



**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  
Sixth Stake in the Nation Forum (SNF6)*

**SNF6 Keynote Address:**

**His Excellency President Adama Barrow**

***Delivered By Honourable Minister Baboucarr Joof***

***‘Supporting Private Action for Public Benefit’***

**Date: Saturday, 14 January 2023      TIME: 8.00 AM to 6.30 PM**

**Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara Conference Centre, Bijilo, The Gambia**

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**SATURDAY, 14 JANUARY 2023:                      8.00 AM to 6.30 PM**

***SNF6 featured a Roll Call of the 51 MSDG Diaspora Fellows  
Launch of the GIEPA Diaspora Advice Desk  
& the ‘Made in The Gambia’ marketplace***

- **550 people attended SNF6 in person, comprising: 250 women (45%); 300 men (55%); 80 diaspora (15%); 175 aged under 35 years (32%); 375 (68%) aged over 35.** The participants included ministers, parliamentarians, municipal leaders, diplomats, senior government officials, diaspora development practitioners, civil society and business professionals, senior academics, university students, media practitioners, and ‘Made in The Gambia’ producers and traders.
- The in-person diaspora participants are **currently based in 16 countries**, namely: Brunei, France, Germany, Italy, Kuwait, Malaysia, Nigeria, Netherlands, Norway, Qatar, Senegal, Spain, Sweden, UAE, UK and USA. **Over 5,000** people watched the live-stream mainly of the EyeAfrica TV facebook and youtube channels.
- **24 speakers, presenters and moderators (9 women [38%], 15 men [62%], 5 diaspora [20%]);** the diaspora speakers being from Norway, United Arab Emirates (UAE); United Kingdom (UK) and United States of America (USA). The **SNF6 proceedings can be watched online** of different platforms, including the links provided below.

## SNF6 VIDEOS & MEDIA COVERAGE

- **SNF6 Opening Ceremony (EyeAfrica):**  
<https://www.facebook.com/eyeafricatv/videos/sixth-stake-in-the-nation-forum-theme-supporting-private-action-for-public-benef/633830248549837/>
- **Workshop on 'Diaspora Development Fund (DDF): Enhancing Development Actions' (EyeAfrica TV):**  
[Sixth Stake in the Nation Forum \(PART 2\) Diaspora Development Fund \(DDF\): Enhancing Development Actions | Sixth Stake in the Nation Forum \(PART 2\) Diaspora Development Fund \(DDF\): Enhancing Development Actions | By EYE Africa TV Online | Facebook](#)
- **Workshop on 'Diaspora Investment and Innovation: Supporting the Entrepreneurs' (EyeAfrica TV):**  
[https://m.facebook.com/eyeafricatv/videos/503232878375281/?\\_rdr](https://m.facebook.com/eyeafricatv/videos/503232878375281/?_rdr)
- **Workshop on 'Diaspora and Governance: Unfinished Business'; Closing Remarks, Poetry Performance and Vote of Thanks' (EyeAfrica TV):**  
[https://m.facebook.com/eyeafricatv/videos/603125773601871/?\\_rdr](https://m.facebook.com/eyeafricatv/videos/603125773601871/?_rdr)
- **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 SNF6 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).

### SNF6 Selected Media Coverage:

[QTV NEWS 14.01.23 | QTV NEWS | By QTV Gambia | Facebook](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/Kerrfatou/videos/1125457721460585/>

<https://www.facebook.com/grts.gm/videos/511048261128865/>

[https://m.facebook.com/GambianTalentsPromotion/videos/705703484519760/?\\_rdr](https://m.facebook.com/GambianTalentsPromotion/videos/705703484519760/?_rdr)

<https://thepoint.gm/africa/gambia/headlines/gambia-among-highest-recipients-of-remittance>

[https://foroyaa.net/diaspora-remittance-in-2022-stands-at/?fbclid=IwAR3oAKnXUzb0zwo0ogAXqe-7-BgDxx5f1Sin2cA9\\_22sCJxl1UI711Qj2A](https://foroyaa.net/diaspora-remittance-in-2022-stands-at/?fbclid=IwAR3oAKnXUzb0zwo0ogAXqe-7-BgDxx5f1Sin2cA9_22sCJxl1UI711Qj2A)

[Gambia Registers Over D44 Billions Of Remittances In 2022 – Kerr Fatou Online Media House](#)

<https://www.voicegambia.com/2023/01/16/mot-hails-the-gambias-annual-remittance-inflows/>

## **SNF6 PROGRAMME**

**Forum Moderators:** Ms. Ndumbah Saho – Technical Director, GK Partners & MSDG Project  
Mr. Musa Camara – Director, Gambia Diaspora and Migration Directorate (GDMD)  
Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**Opening Prayers:** Imam Alhaji Basiru Drammeh and Reverend Lucy Sarfo

**Announcement of the 2022 Interim Remittance Figures:**  
Governor of the Central Bank of The Gambia (CBG); Final figures to be published in February 2023  
*Delivered by Dr. Abdoulie Sireh Jallow, CBG First Deputy Governor*

### **SNF6 Statements by Government and the Diaspora:**

Prof. Gibril Faal – Director of GK Partners & MSDG Project  
Hon. Claudiana Cole – Minister of Basic and Secondary Education  
Hon. Seedy Keita – Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs  
H.E. Andrea Semadeni, Ambassador of Switzerland to The Gambia  
Dr. Veronica P.S. Njie-Carr, Associate Professor of Nursing, University of Maryland, Baltimore  
*Diaspora Keynote Speaker; Co-Founder of the Gambia Diaspora Experts Initiative (GDEI)*

**SNF6 Presidential Address by H.E. President Adama Barrow**  
***Delivered by Honourable Baboucarr Joof, Minister of Trade, Industry, Employment & Regional Integration***

### **Workshop: 'Diaspora Development Fund (DDF): Enhancing Development Actions'**

Mr. Gibairu Janneh, Director of Communications, ICT & Press, National Assembly [Moderator]  
Ms. Mam Yassin Sarr, Founder & CEO, Starfish Intl. and MSDG Diaspora Fellow [By Video]  
Ms. Ajie Fatou Jallow, General Manager, Gigora Trading and MSDG Diaspora Fellow  
Imam Bakalilu Jaiteh, Founder, Imam Jaiteh Charitable Foundation  
Ms. Fatou Gibba, Director, Department of Community Development  
Hon. Sidia Jatta, Veteran Politician & Former National Assembly Member

### **Workshop: 'Diaspora Investment and Innovation: Supporting the Entrepreneurs'**

Ms. Haddy Lamin-Njie – Development Programme and Finance Specialist [Moderator]  
Hon. Baboucarr Joof – Minister of Trade, Industry and Employment [Keynote Statement]  
Mr. Ousainou Senghore, CEO, Gambia Investment and Export Promotion Agency (GIEPA)  
Ms. Jankeh Njie, Co-Founder & CEO, Jarga Designs and MSDG Diaspora Fellow  
Mr. David Jeng, Board Member, Gambia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCCI)

### **Workshop: 'Diaspora and Governance: Unfinished Business'**

Prof. Gibril Faal, Programme Director, MSDG Project & GK Partners [Moderator]  
Mr. Hussein Thomasi, Solicitor General and Legal Secretary [Keynote Statement on behalf of the Minister]  
Mr. Samboujang Njie, Chief Electoral Officer, Independent Electoral Commission  
Hon. Madi M.K. Ceesay, National Assembly Member  
*Chair, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs Committee & Deputy Minority Leader*

### **Concluding Remarks, Poetry Performance and Vote of Thanks**

Dr. Veronica P.S. Njie-Carr, Diaspora Keynote Speaker  
Mr. Omar Cham – Poet and MSDG Activist-in-Residence  
Ms. Ndumbah Saho – Technical Director, GK Partners & MSDG Project