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AGENDA

TUESDAY **17 OCTOBER**

08:30 – 09:00

Registration and welcome coffee

9:00 – 9:30

OPENING CEREMONY

9:30 – 10:00

SETTING THE SCENE

10:00 – 10:30

LIGHTNING TALKS: A DYNAMIC LANDSCAPE FOR DIASPORA PARTNERSHIPS

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30

THEMATIC PANEL: PARTNERING FOR SUCCESS

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 14:10

A WELCOME ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BRUSSELS

14:10 – 15:10

DIASPORA YOUTH PITCH COMPETITION

15:10 – 15:45

LIGHTNING TALKS: FROM EMERGENCY TO RECOVERY

15:45 – 16:15

Coffee break

16:15 – 17:45

THEMATIC PANEL: DIVERSIFYING PARTNERSHIPS

Please note that photos will be taken during this event. If you not agree to ICMPD's use of pictures for visibility purposes, please inform a member of staff.

17:45 – 18:00

PRESENTATION OF DYPC PRIZES

18:00 – 20:00

EVENING SOCIAL EVENT

WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER

08:30 – 09:00

Welcome coffee

09:00 – 9:30

LIGHTNING TALKS: INSPIRING PARTNERSHIPS IN PRACTICE

9:30 – 11:00

**THEMATIC PANEL: MAXIMISING THE DIASPORA-
DEVELOPMENT VALUE CHAIN**

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30

**BRINGING THE FUTURE FORUM OUTCOMES TO THE GLOBAL
FORUM ON MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

12:30 – 13:00

CLOSING CEREMONY

13:00 – 15:00

Lunch



Speaker bios

WELCOME!

...from the European Commission

The European Commission is fully convinced of the key role played by diaspora as development actors and has a long history of supporting partnerships between diaspora, partner countries and the EU.

The 2023 Future Forum is a landmark: It is the first time we convene such a large and specialised international audience in person to celebrate the enormous contribution of diaspora to development and to explore together forward-looking opportunities for collaboration. Moreover, it is also a celebration of four years of EUDiF, our global platform to catalyse diaspora engagement for development. Last but not least, this edition of the Future Forum focuses on “partnerships”, the keystone of the Sustainable Development Goals and the very heart of our International Partnerships. Cross-sector and multi-actor partnerships are critical to mobilise a wide range of resources, ranging from new technologies to finance and to human assets to name a few.

They enable us to do so much more than the confines of our own institutional walls.

I look forward to the conversations and connections that will be forged during the conference, and to gathering actionable insights to ever improve our support to diaspora engagement for development.

Jutta Urpilainen
European Commissioner
for International Partnerships

...from the International Centre for Migration Policy Development

Welcome to the third edition of the Future Forum!

ICMPD's long experience in collaborating with diaspora has taught us that diasporas bring unrivalled agility, skills and capacities to drive prosperity, peace and progress.

Drawing on this legacy, over the past four years, EUDiF has developed a unique operating model with its interconnected services linking knowledge, dialogue and technical assistance to facilitate partnerships with diaspora for development. It has road-tested solutions to collaborate with diaspora and brokered innovative alliances to address big societal challenges – like climate change and education. Through this work, it has gained the trust of hundreds of policymakers and practitioners alike worldwide. The fruits of EUDiF's intense labour are seen in the diversity of actors gathered at the Future Forum. Nurturing and sustaining these relationships is a shared responsibility and will remain front and centre of ICMPD's diaspora engagement work.

I hope this Future Forum will inspire your work by reflecting on the meaning and value of partnerships, introducing you to new people and practices, and honouring the incredible work taking place across the diaspora-development ecosystem.

Michael Spindelegger
Director General
ICMPD

OPENING



**JUTTA
URPILAINEN**
European
Commissioner
for International
Partnerships



**ERICA
GERRETSEN**
Director, DG INTPA
Directorate G
“Human Development,
Migration, Governance
and Peace”



My notes:

SETTING

THE SCENE



**OLEG
CHIRITA**
Head of Global
Initiatives, ICMPD



**JULIEN
SIMON**
Head of
Mediterranean
Region and Head
of Regional Office for
the Mediterranean,
ICMPD



**LYDIA
MUTYEBELE
NGOI**

Alderwoman
of Housing, Public
Patrimony and Equal
Opportunities

**A WELCOME ON BEHALF
OF THE CITY OF BRUSSELS**

EUDIF HOSTS



**AURÉLIE
SGRO**
Senior Project
Manager



**AGUSTÍN
SEARLE VIAL**
Associate Project
Officer

LIGHTNING TALKS

To complement the panel discussions, we bring you “lightning talks”, three series of short talks to platform the incredible wealth of diaspora expertise. These nine speakers will share stories to ignite conversation and inspire reflection.



My notes:

A dynamic landscape for diaspora partnerships _____

From emergency to recovery _____

Inspiring partnerships in practice _____

A DYNAMIC LANDSCAPE FOR DIASPORA PARTNERSHIPS



**PADDY SIYANGA
KNUDSEN**

Vice-president,
GRFDT



**GIBRIL
FAAL**

Director, GK Partners

FROM EMERGENCY TO RECOVERY



**HAFIZA
HAMOUD**

Outreach and partnerships coordinator, the Union of the German-Syrian Organisations in Germany (VDSH)



**PEFI
KINGI**

Pacific Regional Climate Migration Focal Point, Pacificwin & Pacific Civil Society Climate Migration.



**BASHAIR
AHMED**

Director, Shabaka



**MARTA
BARANDIY**

Founder & President,
Promote Ukraine

INSPIRING PARTNERSHIPS IN PRACTICE



**DENISE
MARGARET
MATIAS**

Professor, Biosphere Reserves Institute, Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development



**MAUREEN
DURU**

Founder & Director,
Food Bridge



**KWEKU
LISK**

Deputy Mayor,
Freetown Sierra Leone



PARTNERSHIP HEALTH CHECK



To ensure a successful partnership, it is important to have sound partnership management principles. Does your partnership tick the following criteria?



APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATION

Each partner is regularly participating and has the appropriate knowledge, skills and experience to engage in active discussion and provide input, drawing on a good track record in terms of the results they achieve.



CLEARLY DEFINED ROLES

The division of labour in your partnership is based on the optimal use of each partner's unique skills, perspectives and resources.



SUFFICIENT RESOURCES

Both of you are well-equipped with the teams, funding and equipment to implement the work you have agreed on.



PARTNER EQUITY

There is a good balance of power in the partnership and a sense of mutual respect, despite differences in the resources and/or influence that each partner brings.



SOUND DECISION-MAKING

The partnership has a transparent and inclusive decision-making process, where all voices are heard before decisions are taken.



EFFECTIVE OPERATIONAL PROCESSES & OPEN COMMUNICATION

Both of you have a clear, mutual understanding of deliverables, accountabilities and timeframes, and you and your partners regularly and openly communicate to review them for further optimisation.

DIVERSIFYING PARTNERSHIPS

Broadening the partnership portfolio is critical to reach new audiences, scale up initiatives and avoid over-reliance on “traditional” partners. The panel will cover novelties in partner types/backgrounds, processes and sectors, and share strategies for how to expand partnerships.

THE PANELLISTS



My notes and questions:



**EIMAN
KHEIR**

Public Policy
Manager/Diaspora
Engagement, Meta



**STELLA
OPOKU-OWUSU**
Executive Director,
AFFORD



**MARIAM
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Attachée,
Department for
Diaspora Relations,
Ministry of Foreign
Affairs of Georgia



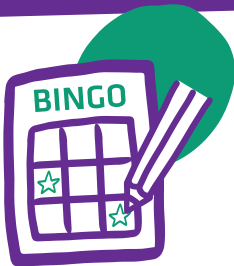
**NUPUR
KOHLI**

Medical doctor,
healthcare and
women leadership
Specialist



Moderator

HABIBA ADDI
Entrepreneurship
Unit Coordinator,
Expertise France/
Meet Africa



PARTNERSHIP BINGO



*Which types have you had partners with?
Which do you want to partner with? Why?*



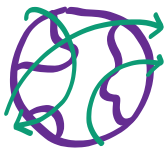
PUBLIC SECTOR

Connects with the wider policy landscape and provides access to existing initiatives as well as to resources, such as facilities or funding.



DIASPORA PROFESSIONALS AND ORGANISATIONS

Bring diverse skills and experience, as well as access to communities and influential actors through networks and connections that can attract funding and support.



INTERNATIONAL ACTORS & CSOs

Bring experiences and lessons learned from numerous projects at the international level, as well as strong technical knowledge that could be leveraged to strengthen the capacities of all partners.



PRIVATE SECTOR

Notable for dynamic work practices, management know-how, the latest thinking on efficiency and effectiveness, as well as a potential source of funding.



ACADEMIA

Provides research expertise and the latest developments in knowledge of a given topic, helping enhance the quality of research and ensure methodological rigour.



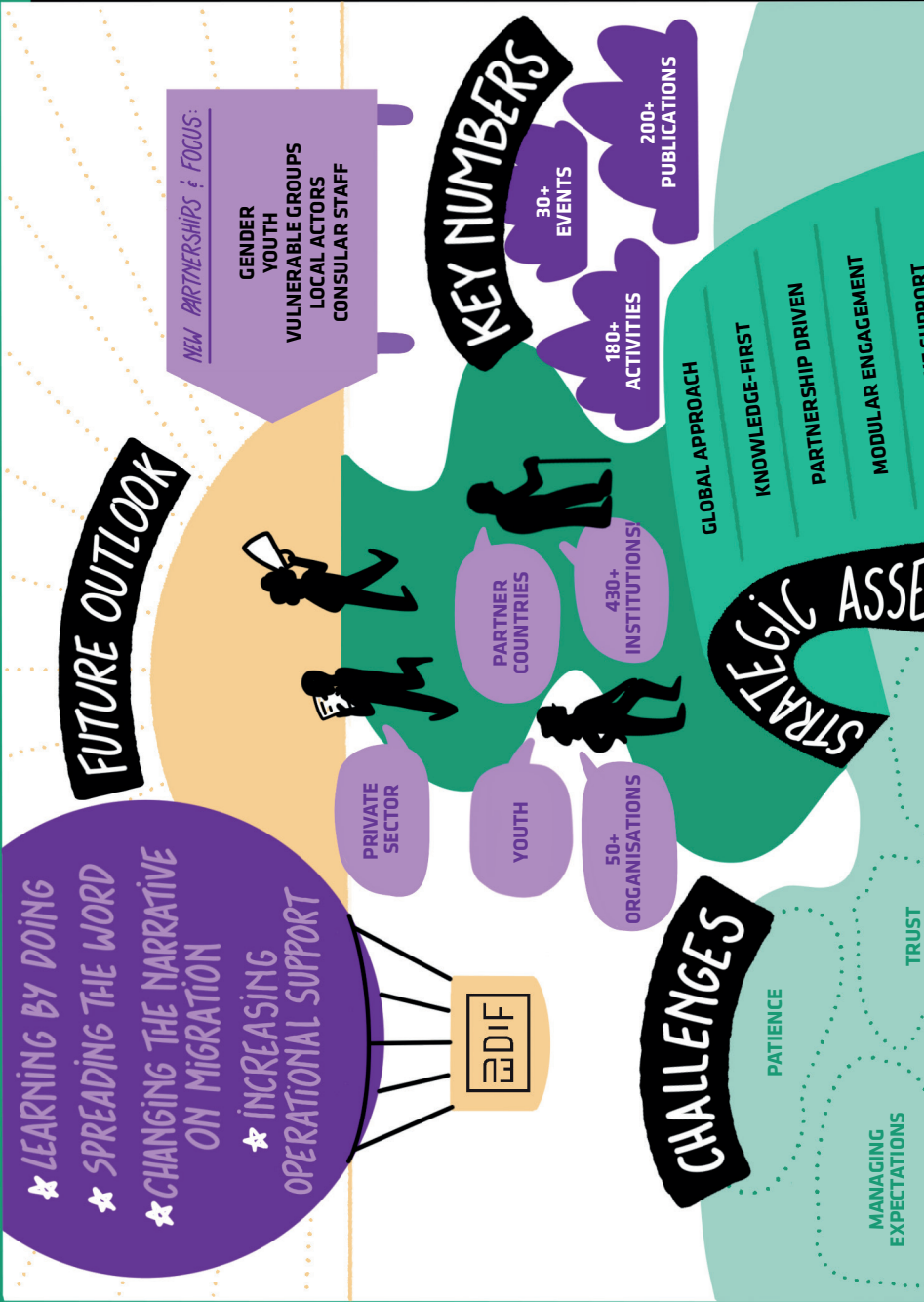
MEDIA

At the cutting edge of trends and narratives, as well as offering a wide variety of communication channels to promote a partnership and its outcomes.



THE JOURNEY SO FAR

2019-2023



EXPECTATIONS

TRUST

RESOURCES

FRAGMENTATION

BESPOKE SUPPORT

SCALABLE & REPLICABLE PRACTICES

ACTIVITIES

DIASPORA EXPERTISE

DIASPORA ACTION

DIASPORA DIALOGUE

DIASPORA KNOWLEDGE

ASSETS



CIVIL SOCIETY

1000+ CONTACTS

EU MS & INSTITUTIONS

ACADEMIA

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

DIASPORA

STARTING POINTS



- An EU vision dating almost 20 years
- Diaspora organisations call for greater interaction with EU
- Growing interest from EU Member States & partner countries to think beyond remittances
- Need for strong leaders/change agents backed by organisational support
- A global approach needed to connect the dots
- Great potential to leverage diaspora engagement to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals

What does diaspora mean?

Find an online version here:



DIASPORA YOUTH PITCH COMPETITION

For this year's Future Forum, EUDiF continues to stay true to its history of engaging youth diaspora in development. The Diaspora Youth Pitch Competition provides a platform for youth diaspora-led organisations in Europe to share their ideas on how to leverage innovative diaspora partnerships to address SDGs 4 and/or 13.

THE FINALISTS:



1.2° Diaries

1.2 DIARIES - DIASPORA CLIMATE PLATFORM

A platform for diaspora and African youth to learn about and engage in climate action and carve a bigger stake in climate policy discourse.



**JENNIFER
KWAO**



#DiasporaVote!

#DIASPORAVOTE!

A citizens' initiative to support greater representation and inclusion of racialised communities in politics and voting, bringing members of the diaspora to the tables of high-level decision makers in EU policy.



**TAMAN
MHOUMADI**

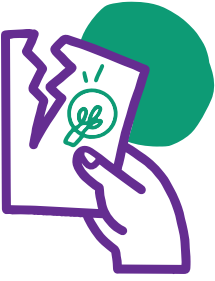


STOWARZYSZENIE "DANAKER"

A diaspora association that promotes the integration and development of Kyrgyz women in Poland through the celebration of the cultural heritage of Kyrgyzstan and women empowerment.



**AITOLGON
BORONBAEVA**



NOTES & ADVICE

Note down advice for the pitch contestants.

Are you the perfect partner to turn their idea into a reality?

MAXIMISING THE DIASPORA DEVELOPMENT VALUE CHAIN

This practice-oriented session will unpack the impact of diaspora partnerships on the development of the country of origin. Measuring and amplifying impact in a systematic way is a complex but critical challenge to tackle together.

THE PANELLISTS



My notes and questions:



**RAFFAELLA
GRECO TONEGUTTI**

Team Leader for
Migration and
Development, Enabel



**MAURO
MARTINI**

Senior Technical
Specialist,
International Fund
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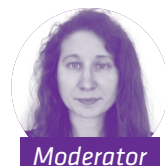
**FREEDANZ
FERDINANDZ**
Co-founder, Comdu.it



**ACHSUTHAN
THIRUKETHESWARAN**
Co-founder, Comdu.it



**ANGELA NAA
AFOLEY ODOI**
Acting Head of the
Diaspora Division,
African Union
Citizens & Diaspora
Directorate



Moderator
**FANNY
TITTEL-MOSSER**
Knowledge
Management and
Research Officer,
EUDiF (ICMPD)

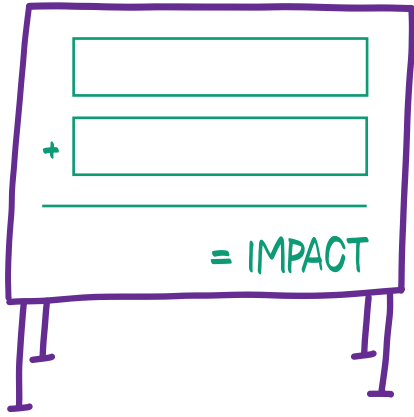


THE IMPOSSIBLE IMPACT EQUATION

What combination of elements ensures a partnership has impact? Is there an equation for impact we can all agree on, or at least partners on one project can agree on? Do they need to be prioritised? Which can you measure?

GLOBAL APPROACH	DIALOGUE
LOCAL KNOWLEDGE	DIVERSE PARTNERS
FRAMEWORKS	TOOLS

↖ You can add more elements!



BRINGING THE FUTURE FORUM OUTCOMES TO THE GLOBAL FORUM ON MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

In January, at the 14th GFMD Summit, a roundtable will focus on the pioneering role of diasporas in climate action, digital tools and crisis contexts. The EUDiF team shares practices on partnerships explored at the Future Forum with the France GFMD Chair, Mexico and Moldova, Co-Chairs of the GFMD Summit roundtable on diasporas.

THE PANELLISTS



**CAROLINE
DUMAS**

Representative
of the France
GFMD Chair



**JORGE
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MAYAGOITIA**

First Secretary,
Migration and forced
displacement expert,
Permanent Mission
of Mexico in Geneva



**VIOLINA
DONU**

Deputy Head of the
Diaspora Relations
Bureau, State
Chancellery of
Moldova

EUDIF RAPORTEURS



**DIANA
HINCU**



**ELVINA
QUAISON**



**HALA
TARABAY**

GFMD

TIMELINE

THE EARLY DAYS

(2007-2012)

EXPANDING THE KEY ROLE OF DIASPORAS AS AGENTS OF DEVELOPMENT

- Building a strong, reliable and conducive policy environment
- Recognising voluntary contributions of diaspora communities (as entrepreneurs, social investors, policy advocates)



Financial capital: promote investment, macro impact, diaspora bonds, reduce costs of remittances



Human capital: transfer knowledge, share ideas and expertise



Social capital: create and expand networks, establish business partnerships



A ROADMAP TO ENGAGE DIASPORAS

ENLARGING PERSPECTIVES

(2013-2021)



FACILITATING SYNERGIES AND BOOSTING ACTION: EXPLORING POLICIES, INCENTIVES AND TOOLS

- Fostering private sector engagement & diaspora entrepreneurship
- Enhancing technology, connectivity and building effective communication channels
- Promoting diaspora engagement for return and reintegration

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

(2022*-Onwards)

CELEBRATING AND LEVERAGING THE FULL BREADTH OF DIASPORA ENGAGEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT



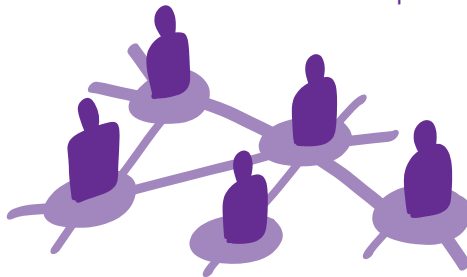
Diaspora contribution to **sustainability and climate action**



Digital tools offer new opportunities for diaspora engagement



Towards the Sustainable Development Goals:
Boosting multi-actor models of partnerships with diasporas



Diasporas as **cultural bridges**, with lived experience, talent, skills and creativity



Diaspora contribution in **times of crisis**

*French Chairmanship
of the GFMD 2022-2023

CLOSING

THE PANELLISTS



My notes:



**RALPH
GENETZKE**

Director,
ICMPD



**MARIA REGINA
TONGSON**

Diaspora Youth
Community, EUDiF



**TAMAR SAN
MIGUEL GARCÍA**

Counsellor and
Coordinator for
Justice and Home
Affairs, Permanent
Representation of
Spain to the EU



**FRANCESCO
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Head of Unit,
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Displacement,
DG INTPA



THANK YOU!

The Future Forum is made possible thanks to the enormous efforts of the EUDiF team as well as colleagues at DG INTPA and ICMPD. The 2023 edition has also greatly benefited from the support of a wonderful Advisory Committee.

Thank you to all partners and friends of EUDiF for your ever-growing interest and engagement during the project's first four years, and a special thank you to the alumni of the diaspora youth internship - truly the future of diaspora engagement.

We need your help! Please use the QR code to share feedback on the Future Forum and EUDiF's work more generally.



POTENTIAL PARTNERS

With almost 200 diaspora-development actors at the Future Forum, your next partner could be right in front of you! Make sure to keep a note of people you want to contact after the conference.



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