



THIRD STAKE IN THE NATION FORUM

SNF3 Keynote Address: His Excellency President Adama Barrow *'Development Practice and Institution Building'*

Featuring the YEP 'Gambia's Good Market' Exhibition

VENUE: Kairaba Beach Hotel, Kololi, The Gambia

DATE: Saturday, 18 January 2020

TIME: 09.00 to 19.00

Stake in the Nation Forum (SNF) is mandated as an annual consultative event in the Gambian Diaspora Strategy and The Gambia National Development Plan (page 117, NDP 2018-21):

"SNF will [bring] diaspora groups together to engage with government Ministries, Departments and Agencies, as well as NGOs and CSOs, on a wide range of developmental matters..... to contribute to formal policy, as well as strategic, thematic and sectoral consultations initiated by different government and quasi-government institutions"

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Plenary Session of the First Stake in the Nation Forum (SNF1), on Saturday, 13 January 2018

From L to R: Hon. Ousainu A.N.M. Darboe, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Hon. Mariam Jack Denton, Speaker of the National Assembly; H.E. Dr Marion Weichelt Krupski, Swiss Ambassador to The Gambia; H.E. Fatoumata Jallow Tambajang, Vice President; H.E. President Adama Barrow; Prof. Gibril Faal, GK Partners & MSDG Project; Hon. Dr Isatou Touray, Minister of Trade, Industry & Employment; Ms. Fumiko Nagano, IOM Chief of Mission; Hon. Henry Gomez, Minister of Youth & Sports

Third Stake in the Nation Forum (SNF3)

VENUE: Kairaba Beach Hotel, Kokoli, The Gambia

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The main aims of SNF3 are:

- Present update on National Development Plan (NDP) implementation and action points
- Present update on Gambia Diaspora Strategy (GDS) implementation and action points
- Facilitate thematic discussions on practical improvements in NDP implementation
- Dialogue between diaspora-development practitioners, government and Non-State Actors
- Official launch of relevant development policies, programmes or initiatives

Delegates to the SNF3 include:

- Ministers, Permanent Secretaries, Directors, Heads of Agencies, Governors
- Gambian Diaspora Experts and Development Practitioners
- Parliamentarians, Municipal Leaders, Senior Academics and Media Practitioners
- Ambassadors and Representatives of International Organisations and Agencies
- CEOs and Directors of Business and Civil Society Organisations
- Representatives of Youth and Women Organisations
- Representatives of Professional and Labour Organisations



Plenary Session of the Second Stake in the Nation Forum (SNF2), on Saturday, 12 January 2019

From L to R: Dr. Ruby E.M. Randall, IMF Country Representative; Hon. Hadrammeh Sidibeh, Minister of Youths and Sports; Prof. Gibril Faal, Director of GK Partners & MSDG Project Director; H.E. Ousainu A.N.M. Darboe, Vice President of The Republic of The Gambia; Hon. Dr. Mamadou Tangara, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Hon. Mariama Jack Denton, Speaker of the National Assembly; H.E. Dr Marion Weichelt Krupski, Swiss Ambassador to The Gambia; Ms. Oumie Andrews, Vice President, Gambian Diaspora Healthcare Initiative.

Third Stake in the Nation Forum (SNF3)

One-Day Consultative Dialogue

Saturday, 18 January 2020	
08.30 – 09.00:	REGISTRATION
09.00 – 10.00:	Project Presentations & Networking: Ms. Neneh Bojang, Gambia House (Norway)
10.00 – 11.30:	<p>Forum Moderator: Mr. James Jeggan Bahoum, MSDG Project</p> <p>Plenary Session on Migration and Sustainable Development in The Gambia</p> <p>Announcement of 2019 Remittance Figures: Mr. Bakary Jammeh, Governor of the Central Bank of The Gambia (CBG) <i>Represented by Dr Seeku Jaabi, First Deputy Governor, CBG</i></p> <p>Statements by Government, Diaspora and Non State Institutions:</p> <p>H.E. Dr. Marion Weichelt Krupski, Switzerland Ambassador to The Gambia</p> <p>Ms. Fatou Jagne Senghore, Regional Director, ARTICLE 19 West Africa</p> <p>Alh. Alieu Momarr Njai, Chairman, Independent Electoral Commission (IEC)</p> <p>Prof. Gibril Faal, Director of GK Partners & MSDG Project</p> <p>Stake in the Nation Address: ‘Development Practice and Institution Building’</p> <p>SNF3 Presidential Address by H.E. President Adama Barrow <i>Delivered by the Vice President, H.E. Dr. Isatou Touray</i></p>
11.30 – 12.00:	COFFEE & TELEPHONE BREAK
12.00 – 13.30:	Parallel Thematic Workshops (See separate programme with names of discussants)
	Workshop 1: Practicalities of Supporting Health and Medical Services
	Workshop 2: Practicalities of Supporting Education and Skills Development
	Workshop 3: Practicalities of Diaspora Business and Investment
	Workshop 4: Diaspora in the Draft Constitution and in Policy Development
13.30 – 14.30:	LUNCH BREAK
14.30 – 16.00:	Parallel Thematic Workshops (Continuation of workshop sessions)
	Workshop 1: Practicalities of Supporting Health and Medical Services
	Workshop 2: Practicalities of Supporting Education and Skills Development
	Workshop 3: Practicalities of Diaspora Business and Investment
	Workshop 4: Diaspora in the Draft Constitution and in Policy Development
16.00 – 16.30:	COFFEE & TELEPHONE BREAK
16.30 – 18.00:	<p>Televised Interview & Discussion: ‘The Practicalities of Diaspora Voting’</p> <p>Interviewer: Ms. Fatou Muloshi, TV Presenter, GRTS</p> <p>Panellists: Mr. Sambujang Njie, CEO, Independent Electoral Commission (IEC); Ms. Fatou Jagne Senghore, Regional Director, ARTICLE 19; Mr. Badou Gaye, Head of IT Unit, Medical Research Council; Mr. James Jeggan Bahoum, MSDG Project</p>
18.00 – 19.00:	Cultural Performance by the Gambia Police Band [Sponsored by Yaram Arts (UK)]

Summary of the Second Stake in the Nation Forum (SNF2)

SNF is a unique and innovative forum in The Gambia. It is a mix of diaspora homecoming, policy forum, technical workshops, consultation mechanism and professional networking for diaspora and sustainable development. With **550 people participating** in the opening plenary session (9am to 11.30am), SNF2 was perhaps the biggest ever policy forum in The Gambia. **About 35% of the participants (190) were women, and about 20% (120) were young people** (under 30 years old). There were 420 registered delegates, plus 130 unregistered participants. Additionally, about 25 other people attended the event but could not be admitted because the plenary hall was full to capacity. **300 delegates participated in the 4 workshops, and 200 attended the closing TV interview session.**

- **Presidential Auspices:** The Second Stake in the Nation Forum (SNF2) was held on Saturday, 12 January 2019 at the Coco Ocean Resort and Spa, Bijilo, The Gambia. **Deputising for the President, H.E. Adama Barrow, the Vice President, H.E. Ousainu A.M.N. Darboe presided over SNF2** and launched the second phase of the Migration and Sustainable Development in The Gambia (MSDG2) project. As part of SNF2, a Second Diaspora Finance Technical Roundtable (DFTR2) was also held on 6 March 2019. **The theme for SNF2 was 'Improving Implementation, Delivery and Impact'.**
- **Opening Plenary Session:** The keynote speakers in the opening plenary session who delivered statements prior to the Presidential SNF address were: Hon. Dr Mamadou Tangara, **Minister of Foreign Affairs**, International Cooperation and Gambians Abroad; Hon. Mr. Hadrammeh Sidibeh, **Minister of Youth and Sports**; H.E. Dr. Marion Weichelt Krupski, **Switzerland Ambassador to The Gambia**; Ms. Oumie Andrews, **Vice President, Gambian Diaspora Healthcare Initiative**; Dr. Ruby E. M. Randall, **Country Representative, International Monetary Fund**; and Prof. Gibril Faal, **Director of GK Partners & MSDG Project**. The opening plenary session was moderated by Mr. James Jeggan Bahoum, **Adviser to the MSDG Project**.
- **Thematic Workshops:** For SNF1 in 2018, there were seven parallel thematic workshops, four in the morning and three after lunch. There was feedback indicating that delegates wanted more time for detailed discussions during the workshops. For SNF2, **there were four parallel thematic workshops, on: Constitutional Review Consultations; Health and Medical Services; Integrated Rural Development; and Sustainable Careers for Young People.** The workshops ran for a total of three hours each (before and after lunch). The discussants and moderators were leading experts and practitioners, based in Gambia and the diaspora, including National Assembly Members (NAMs). The discussants included: Hon. Lamin N. Dibba, **Minister of Agriculture** (Integrated Rural Development); Justice Cherno Jallow QC, **Chairman of the Constitution Review Commission** (Constitutional Review Consultations); Dr. Desta Tiruneh, **Country Representative, World Health Organization** (Health and Medical Services).
- **TV Interview Panel:** The closing session was a TV interview and discussion session, co-hosted by GK Partners and the Gambia Radio and Television Services (GRTS), as a **special edition of the GRTS flagship current affairs programme 'Face the Nation'**. The theme was on 'Improving Implementation, Delivery and Impact', and panel comprised: Hon. Lamin N. Dibba, Minister of Agriculture; Ms. Fanta Samateh Manneh, Governor, Upper River Region; Ms. Sohna Sallah, Chairperson, Democratic Union of Gambian Activists; Prof. Abdoulaye Saine, Distinguished Professor, Miami University; Mr. James Jeggan Bahoum, Interim Executive Director, Charter 70; and Mr. Sainey Faye, Diaspora Community Educationalist.
- **SNF2 Cultural Presentation:** Through partnership with **Yaram Arts (UK)** led by Mr Njok Malik Jeng, the **Gambia Police Band led the presidential procession and the rendition of the national anthem.** They provided musical entertainment throughout the day, and gave a special cultural performance after the TV interview session.