



MSDG PROJECT
MIGRATION AND SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT IN THE GAMBIA



*The MSDG Project expresses thanks and gratitude
to all its partners and the participants who attended the
Fifth Stake in the Nation Forum (SNF5)*

SNF5 Keynote Address:

His Excellency President Adama Barrow

Delivered By Honourable Minister Badara Joof

‘Consolidating and Accelerating National Development’

Date: Saturday, 8 January 2022 TIME: 8.00 AM to 6.30 PM

Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara Conference Centre, Bijilo, The Gambia

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SATURDAY, 8 JANUARY 2022: 8.00 AM to 6.30 PM

***SNF5 featured the YEP ‘Hidden Gambia’ Exhibition
& the GIEPA ‘Export Advancement Programme’***

- **380 people attended SNF5 in person (170 women [45%], 210 men [55%], 65 diaspora [17%])**, including ministers, parliamentarians, senior government officials, diaspora development practitioners, civil society and business professionals, senior academics, university students, and media practitioners. The diaspora delegates being from: France, Germany, Italy, Nigeria, Senegal, Sweden, Turkey, UK and USA.
- **28 speakers, presenters and moderators (12 women [43%], 16 men [57%], 10 diaspora [36%])**; and 12 young rapporteurs (6 women, 6 men) from the University of The Gambia. The diaspora speakers being from Senegal, UK and USA. The proceedings can be watched online of different platforms, including the following:
- **SNF5 Opening Ceremony (Kerr Fatou):**
https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=220003780335406&id=1967859416776384
- **SNF5 Workshop on ‘Updating the Gambian Diaspora Strategy’ (Eye Africa TV):**
<https://www.facebook.com/eyeafricatv/videos/619281419356057/>
- **SNF5 Workshops on: ‘Matching and Deployment of Diaspora Professionals’; ‘Culture, Identity and Development’; Closing Remarks and Poetry Performances’ (Eye Africa TV):**
<https://www.facebook.com/eyeafricatv/videos/671958947305248/>
- **SNF is part of the MSDG project** co-financed by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and GK Partners, implemented in partnership with the Government of The Gambia. The SNF5 workshop partners were: Yaram Arts; Gambia Diaspora Experts Initiative (GDEI); Gambia Diaspora and Migration Directorate (GDMD); Personnel Management Office (PMO); and the National Centre for Arts and Culture (NCAC).

SNF5 Selected Media Coverage:

<https://thepoint.gm/africa/gambia/headlines/barrow-reaffirms-commitment-to-work-with-msdg>

<https://www.voicegambia.com/2022/01/10/finance-ministry-introduces-innovative-projects-to-attract-diaspora-investment/>

<https://www.voicegambia.com/2022/01/10/ag-gambia-has-no-national-assembly-constituencies-in-diaspora/>

<https://www.kerrfatou.com/barrow-urges-stakeholders-to-increase-efforts-to-achieve-diaspora-voting/>

<https://www.kerrfatou.com/central-bank-diaspora-contributes-62-9-of-gambias-gdp-in-2021/>

<https://fatunetwork.net/gambias-remittance-hits-774-6-m-accounting-for-69-2-of-gdp-amidst-the-covid-19-surge/>

Forum Moderators: Ms. Fatou Muloshi – Presenter, Gambia Radio and Television Services (GRTS)
Mr. Musa Camara – Director, Gambia Diaspora and Migration Directorate (GDMD)
Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Opening Prayers: Imam Alhaji Basiru Drammeh and The Most Reverend Bishop Hannah Faal-Heim

Announcement of the 2021 Interim Remittance Figures:

Governor of the Central Bank of The Gambia (CBG); *Delivered by Dr Seeku Jaabi, CBG First Deputy Governor*

SNF5 Statements by Government and the Diaspora:

Prof. Gibril Faal – Director of GK Partners & MSDG Project
Hon. Mambury Njie – Minister of Finance and Economic Planning
Hon. Dawda A. Jallow – Attorney General and Minister of Justice
Prof. Amina Sillah – Diaspora Keynote Speaker, Towson University, USA

SNF5 Presidential Address by H.E. President Adama Barrow

Delivered by Honourable Badara Joof, Minister of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology

Workshop: ‘Gambian Diaspora Strategy: Review, Consolidation and Update’

Ms. Ndumbah Saho, Coordination Director, DSPD, Office of the President [Moderator]
Ms. Jainaba B. Ceesay, EBROSSO Consulting & Bowie State University [by video]
Prof. Gibril Faal – Director of GK Partners & MSDG Project
Mr. Mathias Domenig, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Switzerland to The Gambia [by video]
Mr. Musa Camara, Director, Gambian Diaspora and Migration Directorate, MOFA
Mr. Demba Baldeh, Writer and Entrepreneur

Workshop: ‘Demand-Led Matching and Deployment of Diaspora Professionals’

Ms. Fatou Jagne Senghore, Outgoing Regional Director, Article 19 West Africa [Moderator]
Mr. Lamin Saidu, Director, Human Resources Development, Personnel Management Office
Hon. Ndey Yassin Secka, Nominated National Assembly Member
Dr. Veronica Njie-Carr, Co-Founder, Gambian Diaspora Experts Initiative (GDEI) [by video]
Ms. Fatou Njie-Jallow, President-Elect, Gambian Diaspora Experts Initiative [by video]
Ms. Frehiwot Tefera, Programme Support Officer, International Organization for Migration [online]

Workshop: ‘Culture, Identity, Development and Diaspora Engagement’

Mr. James Bahoum – Consultant & Project Adviser [Moderator]
Mrs. Janet Badjan-Young, Founder & Chair, Ebunjan Theatre and Performing Arts Association [Guest Speaker]
Mr. Hassoum Ceesay – Director General, National Centre for Arts and Culture
Mr. Njok Malik Jeng – Music Promoter and Director of Yaram Arts
Mr. Pa Samba Jow – Vice-Chair, DUGA & Co-Host ‘For the People, By the People’ Show

Concluding Remarks and Poetry Performances

Mr. Pa Musa Sidibeh – Senior Capacity Manager, MSDG Project
Prof. Amina Sillah – Diaspora Keynote Speaker, Towson University, USA
Ms. Lala Touray – Poet and Activist
Mr. Omar Cham – Poet and Activist

The rapporteurs were from the University of The Gambia (UTG).