



INTRODUCTION TO ADEPT

ADEPT aims to *'improve and enhance the capacity and impact of the African diaspora organisations that are involved in development activities in Africa'*.

The ADEPT aim is pursued through delivery of services to diaspora organisations and individuals in Europe and Africa. **ADEPT will work and engage with 84 countries** (28 EU countries, plus Switzerland and Norway, and 54 African countries). In particular, ADEPT will assist **Africa Diaspora-Development Organisations (ADDOs)** to:

- Optimise their development engagement in Africa
- Professionalise their organisations and activities
- Create effective partnerships in Europe and Africa
- Expand and improve their development activities in Africa
- Influence the policy and practice of development cooperation.

(ADEPT emerged out of the pilot Africa-Europe Platform [AEP] project which ran from 2010 to 2013, in line with the Joint Africa-EU Strategic Partnership [JASP] agreed at the 2007 Lisbon summit).

ADEPT is working to create a permanent service-delivery directorate with focus on:

- Providing **training, guidance and technical support** for capacity-development
- Producing and disseminating **information on relevant funding, jobs and events**
- Undertaking research and consultations for **advocacy on policy and practice**
- Facilitating **networking and partnerships to mainstream diaspora perspectives**
- Promoting **positive images of Africa** and showcasing **best practices of the diaspora**
- Promote programmes on **youth, women and under-represented diaspora stakeholders**.

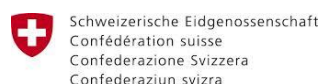
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TEN ADEPT ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2014-16



- Provided **accredited professional training to 130 people** (ADDOs) resident in **15 European countries** with origins in **30 African countries** including Burkina Faso Guinea Bissau, Madagascar, Mauritania, Sudan and Togo.
- Publish regular newsletters **highlighting grants, jobs and events relevant to ADDOs** and individuals working or interested in diaspora-development.
- Appointed **seven migration and development and African diaspora professionals to ADEPT's Advisory Council** and working with Belgian law firm to develop **full legal and membership structure**.
- Worked with **eight ADDO partners** and eight mainstream partners to deliver **Diaspora Development Dialogues (DDDs)** in Denmark, Malta, Austria, Paris, and Kenya on the topics of:
 - *'Enhancing Diaspora Role in Job Creation in Africa'*
 - *'From Irregularity to Stability: Strategic and Viable Actions to Prevent Irregular and Dysfunctional Migration'*
 - *'Migration and Development in Times of Crisis: Common Obligations and Collective Action'*
 - *'Climate Change, Migration, and Development: How to Maximise the Impact of African Diaspora Organisations'*
 - *'Actions Needed to Reduce Remittance Costs in Africa'*
- Facilitated diaspora engagement with **over 400 senior officials, policymakers and diplomats** from European and African governments, civil society organisations, international agencies and development institutions.
- Represented on the **High Level Panel on Migration** during the 2015 European Development Days (EDD), and engaged with the African Union and EU partners on the 2015 **EU-Africa Valletta Summit on Migration**.
- Contributed to policy advocacy for the **Financing for Development (FfD) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)** global agreements.
- Hosted a **side event during the Government Days** of the 2015 Global Forum for Migration and Development (GFMD), and facilitated **four ADDOs to participate in GFMD** for the first time.
- Hosted an **ADEPT diaspora hub and exhibition space** at **European Development Days 2016**, held in Brussels from 15-16 June 2016
- Developing frameworks for capacity building and **technical support to ADDOs in Europe and partners in Africa**.

"Migration will be with us for many years to come. We can make it a win-win situation if we concentrate on development in the countries of origin and by providing legal channels that regulate the flow of migrants to Europe and subsequently back to the countries of origin. This is what the Diaspora Development Dialogue will be discussing."
Dr George Vella – Minister of Foreign Affairs, Malta (May 2015)

"We urgently need to offer African youths better socio-economic opportunities at home. Without this, the tragic circumstances of migrants in the Mediterranean will continue and deaths may even increase. I am pleased that the Diaspora Development Forum gives us the opportunity to think and work on practical actions and solutions."
Dr Abdramane Sylla – Minister of Malians Abroad