



PRESS RELEASE

Eighth Diaspora Development Dialogue (DDD8)

'Expanding and Enhancing the Role of Diaspora Parliamentarians'

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Dakar, April 24 2018 – Africa-Europe Diaspora Development Platform (ADEPT) is organising in partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Senegalese Abroad, the 'Direction Générale des Sénégalais de l'Extérieur' (DGSE) and the 'Coordination des Associations Sénégalaises de la Catalogne' (CASC), the Eight Diaspora Development Dialogue (DDD8) from 24 to 27 April 2018 at the Jardin Savana Hotel (Pointe Bernard - Petite Corniche) in Dakar, Senegal.

The Dialogue will focus on expanding and enhancing the role of Diaspora Parliamentarians and will gather together directors and practitioners from diaspora affairs, parliamentarians, government officials, high-level institutions, African and European diplomats, organisations at national and international level, academics, policymakers, researchers, businesses, diaspora and civil society organisations to discuss the role of the Diaspora Parliamentarians in strengthening their political activity and civic engagement.

The delegates from around 10 African and European countries will attend an intensive four-day Diaspora Development Dialogue programme and particularly:

- On April 24, a full-day professional training for Diaspora Members of Parliament, focusing on the ***'Effectiveness of Non-resident Parliamentarians'***. The training will contribute at enhancing the capacities and skills of the 15 newly elected Senegalese diaspora parliamentarians. It will be extended to other Diaspora representatives coming from miscellaneous Government agencies.
- On April 25, a ***'Peer to Peer Exchange on Representation and Engagement'***. It will allow the participants to exchange and share best practices and methodologies of diaspora engagement in different countries.
- On April 26, the delegates and invitees will participate at the ***Diaspora Development Dialogue*** aimed at discussing the ***'Expanding and Enhancing the role of Diaspora Parliamentarians'*** topic.
- On April 27, morning, the delegates will have the opportunity to engage in a discussion during the presentation of the ***Programmes for the Senegalese Diaspora*** delivered by the 'Direction Générale des Sénégalais de l'Extérieur' (DGSE).

Thus, the Africa-Europe Diaspora Development Platform (ADEPT), the 'Direction Générale des Sénégalais de l'Extérieur' (DGSE) and the 'Coordination des Associations Sénégalaises de la Catalogne' (CASC) are inviting the mass media representatives to attend the ***Diaspora Development Dialogue*** and especially the Launching Ceremony on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 (9 am) and the Certificate Awarding Ceremony (5pm). The event will take place at the Jardin Savana Hotel (Pointe Bernard - Petite Corniche) in Dakar

About the DDDs:

The Diaspora Development Dialogues form an important part of ADEPT's service delivery framework. The DDDs bring together African Diaspora-Development Organisations (ADDOs), governments, civil society organisations, the private sector and other development stakeholders, to work on practical means of improving diaspora interventions in African development. The previous DDDs were held in Copenhagen (November 2014), Valletta (May 2015), Vienna (September 2015), Paris (December 2015), Nairobi (July 2016) and Brussels (November 2017). For more information about the DDDs: <https://bit.ly/2Hc40c5>

About ADEPT:

ADEPT is registered in Belgium as a not-for-profit international association (AISBL), with the aim 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).

Please, see enclosed the agenda of the event.

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