

AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION.

Civil Society and Diaspora Directorate (CIDO)

Highlights of the cooperation with the GIZ-project “Support to the African Union on Migration and Displacement”

STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES

CIDO supports and advises on Diaspora Engagement Policies &

CONNECTING MEMBER STATES & DIASPORAS

CIDO offers strategic frameworks of cooperation between diaspora communities and Member States

THINK BIG!

CIDO works to realize innovative ideas and Diaspora Legacy Projects

DIASPORA FOR DEVELOPMENT

CIDO mobilizes diasporas to become involved in the development of the continent



GIZ's “SUPPORT TO THE AU ON MIGRATION AND DISPLACEMENT”

GIZ supports the African Union on aspects of migration and displacement. In this regard we work with various departments and organs, including CIDO. In close coordination with CIDO, GIZ provides expertise and logistics for initiatives on diaspora and development.

CIDO is responsible for implementing the AU's vision of a people-oriented and -driven organization based on partnership between governments, civil society and diasporas.

Within the migration and development nexus, CIDO is committed to building a global African family by ensuring the participation of the African diaspora in the integration and development agenda of the continent

KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF COOPERATION WITH GIZ

African Diaspora Professional and Business Network

We believe in the power of African diasporas to contribute to the development of the continent

CIDO aims to develop an effective partnership mechanism for mobilizing and channelling human, technological and capital resources within the African Diaspora in Europe, to support capital investment as well as business and professional development in the public and private sectors in Africa.

- ⇒ Creation of a business platform, which supported the African Diaspora Network in Europe (ADEPT)
- ⇒ Design and implementation of the “Scaling Up of the African and Diaspora Small and Medium Sized Enterprises” camp

Diaspora Mapping

We invest in quality research as a basis for informed policy making

In order to develop proactive diaspora engagement strategies, Member States need accurate data on their diaspora populations abroad. Responding to that need, CIDO, with support from GIZ, has commissioned the **African Diaspora Mapping and Research Study**, encompassing five European countries (Germany, France, UK, Belgium and the Netherlands).

Diaspora Engagement

We support Member States in evaluating & strengthening their diaspora policies

The **Diaspora Engagement Self-Assessment Tool (DESAT)** is a mechanism by which Member States of the African Union could monitor, evaluate and report the extent of their diaspora engagement practices. CIDO aims to use the findings of DESAT to address the challenges of Member States through capacity building measures. The tool has been rolled out as a pilot project in 11 Member States, highlighting gaps as well as ‘good practice’ examples.

African Diaspora Investment Fund (ADIF)

We strive for innovative approaches to effectively utilize diaspora resources for development

As one of the AU’s legacy projects, the **African Diaspora Investment Fund (ADIF)** was envisaged to ‘mobilize direct and indirect diaspora funds for structured investment with socially responsible and impactful portfolios.’ The African Union supports and facilitates the implementation of a diaspora investment and finance strategy based on the creation, marketing, issuance and management of regulated Diaspora Bonds, Mutual Funds and Endowment Trust Funds, through a continental African Diaspora Finance Corporation (ADFC).

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