Forum on Migration and Development in Times of Crisis

Development experts around the world are converging in Vienna to discuss ways to address the current migration crisis in Europe.

The Third Diaspora Development Dialogue (DDD3) on Wednesday, 30th September 2015 will be held in Vienna’s Albert Schweitzer Haus and is being organised by:

- ADEPT (Africa-Europe Diaspora Development Platform)
- the Vienna Institute for International Dialogue and Cooperation (VIDC)
- and Radio Afrika TV.

It forms part of a collaboration between the European Union (EU) and African Union (AU) which aims to find practical and realistic solutions to migration and development issues. This is particularly significant as thousands of refugees and migrants from Africa and Asia continue to attract international news headlines as they enter Europe in search of a better future.

The forum will facilitate meaningful dialogue on important migration and development policy issues between key development stakeholders in Central and Eastern Europe including; government development agencies and policy-makers; diaspora and migrant organisations; NGOs and civil society.

Themes that will be addressed include:

- Global commitments and obligations on migration policy today
- Countering Xenophobia and Facilitating Integration
- Maintaining Diaspora Development Input in Times of Crisis

DDD3 takes place at a crucial time for development and migration policy and practice, with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) being adopted at a UN summit in New York from September 25 to 27 and the eighth Global Forum on Migration and Development in Istanbul in October (For more info go to http://goo.gl/7zOX83 and http://goo.gl/GGKkDf).

For more information on ADEPT’s DDD conference, please contact the organisers:

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Notes to editors

This Diaspora Development Dialogue (DDD) is the third in a series of conferences that forms an important part of ADEPT’s service delivery framework, the Diaspora Development Forums (DDFs). DDFs bring together African Diaspora-Development Organisations (ADDOs), governments and civil society organisations to work on practical means of improving development interventions in Africa. The 3.5 days of DDF includes Professional Training of African Diaspora-Development Organisations
(ADDOs); Development Dialogue between ADDOs and mainstream agencies and institutions; and Facilitated Networking for collaborative action and improved development impact.

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There will be an opportunity for media interviews between 13.00 – 13:30 at the Albert Schweitzer Haus. ADEPT staff will kindly direct you to the room allocated for the interview.

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