



**GK Partners and Office of the President  
welcome you to the  
Ninth Stake in the Nation Forum (SNF9)**

**SNF9 Keynote Address:**

**His Excellency President Adama Barrow  
'Enhancing Participation in the Productive Sectors'**

**Date: Saturday, 10 January 2026      TIME: 8.00 AM to 6.30 PM  
Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara Conference Centre, Bijilo, The Gambia**

**Kindly take 1 minute to register for a ticket – Use the link below and click on 'Reserve a spot'**

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**Ninth Stake in the Nation Forum (SNF9), Saturday, 10 January 2026**

<b>08.00 – 09.30:</b>	<b>Registration, Networking and Video Presentations Career Development Forum Stands and 'Made in The Gambia' Marketplace</b>
<b>09.30 – 12.30:</b>	<b>SNF9 High-Level Opening Session</b>
<b>SNF9 Theme: Enhancing Participation in the Productive Sectors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>National Anthem and Opening Prayers</li><li>Announcement of the 2025 Remittance Figures by the Governor of the Central Bank of The Gambia</li><li>Launch of the Biri-Biri Initiative on Sports and Tourism</li></ul> <b>Panel on Innovations in Financial Services, Football and Tourism Sectors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>MD/CEOs of Banks, Money Service Businesses and other Finance companies</li><li>Leaders of Football and Tourism institutions</li></ul> <b>SNF9 Programme Statements</b> <p>Hon. Sering Modou Njie, Minister of Foreign Affairs Hon. Bakary Badjie, Minister of Youths and Sports Hon. Abdou Jobe, Minister of Tourism and Culture Ms. Violeta Insa Sandoval, Chargée D'Affaires, Embassy of Spain to The Gambia Ms. Sibgha Ajaz, Officer in Charge, International Organization for Migration Prof. Gibril Faal, Director of GK Partners and MSDG Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Diaspora Keynote Speaker:</b> Ms. Sailey Jallow, Founder, Ida Bass Kidney Foundation (Gambia) Founder and CEO, Revival Hemodialysis Centre (Senegal)</li><li><b>Special Guest Speaker:</b> Mr. José María del Nido Carrasco, President, Sevilla Football Club (TBC)</li></ul> <b>SNF9 Presidential Address: His Excellency President Adama Barrow</b>	

**Livestream: <https://www.facebook.com/eyeafricatv/>    <https://m.facebook.com/MSDGProject/>**

**2026 SNF9 Partners:**



<b>12.30 – 14.00:</b>	<b>LUNCH &amp; CAREER DEVELOPMENT FORUM STANDS, MARKETPLACE, NETWORKING</b>
<b>14.00 – 16.00:</b>	<b>Parallel Workshop 1: Harnessing Financial Services for National Development</b>
<p><b>Opening Remarks:</b> Governor, Central Bank of The Gambia Resident Representative, World Bank (TBC)</p> <p><b>Panel Discussants:</b> The Gambia Bankers Association (GBA); National Association of Cooperative Credit Unions of The Gambia (NACCUG); Diaspora Money Service Business (MSB) Company; Local Money Service Business (MSB) Company; Diaspora Financial Services Expert</p> <p><b>Rapporteur:</b> Student, University of The Gambia</p>	
<b>14.00 – 16.00:</b>	<b>Parallel Workshop 2: Career Development Forum</b>
<p><b>Opening Remarks:</b> Minister of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology Programme Manager, International Organization for Migration (IOM Gambia)</p> <p><b>5-Minute Summary Presentations:</b> Student Revolving Loan Scheme (SRLS); Tertiary and Higher Education Trust (THET); National Research and Innovation Fund (NRIF); Personnel Management Office (PMO); Uniformed Services (GPF, GID, GFS, GPS, GAF, GRA); State Owned Enterprise Commission; Gambia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCl) and Confederation of Gambian Industries (CGI); Career Development Expert</p> <p><b>Rapporteur:</b> Student, Civil Service University</p>	
<b>16.00 – 17.00:</b>	<b>Plenary Workshop: Enhancing Development Opportunities in Sports and Tourism</b>
<p><b>Opening Remarks:</b> Gambia Diaspora Footballer (TBC)</p> <p>National Sports Council (NSC); Gambia Tourism Board (GTBoard); Barcelona Football Club; Spain Chamber of Commerce; Diaspora Expert on Sports and Tourism</p> <p><b>Rapporteur:</b> GKP-MSDG Associate</p>	
<b>17.00 – 18.30:</b>	<b>OUTDOOR RECEPTION, DRINKS &amp; SNACKS, CULTURAL PERFORMANCES</b> <b>CAREER DEVELOPMENT FORUM STANDS, MARKETPLACE, NETWORKING</b>

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MSDG covers 11 of the 23 GCM Objectives, with emphasis on Objectives 1, 19, 20 and 23



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<https://migrationnetwork.un.org/practice/migration-and-sustainable-development-qam-bia-msdg>  
<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2024/05/qam-bia-roadmap-for-enhancing-diaspora-engagement/>



# SNF High Level Opening Panels (2018-2025)



## Opening Session of the First Stake in the Nation Forum (SNF1), on Saturday, 13 January 2018

L to R: Hon. Ousainu A.N.M. Darboe, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Hon. Mariam Jack Denton, Speaker of the National Assembly; H.E. Dr. Marion Weichelt Krupski, Swiss Amb. to The Gambia; H.E. Fatoumata Jallow Tambajang, Vice President; H.E. President Adama Barrow; Prof. Gibril Faal, Director, 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



## Opening Session of the Second Stake in the Nation Forum (SNF2), on Saturday, 12 January 2019

L to R: Dr. Ruby E.M. Randall, IMF Country Representative; Hon. Hadrammeh Sidibeh, Minister of Youths and Sports; Prof. Gibril Faal, Director of GK Partners & MSDG Project Director; H.E. Vice President Ousainu A.N.M. Darboe; Hon. Dr. Mamadou Tangara, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Hon. Mariama Jack Denton, Speaker of the National Assembly; H.E. Dr. Marion Weichelt Krupski, Swiss Ambassador to The Gambia; Ms. Oumie Andrews, Vice President, Gambian Diaspora Healthcare Initiative



## Opening Session of the Third Stake in the Nation Forum (SNF3), on Saturday, 18 January 2020

L to R: Alh. Aliou Momarr Njie, Chairman, Independent Electoral Commission; Prof. Gibril Faal, Director, GK Partners & MSDG Project; H.E. Vice President Dr. Isatou Touray; Ms. Fatou Jagne Senghore, Regional Director, ARTICLE 19 West Africa; H.E. Dr. Marion Weichelt Krupski, Swiss Ambassador to The Gambia



## Opening Session of the Fourth Stake in the Nation Forum (SNF4), on Saturday, 9 January 2021

ONLINE - L to R: Alh. Aliou Momarr Njie, Chairman, Independent Electoral Commission; Prof. Gibril Faal, Director, GK Partners & MSDG Project; H.E. Vice President Dr. Isatou Touray; Ms. Elizabeth Sosseh Sisay-Banya, Accountant and Company Director; H.E. Dr. Marion Weichelt Krupski, Swiss Ambassador to The Gambia



## Opening Session of the Fifth Stake in the Nation Forum (SNF5), on Saturday, 8 January 2022

L to R: Hon. Mambury Njie, Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs; Prof. Gibril Faal, Director, GK Partners & MSDG Project; Hon. Badara Joof, Minister of Higher Edu., Research, Sci & Tech; Prof. Amina Sillah, Assistant Professor, Towson University; Hon. Dawda Jallow, Attorney General and Minister of Justice



## Opening Session of the Sixth Stake in the Nation Forum (SNF6), on Saturday, 14 January 2023

L to R: Dr. Veronica P.S. Njie-Carr, Associate Professor, University of Maryland; Hon. Baboucar O. Joof, Minister of Trade, Industry and Employment; H.E. Andrea Semadeni, Amb. of Switzerland to The Gambia; Prof. Gibril Faal, Director of GK Partners & MSDG Project; Hon. Seedy Keita, Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs; Hon. Claudiana Cole, Minister of Basic and Secondary Education



## Opening Session of the Seventh Stake in the Nation Forum (SNF7), on Saturday, 13 January 2024

Mr. Ebrima Sawaneh; VP Finance, African Finance Corporation; Mr. Raphaël Brigandi, EU Deputy Ambassador; H.E. Ms. Sharon L. Cromer, Ambassador of the USA; Hon. Dr. Mamadou Tangara, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Prof. Gibril Faal, Director of GK Partners & MSDG Project; Hon. Prof. Pierre Gomez, Minister of Higher Education; Ms. Mandisa Mashologu, UNDP Resident Representative



## Opening Session of the Eighth Stake in the Nation Forum (SNF8), on Saturday, 11 January 2025

Prof. Modoudu Sallah, De Montfort University & Ministry of Finance; Hon. Fatou Kinteh, Minister of Gender, Children and Social Welfare; Mr. Chukwu-Emeka Chikezie, Co-Founder of AFFORD-UK; H.E. Mohammed B.S. Jallow, Vice President of The Gambia; Prof. Gibril Faal, GK Partners & MSDG; Hon. Dr. Mamadou Tangara, Min. of Foreign Affairs; Hon. Mod K. Ceesay, Min. at the Presidency

# List of Stake in the Nation Forums (SNF) 2018-2025

## Annual Stake in the Nation Forums (SNFs)

**SNF1:** 13 January 2018: 'Attaining Progress in the New Gambia'

10 Sessions including 8 Thematic Workshops

**In Person Attendees: 400**

**SNF2:** 12 January 2019: 'Improving Implementation, Delivery and Impact'

Announcement of 2018 Remittance Figures by Central Bank of The Gambia

7 Sessions including 5 Thematic Workshops

**In Person Attendees: 550**

**SNF3:** 18 January 2020: 'Development Practice and Institution Building'

Announcement of 2019 Remittance Figures by Central Bank of The Gambia

7 Sessions including 5 Thematic Workshops

**In Person Attendees: 440**

**SNF4 (Online):** 8 and 9 January 2021: 'Looking Back, Moving Forward'

Announcement of 2020 Remittance Figures by Central Bank of The Gambia

6 Sessions including 4 Thematic Workshops

**In Person Attendees: Not Applicable / Online Event**

**SNF5:** 8 January 2022: 'Consolidating and Accelerating National Development'

Announcement of 2021 Remittance Figures by Central Bank of The Gambia

5 Sessions including 3 Thematic Workshops

**In Person Attendees: 380**

**SNF6:** 14 January 2023: 'Supporting Private Action for Public Benefit'

Announcement of 2022 Remittance Figures by Central Bank of The Gambia

5 Sessions including 3 Thematic Workshops on:

1. *Diaspora Development Fund (DDF): Enhancing Development Actions;*
2. *Diaspora Investment and Innovation: Supporting the Entrepreneurs;*
3. *Diaspora and Governance: Unfinished Business*

**In Person Attendees: 550**

**SNF7:** 13 January 2024: 'Innovation and Impact for Inclusive Development'

Featuring a Parallel Conference on Higher Education

Announcement of 2023 Remittance Figures by Central Bank of The Gambia

7 Sessions including 5 Thematic Workshops on:

1. *Diversifying Diaspora Investments and Issuing Diaspora-Targeted Bonds;*
2. *Improving the Development Impact of Tertiary and Higher Education;*
3. *Diaspora, Human Rights and the Implementation of the TRRC Recommendations;*
4. *Options and Frameworks for Innovation, Research and Partnership;*
5. *Action Points on the Nexus of Skills, Jobs, Migration and Development*

**In Person Attendees: 705**

**SNF8:** 11 January 2025: 'Diaspora, Jobs and Financing for Development'

Announcement of 2024 Remittance Figures by Central Bank of The Gambia

5 Sessions including 3 Thematic Workshops on:

1. *Implementation of Diaspora and Innovative Finance Initiatives;*
2. *Implementation of Ethical Migrant Labour Programmes;*
3. *Action Points on Financing for Development*

**In Person Attendees: 1,200**

**In Person Attendees 2018-2025: 4,225 People**

***SNFs are Livestreamed & Posted by Media Houses***