



Consultative Dialogue
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SECOND STAKE IN THE NATION FORUM

SNF2 Keynote Address: His Excellency President Adama Barrow

VENUE: Coco Ocean Resort & Spa, Bijilo, The Gambia

DATE: Saturday, 12 January 2019

TIME: 09.00 to 19.00

Stake in the Nation Forum (SNF) is mandated as an annual consultative event in the Gambia 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”

Stake in the Nation Forum (SNF) is part of a Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP), co-financed by: Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)

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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. Mariama 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

Second Stake in the Nation Forum (SNF2)

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The main aims of SNF2 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 SNF2 include:

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

Second Stake in the Nation Forum (SNF2)

One-Day Consultative Dialogue

Saturday, 12 January 2019	
08.30 – 09.00:	REGISTRATION
09.00 – 10.00:	Project Presentations & Networking
10.00 – 11.30:	<p>Plenary Session on Migration and Sustainable Development in The Gambia</p> <p>MSDG Technical Cooperation Programme</p> <p>Development Partners (Ambassadors)</p> <p>Cabinet Minister</p> <p>Diaspora Expert Practitioner</p> <p>Stake in the Nation Address: H.E. President Adama Barrow 'Improving Implementation, Delivery and Impact'</p>
11.30 – 12.00:	COFFEE & TELEPHONE BREAK
12.00 – 13.30:	Parallel Thematic Workshops (See separate programme with names of discussants)
	Workshop 1: Constitutional Review Consultations
	Workshop 2: Health and Medical Services
	Workshop 3: Integrated Rural Development
	Workshop 4: Sustainable Careers for Young People
13.30 – 14.30:	LUNCH BREAK
14.30 – 16.00:	Parallel Thematic Workshops (Continuation)
	Workshop 1: Constitutional Review Consultations
	Workshop 2: Health and Medical Services
	Workshop 3: Integrated Rural Development
	Workshop 4: Sustainable Careers for Young People
16.00 – 16.30:	COFFEE & TELEPHONE BREAK
16.30 – 18.00:	<p>Televised Interview & Discussion: 'Improving Implementation, Delivery and Impact'</p> <p>Panellist to comprise: Parliamentarian, Diaspora Practitioners, Cabinet Minister and Representatives of Business and Civil Society</p>
18.00 – 19.00:	Networking & Cultural Presentation

Summary of the First Stake in the Nation Forum (SNF1)

The First Stake in the Nation Forum (SNF) was held on Saturday, 13 January 2018, at Kairaba Beach Hotel, preceded on 11 January 2018 by a Remittance Technical Roundtable hosted by Central Bank of The Gambia. SNF1 was led by the President of The Republic of The Gambia, H.E. Mr Adama Barrow, and it was used to launch the Gambia Diaspora Strategy (GDS), the Gambia Diaspora Directorate (GDD), and a ministerial report on 'Curbing Irregular Migration through Sustainable Livelihoods'.

The keynote speakers in the opening plenary session who delivered statements prior to the President's SNF address were: Prof. Gibril Faal, Director of GK Partners & MSDG Project, H.E. Dr Marion WeicheltKrupski, Switzerland Ambassador to The Gambia, Ms. Fumiko Nagano, Chief of Mission, International Organization for Migration, Hon. Dr Isatou Touray, Minister of Trade, Industry, Regional Integration and Employment, Hon. Henry Gomez, Minister of Youth and Sports, and Hon. Ousainu A.N.M. Darboe, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International cooperation and Gambians Abroad. The MSDG Focal Point at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was the Secretary/Announcer at the opening session.

There were seven parallel thematic workshops on: Migrant Returnees from Libya and Niger; Human Rights & Access to Justice for All; Information & Communication Technology; Agriculture & Agribusiness; Education and Employment; Health & Medical Services; Infrastructure & Industrial Development. The discussants and moderators were leading experts and practitioners, based in Gambia and the diaspora.

The thematic workshop on Infrastructure & Industrial Development was presided by the Hon. Bai Lamin Jobe, Minister of Transport, Works and Infrastructure. The closing session was an 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 panel comprised: H.E. Vice President Mrs Fatoumata Jallow Tambajang, Hon. Omar Jallow, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Dr Isatou Touray, Minister of Trade, Industry, Regional Integration and Employment, Mr Alieu Momar Njai, Chairman of the Independent Electoral Commission, Mr James Bahoum, MSDG Project Diaspora Adviser, and Mr Saihou Saidy Leigh, Gambian Diaspora Economist.

SNF1 was presided by the President, attended by the Vice President, ten cabinet ministers, Secretary-General and Head of the Civil Service, Speaker of the National Assembly, Chair of the Independent Electoral Commission, Parliamentarians, Heads of Security Services, Ambassadors and Heads of Missions, Permanent Secretaries, Business and Civil Society Leaders, Academics, Diaspora Professionals and Experts, and Irregular Migrant Returnees. (The 400 delegates included 200 irregular migrant returnees from Libya and Niger). The media partners were Gambia Radio and Television Services (GRTS) and Eye Africa TV. SNF1 was livestreamed and watched by 9,000+ people, reported as GRTS headline news, and the closing session was broadcast as a special edition of GRTS's 'Face the Nation' programme.

President Adama Barrow used his first 'Stake in the Nation Address', to declare the diaspora as the Eighth Region of The Gambia. The title of the President's address was 'Attaining Progress in the New Gambia', in which he highlighted two major challenges and two major opportunities. He stated that:

"We must be vigilant against the problem of a dysfunctional public sector.....we must be vigilant against the problem of corrupt practices.....we must be vigilant for the opportunity of infrastructure-led development.....we must be vigilant for the opportunity of diaspora-development"