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Gibril Faal's Audience with  
HH Pope Francis (21 Feb 2017)



Gibril Faal's Opening Statement  
UN General Assembly (3 Oct 2013)



Gibril Faal's Investiture by  
HM Queen Elizabeth (17 Nov 2014)

Professor Gibril Faal is a business and development executive, a multi-disciplinarian with an eclectic professional background. He is the **founding director of ADEPT** (Africa-Europe Diaspora Development Platform), and the co-founder and **director of GK Partners** – a UK-based company that specialises on socially responsible business models, social enterprise, development finance and programme implementation. He is **vice chair of Bond** – the platform of UK NGOs working on international development. Gibril is the first **visiting professor in practice** at the Institute of Global Affairs, London School of Economics (LSE), and is a member of the **advisory council** of the Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program. On 19 September 2016, Gibril was amongst the **global leaders who spoke on 'International Cooperation' at the UN Summit for Refugees and Migrants**. He serves as **technical expert** in the consultations and negotiations for a **UN Global Compact on Migration**. In October 2015, he **gave evidence to the House of Commons International Development Committee**, on the role of the private sector in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals – having been **involved in the SDG and Financing for Development (FFD) negotiations**. In 2017, he became **chair of the Entrepreneurship & Circular Migration Committee** of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) Business Mechanism, and was **grand rapporteur of the 10<sup>th</sup> GFMD Summit**, having served as **co-moderator of Common Space of the 8<sup>th</sup> GFMD Summit** and civil society **co-chair of the 7<sup>th</sup> GFMD Summit**. In 2013, he **delivered keynote addresses at the UN General Assembly** at sessions of the High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development. In 2014/15, Gibril was a **special adviser at the State Chancellery of the Moldovan Prime Minister's Office**, and drafted the Moldova Diaspora Strategy 2025. He leads a **technical cooperation project** supporting the **Office of the President and Cabinet of The Gambia**.

Since 1998, Gibril has accepted several **ministerial appointments for various public functions**, made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretary of State for International Development, the Lord Chancellor, and the Home Secretary. In 2003, he **founded RemitAid™** to transform remittances into a sustainable form of development finance. He was a **senior associate of the Foreign Policy Centre** from 2007/2017, involved in high level policy and political analyses and engagement. Whilst working on a **Department of Trade and Industry** project from 2001, he was one of the small team that **developed a social enterprise business support framework in the UK**. Gibril has directly supported 1,000s of SMEs and social enterprises, helping them **create 1,000s of decent and sustainable jobs** in Europe and Africa. Gibril **sat on the boards of agencies** that invested over \$200m in international development, including **DFID's Global Poverty Action Fund (GPAF)** and the **EC-UN Joint Migration and Development Initiative (JMDI)**. For a decade, he served as **chairman of AFFORD** – a charity that pioneered concepts and practices of enhancing the role of diaspora in development and job creation in Africa. He was a **lecturer on The Open University's MSc on Global Development Management** and **external evaluator of COMPAS, University of Oxford**. In 2004, he was appointed a Justice of the Peace and **part-time magistrate** and in 2014 was **appointed OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List** for services to international development, having been nominated by DFID.

Gibril **studied at five universities in London** and has a Combined Bachelors Honours degree in Law, Finance and Management, postgraduate degrees in Development Studies and Environmental Sciences, and professional qualifications in Economic History, Policy Studies, Urban & Transport Management, Environmental & Quality Management, Ethical, Community-Development & Islamic Finance. He has **delivered 100s of keynote speeches** and presentations at conferences and high level forums around the world.