

FUTURE FORUM

13 October 2025 Brussels, Belgium

AGENDA

Overview

Future Forum 2025 is a special edition of the European Union's flagship conference on diaspora engagement. It provides a dedicated space for our partners to connect, exchange ideas, and share best practices on how diasporas contribute to development in different contexts.

This year, the forum will focus on inclusivity as a way to ensure that everyone in the diaspora engagement sector has a voice in decision-making processes. Discussions will centre on concrete actions that both governments and diaspora organisations can take to maximise the impact of development efforts in the diasporas' countries of origin by ensuring the participation of all stakeholders.

As we look forward, inclusivity emerges as both a guiding principle and a catalyst—reminding us that partnerships must reflect the full diversity of diaspora actors to be truly transformative. By ensuring that all voices are meaningfully included, we move closer to creating a diaspora ecosystem where partnerships are not only strategic, but also equitable and inclusive.

To this end, we have invited our institutional and diaspora partners to present the progress achieved in their respective projects in countries of origin, along with best practices identified. These conversations are intended to spark new ideas on how best to move forward as the projects continue to evolve.

The event will also nurture a sense of community among the different stakeholders, fostering collaboration and synergies over the next years.

Photography: A professional photographer will be present at the event to capture moments for EUDiF and ICMPD communications materials. If you would prefer not to be photographed, please inform a member of the EUDiF team.



Monday 13 October 2025

08:15 – 09:00

Registration and welcoming coffee

09:00 – 09:30

Opening remarks

- Francesco Luciani, Head of Unit for Migration and Forced Displacement, DG INTPA, European Commission
- Oleg Chirita, Deputy Head of Brussels Mission ICMPD

Moderator: Diana Hincu, Senior Project Manager, EUDiF

09:30 - 09:45

Lightning talk

- Paddy Siyanga Knudsen, Co-Organiser, African Non-State Actors Platform on Migration and Development

9:45 - 11:00

Practice exchange 1: Enabling environments for state-diaspora partnerships

A discussion highlighting real-world examples of how states and diaspora actors build institutional bridges and sustain collaboration to advance partnerships for development in countries of origin.

- Driss El-Yazami, President, Conseil de la Communauté marocaine à l'étranger (CCME), Morocco
- Aissatou Leye Diop, Cheffe de division, Direction Générale des Sénégalais de l'Extérieur, Senegal & Mandiaye Ndao, Directeur, NeX S.A.
- Pascaline Toulouse, President, Avenir des Jeunes Filles de Dapaong, Togo-France
- Nicole Letuppe, Coordinator, Mandji, Senegal-Belgium

Moderator: Charlotte Griffiths, Public Partnerships Lead, EUDiF

11:00 - 11:30

Family photo & coffee break

11:30 - 12:45

Practice exchange 2: Values-driven skills mobility

This session will showcase diverse practices where diaspora organisations and institutions harness skills to drive inclusive development. These examples highlight how skills mobility, when rooted in values of inclusivity, can strengthen communities and create lasting impact across sectors and regions.

- Hashira Md Drus, Vice President II, TalentCorp, Ministry of Human Resources, Malaysia
- Maria Alejandra Sierra, Director of Cooperation, National Secretariat of Science and Technology (SENACYT), Guatemala
- Adriana Mendes Correia De Oliveira, Director, Avenir Ecoles Cap-Vert, Cabo Verde-France
- Jean Claude Karorero, Director, Stichting Microprojects Burundi-Netherlands

Moderator: Raffaella Greco Tonegutti, Lead expert on Migration and Development, Enabel

12:45 - 13:30	Speed Networking Moderator: EUDiF
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 - 15:45	Practice exchange 3: Digital innovation as a vector of development <i>Inclusive digital innovation can expand access, reduce inequalities, and empower diverse communities. This panel will showcase how digital skills, tools and platforms tailored to the local context drive development.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toke Benson-Awoyinka, Honourable Commissioner for Tourism, Arts and Culture, Lagos State Ministry of Tourism, Arts, and Culture (MTAC), Nigeria • Julienne Mukabucyana, Municipal Councillor (Toulouse), Delegate for the Organization of Local Solidarity and Humanitarian Crises, Expert for the Rwanda Biomedical Centre project, Rwanda • Mustapha Elriz, President, Alissar, Lebanon-France • Olivia Davis-Mbou, Founder and CEO, Mapubi e.V, Cameroon-Germany • Madhab Raj Neupane, Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Advisor, Aloghar Support Group, Bangladesh-Germany Moderator: Hala Tarabay, Diaspora Relations Lead, EUDiF
15:45 - 16:00	Research findings: Sustainable operation models of diaspora organisations <i>The session highlights key insights on how diaspora organisations balance community roots, funding realities and professionalisation to ensure long-term sustainability.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean Louis Traore, Partner, Innogence Consulting
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 - 17:45	Practice exchange 4: Local action in underserved communities <i>This discussion examines how local public authorities and diaspora collaborate to drive development and sustainable action in their home countries with high impact for rural, vulnerable communities. The practices demonstrate the importance of inclusive multistakeholder engagement for long-term change.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ulan Nogoibaev, Head of the Secretariat at the Migration and Human Trafficking Council under the Speaker of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic • Coumba Diouck, Co-president and Founder of SenHandiCare, Senegal-France • Myriam Bouillaud, Programme Manager, Gbobètô, Benin-France • Chido Govera, Director, the Future of Hope VZW, Zimbabwe-Belgium • Maria Fernanda Sarmiento Castaño, Associate Member, Kunstrial e.V, Colombia-Germany Moderator: Florian Krins, Head of Component Diaspora Cooperation, GIZ
17:45 - 18:15	Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Francesco Luciani, Head of Unit for Migration and Forced Displacement, DG INTPA, European Commission • Diana Hincu, Senior Project Manager, EUDiF
18:15 - 21:00	Walking dinner