

## 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**.

"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

## 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.



## DESTINATION DIASPORA: HOST COUNTRY SUPPORT MODELS

11:00 – 12:30

Talk the talk, walk the walk

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

## 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

## 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.



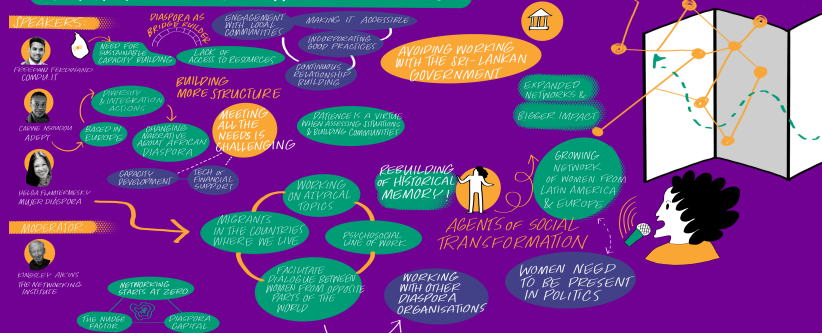
"We are in a multicultural Europe and it is time that this is seen at the highest political level."

-Selina Adedeji Morton, #DiasporaVote

## DIASPORA NETWORKS: HOWS AND WHYS 15:30 – 16:30

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### DIASPORA NETWORKS: HOWS AND WHYS



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GOING GREEN: KICK-OFF 10:15 – 10:45

Building partnerships is a central tool to achieving the Green Deal.

Diaspora can contribute to green solutions through advocacy efforts in the country of destination, knowledge transfer to the countries of origin and green business creation at the global level.

“The diaspora can have an important role in the implementation of the Green Deal in their countries of origin. Especially as most of the issues relevant to the Green Deal are global challenges even if the solutions can and should be local.”

~Stefano Signore, DG INTPA

## DIASPORA 4 GREEN: THE RESEARCH AGENDA

11:00 – 12:30

It is also important to understand green economy investments as a cross-sectorial opportunity. Awareness raising is needed for diaspora investors to better understand the potential of green economy projects at local level. Incentives (including tax incentives) and a favorable business environment should be prioritised to then enable diaspora investment.



We need to make use of and scale up diaspora structures that have already been created, taking into account how current efforts are aligned with green economies and pilot projects and initiatives.



## DIASPORA PARTNERSHIPS FOR CLIMATE RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

11:00 – 12:30

Diaspora can support climate resilience, relocation and building back better efforts in multiple ways: by mobilising financial support, sharing knowledge, establishing strategic relations, raising awareness about the effects of climate change in their region, sensitizing local communities about climate risks, and more. Women from the diaspora play a critical role in those respects in the Pacific.

“Recovery is part of the way we live as communities. We work with diaspora and civil society partners [after disasters] to make sure help is delivered on time, and this makes a difference in the lives that we save.”

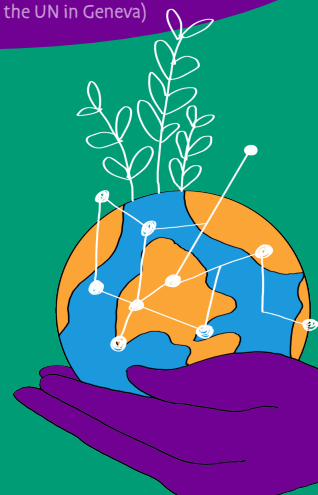
~Anare Leweniqila (Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Fiji to the UN in Geneva)

## DIASPORA 4 GREEN: CATALYSING ACTION

13:30 – 15:00

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### DIASPORA 4 GREEN CATALYSING ACTION



“How do we free our imagination when it comes to policymaking?”

## FUTURISTIC NETWORKING

15:30 – 16:30

Tech & community building

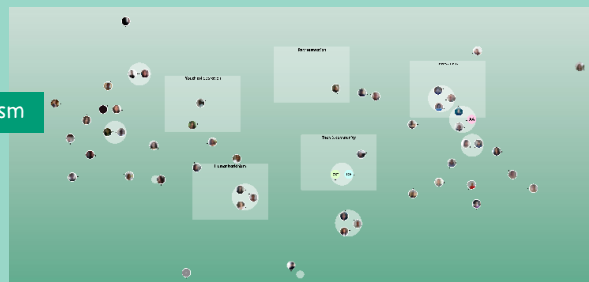
Investment

Humanitarianism

Representation

Youth collaboration

60+ networkers





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.



**“At EU level, youth is considered as an actor and not just a target.”**

-Agata Sobiech, DG INTPA

## 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.

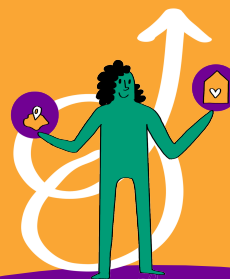


Tips for the **successful take-off of diaspora's entrepreneurial ventures** include having critical mindsets, such as ambition and the belief in one's project, as well as a careful analysis of the market, going on-site and **getting to know the local realities**.



**“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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## "BETWEEN HERITAGE COUNTRY AND HOME": BUILDING TRUST & IDENTITY



## 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, GRFDT:** “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.”