



Consultative Dialogue  
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# STAKE IN THE NATION FORUM (SNF)

**Keynote Address: His Excellency President Adama Barrow**

**VENUE: Kairaba Beach Hotel, The Gambia**

**DATE: Saturday, 13 January 2018**

**TIME: 09.00 to 19.00**

## The main aims of the forum are:

- Present the outline draft of the Gambia Diaspora Strategy (2018-27) and gather feedback
- Discuss the modalities and practicalities of the Gambia Diaspora Directorate (GDD)
- Launch the report on sustainable livelihoods for migrant returnees from Libya and Niger
- Facilitate thematic discussion of National Development Plan (NDP) implementation
- Dialogue between diaspora experts, government officials, and other stakeholders
- Launch the Stake in the Nation Forum (SNF) as an annual consultative dialogue mechanism

## Delegates to the forum include:

- Ministers, Permanent Secretaries, Directors and Heads of Agencies
- Gambian Diaspora Experts and Practitioners
- CEOs and Directors of Business and Civil Society Organisations
- Representatives of International Organisations and Agencies
- Parliamentarians, Senior Academics and Journalists

*The First Stake in the Nation Forum (SNF1) is convened on behalf of the Migration and Sustainable Development in The Gambia Project (MSDG) by Professor Gibril Faal. It builds on the initial 'Induction and Training Workshop for the Cabinet Ministers' conducted by GK Partners (GKP) on 11 February 2017; one-to-one briefings with the President, Ministers, senior government officials and development partners; and executive training of senior civil servants in October 2017.*

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## One-Day Consultative Dialogue

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08.30 – 09.00:	Registrations	
09.00 – 10.00:	Project Presentations & Networking	
10.00 – 11.30:	<p><b>Statements on Migration and Sustainable Development in The Gambia</b></p> <p>Prof. Gibril Faal, Director of GK Partners &amp; MSDG Project</p> <p>H.E. Dr. Marion Weichelt Krupski, Switzerland Ambassador to The Gambia</p> <p>Ms. Fumiko Nagano, Chief of Mission, International Organization for Migration</p> <p>Hon. Dr. Isatou Touray, Minister of Trade, Industry, Regional Integration and Employment</p> <p>Hon. Henry Gomez, Minister of Youth and Sports</p> <p>Hon. Ousainu A.N.M. Darboe, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Gambians Abroad</p> <p><b>Stake in the Nation Address: H.E. President Adama Barrow</b></p>	
11.30 – 12.00:	COFFEE & TELEPHONE BREAK	
12.00 – 13.30:	<b>Parallel Thematic Workshops</b>	
<p><b>Special Youth Workshop: Key Findings of the Report on Migrant Returnees from Libya and Niger</b></p> <p><b>Discussants:</b> Ministries of: Trade &amp; Industry; Youth &amp; Sports; Interior; Higher Education International Organization for Migration, MSDG Project</p>		
	<p><b>Workshop 1: Human Rights and Access to Justice for All</b></p> <p><b>Discussants include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry of Justice</li> <li>- IHRDA &amp; GAMNATT</li> <li>- Gambia Bar Association &amp;</li> <li>- National Agency for Legal Aid</li> <li>- Diaspora Practitioner/Expert</li> </ul>	<p><b>Workshop 2: Information and Communication Technology</b></p> <p><b>Discussants include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry of Information and Communication Infrastructure</li> <li>- Public Utility Regulatory Authority</li> <li>- Gambia Submarine Cable Company</li> <li>- Diaspora Practitioner/Expert</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Workshop 3: Agriculture and Agribusiness</b></p> <p><b>Discussants include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry of Agriculture</li> <li>- Ministry of Env. &amp; Climate Change</li> <li>- Food &amp; Agriculture Organization</li> <li>- University of the Gambia</li> <li>- Diaspora Practitioner/Expert</li> </ul>	
13.30 – 14.30:	LUNCH BREAK	
14.30 – 16.00:	<b>Parallel Thematic Workshops</b>	
	<p><b>Workshop 4: Education and Employment</b></p> <p><b>Discussants include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministries of Education (MoHERST) &amp; MoBSE</li> <li>- Youth Empowerment Programme</li> <li>- Education For All Network</li> <li>- Diaspora Practitioner/Expert</li> </ul>	<p><b>Workshop 5: Health and Medical Services</b></p> <p><b>Discussants include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry of Health &amp; Social Welfare</li> <li>- World Health Organization</li> <li>- Gambia Medical &amp; Dental Association</li> <li>- Diaspora Practitioner/Expert</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Workshop 6: Infrastructure and Industrial Development</b></p> <p><b>Discussants include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry of Works &amp; Infrastructure</li> <li>- Ministry of Trade &amp; Industry</li> <li>- Gamworks &amp; Gambian Association of Construction Consultants</li> <li>- Diaspora Practitioner/Expert</li> </ul>	
16.00 – 16.30:	COFFEE & TELEPHONE BREAK	
16.30 – 18.00:	<p><b>Dialogue on Diaspora in Development: GK Partners and GRTS</b></p> <p><b>Interview and Discussion:</b> H.E. Vice President Mrs Fatoumata Jallow Tambajang Hon. Omar Jallow, Minister of Agriculture; Hon. Dr. Isatou Touray, Minister of Trade; Mr Aliou Momar Njai, Chairman of the Independent Electoral Commission; Mr James Bahoum, Diaspora Human Rights Activist; Mr. Saihou Saidy Leigh, Diaspora Economist</p>	
18.00 – 19.00:	<b>Networking</b>	



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#### GUIDANCE TO FACILITATE INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE AT THE THEMATIC WORKSHOPS

- **Interactive Dialogue:** The workshops are sessions designed specifically for interactive dialogue and exchange. They are not designed for discussants or delegates to deliver presentations or speeches. **There will be no powerpoint presentations.** This format is chosen so as to optimise the input of the diverse experts, practitioners and professional stakeholders who will be participating.
- **Courtesies and Protocol:** It is respectfully assumed that all courtesies and protocols are observed. There is no need for elaborate salutations, expressions of thanks, acknowledgements or other courtesies. We would like to devote the time available for the workshops to substantive interactive discussions. The moderator will introduce the named discussants by reading out a brief 2-3 line profile. Delegates are requested to mention their names, organisations and occupation, before making comments. **Rapporteurs will take notes and a proceedings report will be produced.**
- **5 Minutes and 2 Minutes Format:** The named **discussants will have a maximum of 5 minutes** to make opening observations and comments. For discussants from the government, their 5-minutes opening comments should focus on providing a summary or highlights of the current state of policy and practice. **Delegates will have 2-minutes** at a time to ask questions, make comments or observations, and will have the chance to make multiple interventions during the workshop. Discussants will have 2-minutes to make follow-up responses as and when appropriate during the session, and 2-minutes at the end for closing observations.
- **Focus on Practical Implementation:** The Gambia has now adopted a National Development Plan (2018-2021) and many other thematic policies, strategies, roadmaps and action plans have either been adopted or are being finalised. The discussants representing government will give appropriate summaries as background and contextual information. However, the substance of the comments, observations and exchanges during the workshops will focus on the following key issues:
  - **Suggestions for practical solutions for the range of actual and potential challenges**
  - **How to translate existing implementation and resource gaps into practical opportunities**
  - **Suggestions for practical implementation actions for different stakeholders (short & medium term)**

*A separate agenda (with names of discussants) for the thematic workshops will be produced.*

*Delegates are encouraged to tweet, but we respectfully request that mobile phones be on silent and that side conversations are avoided. We thank all delegates for your kind cooperation and contribution to a productive dialogue*

*(MSDG and the Central Bank of The Gambia worked together on a separate roundtable on remittances)*

## **Diaspora in Development: A Critical Enabler in the Gambia National Development Plan (NDP)**

### **The seven (7) NDP Critical Enablers are as follows:**

1. A public sector that is efficient and responsive to the citizenry
2. Empowering the Gambian Woman to realize her full potential
- 3. Enhancing the role of the diaspora in Gambian development**
4. Promoting environmental sustainability, climate resilient communities and appropriate land use
5. Making The Gambia a Digital Nation and creating a modern information society
6. A civil society that is engaged and is a valued partner in national development
7. Strengthening evidence-based policy, planning and decision-making

### **The fourteen (14) Diaspora in Development Outcomes of the NDP are as follows:**

#### ***Outcome 1: Structured and Facilitative Approach to Diaspora Engagement***

1. Diaspora Strategy
2. Gambia Diaspora Directorate
3. Capacity Development on Diaspora-Development

#### ***Outcome 2: Leveraging Diaspora Remittances and Investment***

4. Reducing the Transaction Cost of Remittances
5. Diaspora Direct Investment and Diaspora Bonds
6. Diaspora Development Fund

#### ***Outcome 3: Protection of Vulnerable Migrants and Facilitation of Regular Pathways***

7. Preventing Irregular and Dysfunctional Migration
8. Global Migration Dialogues and Bi-lateral Engagement
9. Ethical Recruitment and Circular Migration

#### ***Outcome 4: Enhanced Participation in National Policy and Development Practice***

10. Physical and Online Forums for Engagement
11. Diaspora Voting at Presidential and National Assembly Elections
12. Diaspora as the Eighth Region of The Gambia
13. Network of Diaspora-Development Organisations
14. Access to Diaspora Expertise