

Global Diaspora Summit Outcome Document

A Future Agenda of Action for Global Diaspora Engagement (The Dublin Declaration)

With the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), Member States and stakeholders prioritized diaspora engagement for development in countries of origin, transit, and residence through Objective 19, which commits all stakeholders – governments, development actors, civil society - to actively create conditions for migrants and diasporas to fully contribute to sustainable development. The fulfilment of such a developmental policy vision requires a global policy framework of future action in diaspora engagement. The first International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) will be an opportunity to reflect on the outcome of this Summit and to commit to moving to actual delivery on the ground.

The convening of the Global Diaspora Summit (GDS) is a process through which Objective 19 of the GCM can move from aspiration to action. As the world emerges at various paces from the COVID-19 pandemic, the GDS serves as a statement of global commitment and collaboration to the advancement of Objective 19 of the GCM - “Create conditions for migrants and diasporas to fully contribute to sustainable development in all countries” - and of the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals. This commitment comes at a time of opportunity to engage diaspora and transnational communities, including diaspora youth, as partners for both humanitarian response and development, to mobilize the diverse range of diaspora capitals – cultural, economic, social and human - for the benefits of societies in countries of origin and destination and for the protection of migrants and saving lives.

The vision of this Outcome Document is to institutionalize and operationalize such diaspora capitals across policies, programmes, and partnerships in a coherent and consistent framework. Engaged, enabled, and empowered, transnational communities are a critical prerequisite globally for an inclusive society with equity and prosperity for all.

Therefore, we confirm our support on a Future Agenda of Action for Global Diaspora Engagement rooted in GCM Objective 19 crafted around the following intentions, which will also be contributing to other relevant objectives of the GCM, notably Objectives 8, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 20.:

- Complementary to existing fora and initiatives, facilitate the launch of a Global Diaspora Policy Alliance (GDPA) that will deliver an inclusive ecosystem of collaboration across governments and partners in academia, civil society and the private sector to prioritize diaspora engagement policymaking and action in countries of origin and destination. This will further recognize and include diaspora engagement across local, national, regional, and global policy agendas relating to all forms of development.
- Strengthen the conditions at national and international levels for the economic and financial empowerment and engagement of migrants and transnational communities through a whole of government and whole of society approach and collaborations with public authorities working in finance, development, central banks, chambers of commerce, international financial institutions (IFIs) and multilateral development banks (MDBs) and other relevant stakeholders.
- Institutionalize the diaspora engagement in policy development, including development strategies and humanitarian assistance plans, and integrate diaspora in country-based needs assessments, integration planning and sustainable reintegration strategies.
- Following the principle of “know your diaspora” become better in how we collect evidence and data on diaspora and their contributions to societies, including by tapping into opportunities created by social media and other big data sources and contributing to a more balanced narrative on migration.

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- Recognize diasporas as partners in addressing major societal and humanitarian challenges and crises and reducing possible vulnerability as a result of specific situations, including pandemic, conflict, climate change, other related environmental and natural causes or other crises.
- Engage diasporas in playing a key role in reaching out to families of missing migrants, thus contributing to the advancement of objective 8 of the GCM.
- Make available the necessary resources to boost capacity of diaspora leaders and organizations, including through training, exchange learning programmes, technical and financial support, development of dedicated guidelines leading to formal recognition and institutionalization.
- Strengthen diaspora networking and advance tailored and sustainable digital solutions, including by making use of the iDiaspora.org platform as a central tool to encourage networking and peer learning among diaspora organizations and transnational communities as well as a repository of practices in effective diaspora engagement in relevant migration areas, such as climate change and the environment, peace and security, counter trafficking and counter smuggling, etc.
- Develop inclusive and transformative approaches aiming at incentivizing the active participation of diaspora to take into account the specificities of the different groups, including age, gender, religion, language and culture among others, promote diversity and leave no one behind.
- Explore the possibility of participation and representation of diaspora organizations as observers in decision making bodies of different international platforms and organizations, including the IOM Council, and other relevant multilateral initiatives.
- Strengthen the protection of and safeguard the rights, access to health and education, security and welfare of migrants and diasporas, including by combatting all forms of discrimination, including social, economic and cultural, by addressing bias, xenophobia, and racism, and by reinforcing the role and capacities of consular services to support and nurture our diasporas, particularly their more vulnerable members regardless of migration status, recognising their needs as well as their potential to contribute to development.

These commitments represent our firm belief in diaspora engagement as a long-term force for impact across all sustainable development pillars – social, human, economic and environmental. This statement of support represents our understanding that a future agenda of global action in diaspora engagement can emerge as a creator of commonality across economies, politics, and societies through the role of diaspora in diplomacy and development.

It is also our firm appreciation that we cannot achieve this agenda alone. Therefore, it is also the stated commitment of this Outcome Document to ensure an inclusive governance approach to the delivery of this Future Agenda of Action for Global Diaspora Engagement. This process will include:

- A commitment to prioritizing multi-stakeholder, whole of government and whole of society approaches and initiatives to enhance procedural and practical designs to implement the actions noted above.
- A commitment to the monitoring, evaluation and learning work to help in advancing direct outcomes of the GDS through this Outcome Document.
- A commitment to ensuring that the GDS is held at regular intervals, every four years, ideally ahead of the IMRF, so as to establish a more formal link to the GCM implementation process and create an opportunity to reflect on progress made and to support design of new commitments from the diaspora angle, taking advantage of regional and international coordination platforms and organisations.

In closing, we reaffirm our vision that the GDS is the beginning of a long-term process which will enable policy, programmatic, and partnership models required to further enhance a collaborative global agenda of action in diaspora engagement.