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NEWSLETTER

For diaspora leaders, organizations and supporters

WELCOME

Diasporas have invaluable economic, cultural, human, and social capital for societies. Governments, organizations and partners across the world have recognized their potential as development actors in multiple initiatives. This newsletter seeks to highlight major diaspora stories, successes, events, resources and more that are relevant 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

The Global Diaspora Summit was an historic moment for the future of diaspora engagement. Irish Minister Colm Brophy hailed the conclusion and outcomes of the Summit as the starting point for a new diaspora-specific approach toward migration.

“Diasporas have repeatedly demonstrated that their resilience and will to support their communities can move mountains,” said IOM Director General Vitorino after the conclusion of the Summit which took place at Dublin Castle on the 1st, 4th and 5th of April.

ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

Each iteration of the Newsletter will spotlight a different diaspora organization that is active in the humanitarian-development space or other relevant sector. The first organization to be featured is Shabaka, a diaspora organization based in Brighton, UK.

Shabaka is a values-driven, diaspora-led consulting and research organization focused on diaspora humanitarian preparedness, response, and recovery.

REGIONAL FOCUS: AFRICA

In this issue, our Regional Focus takes us to the African continent with two stories regarding New Opportunities for Engagement. One panel explains how outcomes from a side event at the first International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) outlines ways to intensify diaspora engagement for Africa's economic and social development. The other panel examines the mobilization of the Sudanese diaspora to support the health system and services in Sudan.

GLOBAL NEWS AND RESOURCES

On the fourth and final page is a list of the latest news, events and resources from diaspora organizations and supporters from around the globe. In this issue, find additional resources and outcomes from the Global Diaspora Summit; tools for mapping and engaging diasporas; podcast and video stories; and other innovative diaspora successes.



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FEATURED STORY:



GLOBAL
DIASPORA
SUMMIT
DUBLIN 2022

CRUINNIÚ MULLAIGH
AN DIASPÓRA
DHOMHANDA
BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH 2022

Irish Minister Brophy, IOM Director General Vitorino and IOM Deputy Director General for Operations, Ugochi Daniels welcomed Ministers and Ambassadors from 12 countries who were present in Dublin Castle to oversee the proceedings, with a further 100 delegations contributing online. Over 700 participants registered for the Summit, including delegations from most UN Member States, major international organisations, civil society groups and the media.

The “Dublin Declaration” adopted by Ministers attending the 3-day Summit sets out a future agenda of action for global diaspora engagement. It commits the international community – working with partners from across society – to create conditions for migrants and diasporas to further contribute to sustainable development. In addition, the Outcome Document envisages setting up a Global Diaspora Policy Alliance (GDPAL) that will deliver an inclusive ecosystem of collaboration across multiple stakeholders to prioritize diaspora engagement policymaking and action in both countries of origin and destination.

If you are a government or organization who would like to give your support to the Dublin Declaration, please let us know by emailing: globaldiasporasummit2022@iom.int.



Image 1. Opening Ceremony Global Diaspora Summit 2022

ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

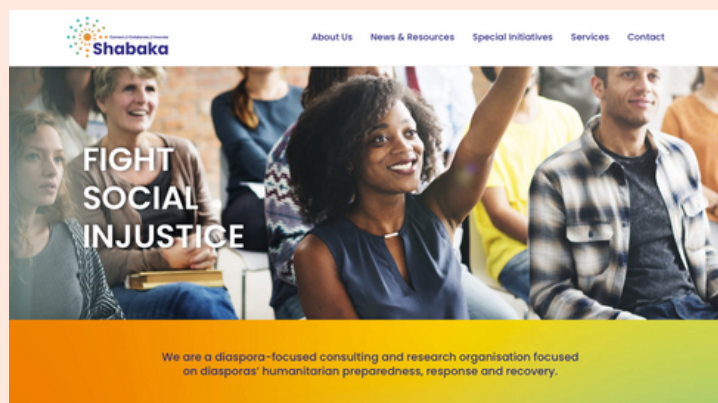


Image 2. Shabaka organization website

Shabaka was established to help fight the injustices that leave entire communities disadvantaged and shut out from socioeconomic and political progress. The organization prides on its connections within diaspora communities and influence on advocacy platforms alongside its quantitative and qualitative data methodologies. This combination facilitates access to rich data which are analysed and disseminated via research papers, policy briefings and podcasts on diasporas, migration and humanitarian issues. The Shabaka team have expertise across a range of fields provides professional consultancy services to corporate, NGO, community and government sectors, including research and training on diaspora, migration, protection and humanitarian action. To learn more, visit shabaka.org.



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REGIONAL FOCUS

New opportunities for diaspora engagement on the African continent

The first International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) brought together member states, stakeholders, civil society, local governments, and migrants, and concluded with the adoption of the IMRF Progress Declaration, which documents pledges for future international cooperation to ensure that human rights, dignity, and safety of migrants are upheld.

During one of the side events a Joint Framework was presented to directly contribute to the SDGs and the 19 and 20 of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) on diaspora and development, bringing together key institutions for the promotion of the African diaspora and harnessing their resources for development.

The promoters of the Joint Framework were the African Union Citizens and Diaspora Directorate (AUC-CIDO); the government of the Republic of Senegal; the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). All discussed on how to intensify diaspora engagement for Africa's economic and social development by fostering synergies and complementarities, focusing on broader development issues as well as finance, investment, and planning.

Emphasis was placed on how diaspora engagement needs to be designed in coordination with diaspora, rather than treating diaspora merely as a recipient of products and services. In support of this, the Continental Diaspora Framework aims to test and enhance tools, methodologies and networks developed for diaspora engagement to start creating synergies at both international and country level. ●

The Sudanese diaspora's commitment to their home country has been clearly visible during the COVID-19 crisis, when Sudanese diaspora organisations abroad provided substantial humanitarian aid including shipping medical supplies to Sudan to alleviate the critical situation in Sudanese hospitals.

To facilitate and augment the diaspora's efforts in supporting the health systems and services in Sudan, and to institutionalize an effective collaboration, a Diaspora Engagement and Empowerment Department (DEED) was recently established within the Federal Ministry of Health (FMoH) with the joint support by WHO and IOM.

The DEED currently consists of two Sudanese staff members. Through the support of an external consultant, Adri Zagers (former Head of the Migration and Development Unit and Project Manager of the CD4D project of IOM The Hague), knowledge and experience sharing is ongoing on how to identify and prioritise capacity needs in the health sector and how to engage diaspora experts to address these gaps (e.g. through physical and/or virtual short assignments).

Furthermore, DEED is being supported by a Technical Task Force in which all relevant departments of the FMoH are represented, as well as some other partners including WHO, IOM and UNDP, to ensure close coordination and alignment with other initiatives. ●



Image 3. Ahmed Abdellatif (FMoH DEED Staff member), Adri Zagers (WHO Diaspora Consultant), Arwa Omer (Head of M&E at the DG Global Health of FMoH) and Sonyta Saad (FMoH DEED Staff member)



GLOBAL NEWS AND RESOURCES



The Purposeful Unconditional Service to Others (P.U.S.O.) Foundation, a Filipino diaspora nonprofit organization, is working in collaboration with IOM Philippines and Washington to rebuild shelters for families in Siargao as part of its Hope Reframed project. Two shelters have been fully built so far and several more are anticipated. P.U.S.O. is also providing direct relief programming to communities in the Philippines affected by Super Typhoon Odette such as food, water, and non-food items including shelter kits.

[Learn more](#)



[Global Diaspora Summit resources](#) include the Summit agenda, event documents and session recordings.

[Summary Report](#)
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[The Dublin Declaration](#), "A Future Agenda of Action for Global Diaspora Engagement." If you are a gov't or org. who would like to support the Declaration, please email globaldiasporasummit2022@iom.int.



[The Migration & Diaspora Podcast](#), Episode 38: The Global Diaspora Summit 2022, paving the way towards achieving GCM Objective 19. Interviewee: Larisa Lara (IOM).



Meet David Kpondhou, a young entrepreneur from the Benin Republic currently in Japan. He aims to empower individuals through skills-building, education & values-driven action. [Watch the video.](#)



IOM Washington officially launched its [Framework for Diaspora's Engagement in Humanitarian Assistance](#). The multi-stakeholder project went public at the 2022 Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week.



[Diaspora Mapping Toolkit](#): a systematic, comprehensive yet flexible approach to conducting diaspora mappings in different contexts.



The U.S. Department of State has relaunched its [Diaspora Voices](#) interactive series with IOM Washington, focusing on combatting the climate crisis and fostering innovative solutions with diasporas.



Global Virtual Exchange for the Latin American Diaspora of African Descent: Exploring Multiple Identities. [Join this event](#) on 31 August from 15:00 to 17:00 (UTC+2). Spanish language with English translation available.

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