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UK CPD - Certified Executive Training For Senior Civil Servants, Heads Of Business, Civil Society Organizations And Representatives Of Int'l Organizations

The government of the Gambia, through the Technical Cooperation Project **Migration and Sustainable Development in The Gambia (MSDG)**, is organizing executive training programmes for senior civil servants and Non State Actors at the Kairaba Beach Hotel on the following dates;

Two-Day Executive Training

“Optimizing Actual, Virtual and Circular Diaspora Return.”

Date: 17 & 18 October 2017

Time: 08.30 to 17.30

One-Day Executive Training

**Operational Excellence (OpEx™) and the
Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals**

Date: 21st October 2017

Time: 08.30 to 17.30

The MSDG project is funded by the Swiss government and implemented by GK Partners (GKP). The latter is a UK based international consultancy firm under contract with the Swiss government, through the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), to facilitate technical cooperation work in The Gambia.

This training workshop is part of seven (7) practical action points of the MSDG project recently announced by His Excellency President Adama Barrow at his town hall meeting with the Gambian Diaspora in New York City, as part of activities during his maiden visit to the 72nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The MSDG action points include:

Optimizing the benefits of migration for Gambian development

- Research, Consultation and Production of a 10-Year Gambian Diaspora Strategy
- Structuring and Creation of Gambia Diaspora Directorate and Website
- Inauguration of an Annual *Diaspora month*; ‘Stake in the Nation Forum’
- Initiate Scheme to Reduce the Cost of Remittances to 3% by 2020

Improving implementation and operational capacity and effectiveness

- Mapping of the Structures, Services and Activities of Selected Ministries
- Professional Training in Diaspora-Development and Operational Effectiveness
- Support Government Engagement in Global Migration and Development Processes

The aim of the training workshop is to help delegates **understand Diaspora development issues and also gain introductory skills for institutionalizing standards of excellence and understand how to link OpEx™ techniques to SDG implementation.**

The Training Is Led by Professor Gibril Faal OBE, JP

ALL INVITED DELEGATES ARE KINDLY URGED TO ATTEND ON TIME