

YOUTH DRIVE: KICK-OFF 10:15 – 10:45

To increase and enhance (diaspora) youth involvement, focus should be on engaging at the local level, taking into account local issues that matter to individuals. This is the building block to engage youth and build the critical skills and interest to then be involved in decision making at national, regional and global levels.

YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP & HERITAGE TOURISM

11:00 – 12:30

There is the need to understand the process of commercialisation around heritage tourism. Not everything can nor should be commercialised and it is important to involve the local population in the decision as the emotional aspect is very important.

Heritage tourism is not only about built heritage but it also includes intangible heritage. There are still a lot of opportunities to share intangible heritage and digitalisation can be a way to make it more accessible.



ENABLING YOUTH INNOVATION - A QUESTION FOR THE AGES 11:00 – 12:30

Because of their natural affinity with new tech, youth are more prone to drive digital solutions and engage through virtual modalities.

Partnerships, multi stakeholder engagement, communities and peer-to-peer support enable diaspora youth to innovate.

Young people from diaspora should be supported to go to their heritage countries so that they see what the needs are there and come up with innovative solutions and projects.



YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP & LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

13:30 – 15:00

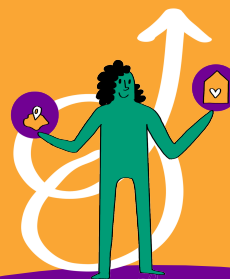
Lack of trust, information, as well as inadequate local business support mechanisms and services, are some of the major obstacles limiting diaspora's interest in investment and entrepreneurship in their homelands.

Tips for the successful take-off of diaspora's entrepreneurial ventures include having critical mindsets, such as ambition and the belief in one's project, as well as a careful analysis of the market, going on-site and getting to know the local realities.



"Youth has a bundle of potential that needs to be supported and developed. Let's all collaborate and engage young people via cross-border projects and initiatives to foster innovations."

-Chinwe Okoli



"BETWEEN HERITAGE COUNTRY AND HOME" - BUILDING TRUST & IDENTITY 15:30 – 16:30

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CLOSING CEREMONY

15:30 – 16:30

Camilla Hagström, DG INTPA: "We are really committed to working with stakeholders across the board – with all partners, including diaspora."

Oleg Chirita, ICMPD: "Diaspora have global minds and local hearts in everything they do."

Paddy Siyanga Knudsen, GRFD: "We need to listen to young people's call to set the bar a bit higher as to what we can achieve. In the policy space and enabling environment, we need to have things in place so action can take place."

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