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NEWSLETTER

For diaspora leaders, organizations and supporters

WELCOME

Diasporas bring invaluable economic, cultural, human, and social capital to societies. Governments, organizations and partners worldwide have recognized their potential as development actors in multiple initiatives. This newsletter seeks to highlight key diaspora stories, successes, events, resources and relevant activities to both diasporas themselves and their supporters. If you would like to submit to the newsletter, or have any questions, please email idiaspورا@iom.int.

FEATURED STORY

In this fifth edition of the newsletter, you will discover the culmination of a comprehensive consultative process shaping the Global Diaspora Policy Alliance (GDPA). Diasporas have achieved recognition as pivotal development and humanitarian contributors at the highest political echelons. They serve as essential partners in development, and the integration of their contributions into global policies and programs should be more comprehensive, systematic, and sustainable.

ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

In this newsletter edition, we highlight a unique diaspora organization. Rumiñahui, a non-profit, champions the rights of migrants, aiding their integration and enhancing their quality of life and family environment. Collaborating with diverse social movements, Rumiñahui actively promotes human rights and sustainable development, emphasizing the recognition of plurinational and multiethnic societies.

REGIONAL FOCUS: EUROPE

Embark on a journey through Europe in this edition as we uncover the insights from the 'European Diaspora Dialogue' hosted in Madrid, Spain. This regional meeting, with a robust attendance of over 100 participants, united representatives from diaspora associations across 12 European countries and more than 30 global diasporas. The event featured expertise in diaspora development from NGOs, diverse IOM offices, and the European Commission, creating a dynamic and impactful experience.

GLOBAL NEWS AND RESOURCES

The concluding section provides a concise overview of the latest updates, events, and resources from diaspora organizations and global supporters. In this edition, delve into more content that highlights actions and activities fostering sustainable solutions for recovery within the Ukrainian Diaspora. Explore new e-courses designed to deepen your understanding of engaging the diaspora with a gender perspective. Additionally, discover exciting news related to the Third Edition of the Global Diaspora Week and the latest updates on COP28.



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Regional Consultations: Towards the Global Diaspora Policy Alliance

During the [Global Diaspora Summit](#), a commitment was made to establish the Global Diaspora Policy Alliance (GDPA) following the [Dublin Declaration](#), aiming to empower diasporas for sustainable development. The GDPA, envisioned as a networked tool of expertise, seeks collaboration across governments and stakeholders to accelerate the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

IOM and partners facilitated a comprehensive consultative process to shape the GDPA. The [Global Multistakeholder Consultation](#) in May 2022 saw Member States reaffirming their commitments to the Dublin Declaration, presenting the draft GDPA structure. Subsequent written consultations, including a global online survey from July to September, gathered feedback from Member States, diaspora, private sector, academia, and other key partners, further refining the Alliance's development. To capture diverse perspectives, four Regional Consultations were conducted in September 2023.

This inclusive consultative process, spanning from May to September 2023, involved 250 stakeholders globally, actively contributing to the roadmap of the GDPA. Consensus emerged on the pivotal role of Member States within the Institutional Steering Committee, with diaspora organizations and key stakeholders assuming strategic

positions in Technical Working Groups, serving as observers, advisors, and experts in their respective domains.

The importance of collating and sharing best practices within specific sectors was unequivocally affirmed by participants, highlighting the necessity to delineate actionable strategies for harnessing diaspora expertise, talent, and dedication while fostering enduring partnerships. The collective recognition of the need to strategize future actions to understand the on-the-ground activities of diasporas in response to emergencies, crises, and climate-related challenges was also emphasized.

In summary, diasporas have gained recognition as significant development and humanitarian actors at the highest political levels. They represent crucial development partners, and the integration of their contributions into global policies and programs should be more comprehensive, systematic, and sustainable. The GDPA emerges as a vital platform for fostering collaboration, sharing best practices, and comprehending the profound impact of diasporas on global development.

For detailed insights from the consultations, please visit our comprehensive report available [here](#).

ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT



Workshop on the production of short films – Photo: Association Rumiñahui

Founded in 1997 by a group of Ecuadorians and Spaniards in Madrid, Spain, Rumiñahui is a non-profit organization that defends and vindicates the rights of migrants. It supports them in their integration process, contributing to improving their quality of life, as well as their family's situation and environment. These actions are based on solidarity and the pursuit of equal opportunities from legal, socio-cultural, and psychosocial perspectives. Considered an important player in civil society, both domestically and internationally, Rumiñahui collaborates with various social movements in the promotion of human rights and sustainable development, recognizing the importance of plurinational and multiethnic societies. More information [here](#).



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REGIONAL FOCUS

European Diaspora Dialogue 2023: Create, Build and Connect

On September 26, 2023, IOM Spain, in collaboration with the Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migration and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union, and Cooperation of Spain, along with the Rumiñahui Association, orchestrated the 'European Diaspora Dialogue' in Madrid, Spain.

The dialogue underscored the ongoing need to position diasporas as ambassadors for Europe, recognizing their ability to showcase the continent's strengths globally. It emphasized the importance of establishing mechanisms for sustained diaspora participation in EU countries, advocating for enhanced communication about the significant contributions diasporas make in their respective countries.

This regional meeting gathered over 100 participants, including representatives from diaspora associations across 12 European countries, representing more than 30 global diasporas. Experts in diaspora development from various non-governmental organizations and different offices of IOM at the European level, along with the European Commission, were also in attendance.

Within the framework of the Spanish Presidency of the Council of the European Union, IOM Spain leveraged this unique opportunity to highlight diasporas' contributions to development in both origin and destination countries.

The event served as a pioneering initiative at the regional level, emphasizing the role of diaspora associations in Europe, fostering collaboration, and sharing best practices and innovative approaches.

At the European level, the Dialogue was aligned with the "Includ-EU" Project, in which IOM Spain participated and is funded by the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund. This Project addresses five key integration priorities outlined in the EU Action Plan on the Integration and Inclusion 2021-27 in six European countries.

At the national level, the Dialogue sided with the MATRIZ Project, which aims to enhance the value of migrant associations and is implemented by IOM Spain and funded by the Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migration since 2022. This project aims to enhance the value of migrant associations by strengthening their technical capacities in project formulation, management, monitoring, and justification. Over the past two years, 170 representatives from more than 70 associations have been trained, increasing their chances of securing funding and improving long-term sustainability. During this period, the project has supported a total of five associations in implementing their social projects through the Matriz Awards.

Watch the full event in Spanish [here](#).



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GLOBAL NEWS AND RESOURCES



Creating Sustainable Solutions to Recovery with the Ukrainian Diaspora

In September, IOM, USA for IOM and the U.S. Department of State's Office of Global Partnerships held a roundtable event with U.S.-based Ukrainian diaspora organizations. The discussion focused the diaspora's strengths and experiences, continued collaboration and mutual long-term goals for Ukraine's road to recovery. [Read more.](#)

New US Advisory Council on African Diaspora Engagement

President Biden revealed the first members of the President's Advisory Council on African Diaspora Engagement in the U.S. They will guide efforts to strengthen cultural, social, political, and economic bonds between the U.S. and Africa, fostering trade, investment, and educational exchanges. [Learn more about the members.](#)



Discover Mariella's story, "A Peruvian Artist Shines Bright Far from Home". She leads the Association Afroamérica Cuenta y Canta Association, one of the awarded associations in the Matriz Project last year. [Storyteller Mariella](#)



During COP28, IOM and the Ghana Pavilion are hosting a side event, "Rethinking Partnerships in Climate Action: Diasporas as Transnational Allies," through the Diaspora 4 Climate initiative. Join us on 9 December, 15:00-16:30 (UAE time). [Explore the initiative further.](#)



Explore impactful diaspora engagement, communication, and tools in our publication for enhanced transnational initiatives. Global insights and recommendations await in [English](#), [French](#), and [Spanish](#).



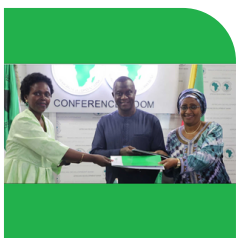
Dive into our latest online course, "[Boîte à Outils pour Cartographier les Diasporas](#)," and enhance your skills in understanding and measuring the impact of diasporas.



[Discover our new course](#) in English and Portuguese focusing on the Empowerment of Transnational Communities and Diasporas with a Gender Perspective.



The Global Diaspora Confederation is organizing the annual Global Diaspora Week from 8-14 December, featuring virtual events like regional thematic days, Young Diaspora Talks, the Annual Humanitarian Meeting. Discover details and register [here](#).



Multinational: African Development Bank, partners launch \$3.9 million project to help catalyse diaspora investment in eight African countries. Learn more [here](#).



M4C Award 2023 [Discover the Migrants4Climate \(M4C\) Award winners.](#) The official Prize Ceremony at the 14th GFMD Summit in January 2024, Geneva, Switzerland.

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