, 15,235 teachers and students have already been reached and are now acting as multipliers in their families.</p>	<p>https://www.couleurs-afrik.de/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Dokumentation_Sokode_Oktober2020.pdf</p>
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