

Annex I: “BEST PRACTICES” OF ENGAGEMENT OF DIASPORAS IN DEVELOPMENT POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES

Who	What	When	How	Contact Person
<i>a. Organisations</i>				
1. International Organisation for Migration (IOM)	i) Engaging diasporas as development partners for home and destination countries ¹	2005	Issues considered pertinent in diasporas: definitions and data; how diasporas can be agents for development; mobilisation of diaspora resources through different forms of capital, namely human, social, affective, financial, local); existing policy tools for targeting diasporas (regulatory & legislative tools, institutional tools, technical tools, financial& business facilitation instruments, alleviating bureaucracy, information & communication, education, partnerships, sector-based approaches, post conflict/emergency. Reconstruction, returns).	IOM Headquarters, Geneva
	ii) Challenges for policymakers relating to engaging diasporas as development partners for home and destination countries ²	2005	Definitions and data; incorporation of diaspora contributions in development strategies of home and destination countries with diasporas caught in between; partnering with relevant diasporas; home-country programmes and incentives for diaspora engagement; and diaspora resources for development.	IOM Headquarters, Geneva
	iii) Migration for Development in Africa (MIDA)		Project-linked periodic return of African expatriates to serve their homelands/other African countries.	
2. United States Agency for International Development (USAID)	Diaspora Networks Alliance (DNA) ³		There are different types of DNA involvement: diaspora engagement beyond remittances; diaspora philanthropy or “collective remittances”; Diaspora Volunteer Corps (e.g. Armenian Volunteer Corps and IndiCorps); Diaspora Direct Investment (DDI) to home countries; Diaspora Capital Markets (bonds&	USAID Global Partnerships
			remittance-backed securities); Diaspora Tourism & Nostalgic Trade; Diaspora Advocacy & Diplomacy; and various partnerships for change	
3. Migration Policy	Migrants, Migration and Development ⁴	Since	Important reports, studies and data on migrants-	MPI Secretariat,

Institute (MPI)		inception	migration-development links, e.g. <i>Closing the Distance: How Governments Strengthen Ties with Their Diasporas</i> , with practitioner insights from Mali, Mexico and the Philippines.	Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
4. African Diaspora Policy Centre (ADPC)	African diasporas' involvement in homeland development	Since inception	Convening seminars on diasporas' engagement with homeland development but from a North perspective	Director, ADPC< Amsterdam, The Netherlands
<i>b. Selected countries with strong diasporas that have influenced homeland development</i>	Ghana	Since the 1990s	Working with home-country to recognise the diaspora's contribution, "homecoming summits" and granting of dual citizenship	Secretariats of different Ghanaian diasporas with varying activities in the North
	Senegal	Since the 1990s	"Co-development " with France, Italy, etc.	Secretariats of different Senegalese diaspora organisations in Europe
	Ethiopia	During post-conflict situation	Participation of skilled and professional Ethiopian diaspora organisations in sector-based developments, e.g. education, health and housing	Secretariats of the Association for Higher Education and Development (AHEAD), the Action for Health, Education and Development (AHEAD) and the Forum International for Ethiopians Living in Diaspora (FIELD)
	Mexico	Over several decades	Multi-stage remittance programmes involving hometown associations (HTAs), local and federal governments ("3x1") and recently also involving the Western Union ("4-por-1").	US-based Mexican diaspora organisations

Sources:

¹Workshop of Migration and Development: Mainstreaming Migration and Development into Development Policy Agenda, 2-3 February 2005. Geneva: IOM.

²D. Ionescu (2005) Engaging Diasporas as Development Partners for Home and Destination Countries: Challenges for Policymakers. Geneva: IOM

³USAID Global Development Alliance: Diaspora Engagement: Remittances & beyond

http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/global_partnerships/gda/remittances.html.

⁴Migration Policy Institute "Migrants, Migration and Development" (http://migrationpolicy.org/research/migration_development.php).