

GLOBAL DIASPORA WEEK

“COLLECTIVE DIASPORA IMPACT IN THE CONTEXT OF GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP”:

8th-14th December 2023

Executive Summary

From 2021 onwards, the GDC aims to organize a week of global activities for Diaspora Organizations (DOs) across six continents. Every year, the week provides more opportunities to achieve the ambitions of the Global Diaspora Assembly. We name this the 'Global Diaspora Week'.

The Global Diaspora Week (GDWeek) provides a unique platform for DOs to engage, exchange ideas, and showcase their initiatives, further solidifying the sense of unity and collective purpose within the diaspora community and consists of a week-long series of events. These events not only celebrate the diversity and achievements of DOs, but also lay the foundation for deeper connections and collaborations that extend beyond geographical boundaries.

This year, GDWeek will combine various events organized for diaspora organizations and stakeholders interested in DOs' activities, including:

- **Global Diaspora Forum** as an advocacy platform aims to facilitate the sharing of best practices and lessons learned on overcoming challenges during partnership development for diaspora actors to better achieve their shared objectives, including the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and the Global Compact for Migration (GCM).

When:

8th December 2023 – Oceania (8am - 10am GMT/UTC)

Europe (5pm - 7pm GMT/UTC)

9th December 2023 – Asia (7am - 9am GMT/UTC)

Africa and Middle East (1pm - 3pm GMT/UTC)

10th December 2023 – South America (5pm - 7pm GMT/UTC)

North and Central America and Caribbean (8pm - 10pm GMT/UTC)

- **Diaspora Training Toolkit – Pilot Training Meeting** aims to pilot one of the module trainings from Diaspora Training Toolkit to enhance the DOs knowledge, capacities and skills to engage and contribute to sustainable development programmes, initiatives and actions in the countries across the migration cycle.

When:

12th December 2023, 2pm - 3.30pm GMT/UTC

- **3rd Annual Humanitarian Meeting (incl. Global Diaspora Humanitarian Hub Training)** presents its strategic plan in response to DOs' priority needs (Coordination, Capacity Building, Fundraising, and Advocacy), enabling GDC to achieve its 3S strategy (Synergize, Systemize, and Sustain) in the humanitarian field and addressing pressing humanitarian challenges. In addition, GDC will introduce capacity-building opportunities through DEMAC's programmes and discuss the

development of a standard Global Diaspora Humanitarian Hub entry training that meets the needs of diaspora organizations working in humanitarian assistance.

When:

13th December 2023, 3pm - 4.30pm GMT/UTC

- **Young Diaspora Leaders Talks** initiative seeks to provide a platform for young individuals from various diaspora organizations to share their ideas, journeys, and insights on the issues of building partnerships at the local, regional, and global levels.

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- **Global Diaspora Academy** aims to facilitate the exchange of knowledge among diaspora organizations, empowering them to engage in more impactful and effective activities in the future. This year during the GDWeek 2023, diaspora organizations are encouraged to organize capacity building activities for their communities throughout the duration of the event.

When:

8th- 14th December 2023

- **Global Diaspora Assembly** holds significant importance ever since its inception as the concluding day of the GDWeek. It serves as a gathering for leaders of diaspora organizations, international development and governmental sectors, and other diaspora stakeholders. The primary goal of the Global Diaspora Assembly (GDAssembly) is to provide a platform for DOs and diaspora sector supporters to engage in high-level dialogue, share feedback from the GDWeek, and collectively address the challenges and opportunities that diaspora communities face worldwide.

When:

14th December 2023 - UTC/GMT: 2pm - 3.30pm

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Concept Note

Background

The global impact of diaspora is diverse and influential, spanning across various sectors that contribute significantly to positive change and development worldwide.

The Global Diaspora Confederation (GDC) operates on the belief that true empowerment stems from the ability to create impact. As such, GDC's primary role is to empower its member diaspora organizations (DOs), equipping them with the necessary tools, resources, and support to continually generate positive change within their communities and societies at large. By fostering an environment of collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and capacity-building, GDC aims to cultivate a community of dynamic and impactful DOs who are at the forefront of transforming lives and shaping the world.

The Global Diaspora Week (GDWeek) consists of a week-long series of various events organized for and by diasporas. GDWeek provides a unique platform for DOs to engage, exchange ideas, and showcase their initiatives, further solidifying the sense of unity and collective purpose within the diaspora community. These events not only celebrate the diversity and achievements of DOs, but also lay the foundation for deeper connections and collaborations that extend beyond geographical boundaries.

This year, GDWeek will combine various events organized for diaspora organizations and stakeholders interested in DOs' activities, including:

- High level assembly bringing together a variety of DOs and stakeholders (GDAssembly)
- 6 Continental Forums (GDForums)
- Capacity building activities by Diaspora Organizations (GDAcademy)
- The 3rd Annual Humanitarian Meeting
- A GDC-IOM Joint Workshop on the Diaspora Training Toolkit
- Talks by young diaspora Leaders
- And many other sessions organized worldwide by the DOs themselves.

SCHEDULE OF GLOBAL DIASPORA WEEK 2023

Opening ceremony

8th December 2023

7am GMT/UTC



The GDWeek 2023 Opening Ceremony will consist of a pre-recorded video of key-note speakers from GDC and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), welcoming all participants and encouraging them to actively participate in the week's events. The video will be posted on GDC's [website](#) and reshared via social media channels.

Global Diaspora Forums

8th, 9th, 10th December 2023¹

One of the key strengths of the continental forums lies in their ability to connect people from diverse backgrounds, cultures and regions within the continent. In regards to Diaspora Organizations, the continental forums are represented by the communities dispersed across the globe but bound by the common heritage and common goals. Participating at continental GDForums will allow the Diaspora Organizations to bring a unique perspective, drawing from experiences and insights of their communities across different continents.

Goal: As the major advocacy platform for diaspora organizations, the world's first Global Diaspora Forum (GDForum) will highlight the impact of constructive collaboration between diaspora organizations and their partners. Additionally, the GDForum aims to facilitate the sharing of best practices and lessons learned on overcoming challenges during partnership development for diaspora actors to better achieve their shared objectives, including the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and the Global Compact for Migration (GCM).

Topic: The thematic framework for GDForum 2023 will be based on SDG17 (Partnerships for the Goals) and GCM19 (Create conditions for migrants and diasporas to contribute to sustainable development in all countries fully) to recognize diaspora organizations as valuable partners for SDG acceleration.

When: 8th December 2023 – Oceania and Europe Continental GDForums

9th December 2023 – Asia and Africa and Middle East Continental GDForums

10th December 2023 – South America and North and Central America and Caribbean GDForums

Format: Six online events divided by continents between 8th and 10th December 2023.

Registration: via [registration form](#) on GDWeek website.

Panelists/Speakers: This opportunity is open to all Diaspora Organizations however preference will be given to GDC members. Representatives of DOs will be selected as speakers after the GDForum application process. A maximum of 2 keynote speakers from GDC's Board and IOM representatives will open with 20 DOs' representatives (2-3 min per speaker) for every continent over the six continental hearings of the GDForum.

Guests/Attendees: Diaspora organizations and individuals, all interested stakeholders (International organizations, governmental representatives, NGOs, development and humanitarian actors).

¹ See agenda in Appendix 1.



GDForum's impact: The GDForum serves as an advocacy platform for DOs to share experiences, practices, expertise, challenges and needs. It also facilitates networking among DOs and other stakeholders and, as a result, **opens the doors for potential partnerships, collaborations and joint initiatives**. The event increases diaspora visibility, builds solidarity by embracing diversity, and amplifies diaspora voices through the global representation of DOs and the support of diaspora partners, stakeholders and donors.

Diaspora Training Toolkit - Pilot Training Meeting

12th December 2023²

Within the framework of the IOM-UNDP Global Programme on Making Migration Work for Sustainable Development, IOM is developing a comprehensive training toolkit for diaspora organizations to enhance their knowledge, capacities and skills to engage and contribute to sustainable development programmes, initiatives and actions in the countries across the migration cycle. It is expected that the toolkit can be further adapted to national, local or project contexts and used for specific trainings organized by IOM and its partner organizations, including governments and specialized training institutions.

When: 12th December 2023
2pm - 3.30pm GMT

Goal: To empower diaspora organizations through skill-building, knowledge transfer and collaborative learning, strengthening DOs' capacity to contribute effectively to community development and sustainable initiatives.

Format: Online training session of one of the modules from the Diaspora Training Toolkit.

Registration: Via [registration form](#) on GDWeek website.

Participants: Diaspora organizations' representatives, diaspora communities and diaspora individuals.

3rd Annual Humanitarian Meeting (incl. Global Diaspora Humanitarian Hub Training)

13th December 2023³

Background

The GDC will host the 3rd Annual Humanitarian Meeting with the support of IOM, DEMAC, and key stakeholders to summarize its collaborative efforts with DOs on diaspora engagement in humanitarian assistance in 2023.

² See agenda in Appendix 2

³ See agenda in Appendix 3.



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Goal: The primary goal of the meeting is to share with all stakeholders, including DOs, a summary of GDC's activities over the past year with humanitarian diaspora organizations. This year, the Global Diaspora Humanitarian Hub⁴ will present its strategic plan in response to DOs' priority needs (Coordination, Capacity Building, Fundraising, and Advocacy), enabling GDC to achieve its 3S strategy (Synergize, Systemize, and Sustain) in the humanitarian field and addressing pressing humanitarian challenges.

As part of a three-party cooperation with IOM and DEMAC and in addition to the meeting, GDC will introduce capacity-building opportunities through DEMAC's programmes and discuss the development of a standard Humanitarian Hub entry training that meets the needs of diaspora organizations working in humanitarian assistance.

Key Objectives:

- Welcome new members of the Global Diaspora Humanitarian Hub;
- Summarize GDC's past humanitarian activities and the publication of the Global Diaspora Humanitarian Hub's Strategic Implementation Plan on DOs' Engagement;
- Announce the collaborative opportunities in humanitarian assistance with IOM and DEMAC;
- Introduce and conduct a consultation on the Global Diaspora Humanitarian Hub Entry Training.

When: 13th December 2023

3pm-4.30 GMT/UTC

Registration: Via [registration form](#) on GDWeek website

Format: Online

Participants:

meeting: diaspora organizations, partners, stakeholders, individual experts.

training: open to all Diaspora Organizations

Young Diaspora Leaders Talks

8th - 14th December 2023

The global diaspora community comprises diverse individuals, each with unique stories, experiences, and perspectives. The Young Diaspora Talks initiative seeks to provide a platform for young individuals from various diaspora organizations to share their ideas, journeys, and insights on the issues of building partnerships at the local, regional, and global levels.

Objective: The main aim of the Young Diaspora Talks is to spotlight the voices and narratives of young diaspora representatives, to inspire change and celebrate the contributions of diaspora youth to a global

⁴The *Global Diaspora Humanitarian Hub* is a global humanitarian initiative developed by Global Diaspora Confederation (GDC) with support from IOM for Diaspora Organizations (DOs) around the world, to network, disseminate information and access resources for the development of global diasporas and their communities in Humanitarian Assistance.



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community. Speakers will share their experiences, ambitions, and innovative ideas, providing a novel outlook on the challenges and opportunities that local, regional and global partnership can bring.

Format: The Young Diaspora Talks will consist of pre-recorded videos of the young diaspora leaders, each delivering a speech of 5-10 minutes. Their talks can be centered on personal stories, lessons learned, and ideas for addressing global issues.

Selection process: The GDC will extend invitations to young diaspora leaders with whom it has established connections, to participate in a pilot project aimed at preparing for the upcoming edition of the Young Diaspora Summit. The detailed guidelines and proposed topics for the talks will be provided to the speakers.

Outcomes: The Young Diaspora Talks aim to achieve the following results:

- Inspire individuals within and outside diaspora communities to engage young people in the partnership development and decision-making processes;
- Raise awareness about positive diaspora contributions to sustainable development;
- Encourage the diaspora communities to share their innovative ideas and solutions that have the potential to become implemented in other diaspora communities;
- Foster connections and collaborations among diaspora youth with the potential to create a network for shared learning and impact.

Global Diaspora Academy

8th - 14th December 2023

Goal: The primary goal of the GDAcademy is to provide educational and skill development opportunities for key leaders of diaspora organizations, communities and supporters to foster personal growth, professional advancement, and community empowerment. GDAcademy aims to facilitate the exchange of knowledge among diaspora organizations, empowering them to engage in more impactful and effective activities in the future.

This year during the GDWeek 2023, diaspora organizations are encouraged to organize capacity building activities for their communities throughout the duration of the event. More importantly, these activities will set an example to inspire many more DOs to organize their future capacity building activities. With a straightforward event application process, DOs can select their own topic and hold their events online, in-person, or hybrid. The events' outcome will potentially be accepted to exhibit at the Global Diaspora Expo that is planned to be organized by the GDC.

When: 8th-14th December 2023

Who can organize: Open to all Diaspora Organizations signing up their activities as GDAcademy side events.

Participants/target group: Diaspora Organizations' representatives, diaspora communities, diaspora stakeholders.

Guidelines for organizations of GDAcademy event:



[Application form](#) to register the GDAcademy event to be conducted during the GDWeek 2023.

Format: online, offline, hybrid

Suggested activity for GDAcademy:

- A networking event to invite career mentors to meet with diaspora student communities.
- A workshop to teach diaspora members how to make healthy meals.
- A roundtable for HR expats to share practices on equality, diversity and inclusion.
- A dinner to promote cultural awareness.
- A language school session for young diasporas to practice their learned languages.
- An evening for diaspora professionals to meet with students wishing to gain experience in the diasporas' country of origin.
- A seminar with asylum seekers on living in the host country.
- An online peer-to-peer meeting to discuss the ongoing challenges and innovative solutions of how DOs operate their humanitarian work.
- A session to present the diaspora training toolkit for diaspora organizations.
- An hour of training on fundraising and grant writing.
- A young diaspora influencer talk organized by a DO on effective communication and use of social media.
- Brainstorming session on building community cohesion within a city.
- Diaspora exchange on potential fundraising opportunities to support specific issues desperately needed for the country of origin or host country.

Global Diaspora Assembly

14th December 2023⁵

The Global Diaspora Week is a week of global and local activities for and by Diaspora Organizations across six continents. The GDAssembly holds significant importance ever since its inception as the concluding day of the GDWeek. It serves as a gathering for leaders of diaspora organizations, international development and governmental sectors, and other diaspora stakeholders.

Goal: The primary goal of the Global Diaspora Assembly (GDAssembly) is to provide a platform for DOs and diaspora sector supporters to engage in high-level dialogue, share feedback from the GDWeek, and collectively address the challenges and opportunities that diaspora communities face worldwide. GDAssembly encourages participants to reflect on the achievements and lessons learned, while also setting strategic goals and action plans to further the global diaspora organization sector and make recommendations on subjects pertaining to diaspora and their supporting communities.

When: 14th December 2023 - UTC/GMT: 2pm – 3.30pm

Timings in other time zones:

Pacific Standard Time (GMT-8): 6am – 7.30am

⁵ See the agenda in Appendix 4.



Eastern Standard Time (GMT-5): 9am - 10.30 am

Ecuador Time (GMT-5): 9am - 10.30am

Brasilia Time (GMT-3): 11am - 12.30pm

UTC/GMT: 2pm – 3.30pm

Central European Time (GMT+1): 3pm - 4.30pm

West Africa Time (GMT+1): 3pm - 4.30pm

East Africa Time (GMT+3): 5pm - 6.30pm

Türkiye Time (GMT+3): 5pm – 6.30pm

India Standard Time (GMT+5:30): 7:30pm - 9pm

Japan Standard Time (GMT+9): 11pm - 12.30am

New Zealand Time (GMT+13): 3am – 4.30am (15th December)

Participants: Global leaders from diaspora organizations, international organizations, governmental institutions, diaspora supporting organizations and research centers, other diaspora stakeholders and the private and third sectors.

Registration: Sign up via this [link](#)

Format: Online, offline, hybrid

Appendix 1. Global Diaspora Forum Agenda

GDForum 1

Draft Agenda for Oceania continent

| <i>Time (GMT)</i> | <i>Friday 8th December 2023 0800 – 1000 GMT/UTC Australian Eastern Daylight Time: 7pm-9pm (GMT+11); New Zealand Time: 9pm-11pm (GMT+13)</i> |
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| <i>8:00 am – 8:05 am</i> | <i>Welcoming participants - GDC Secretariat</i> |
| <i>8:05 am – 8:15 am</i> | <i>Opening remarks (keynote speakers)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Felix Amoako Boampong, Board Member, Global Diaspora Confederation</i><i>Sarah Lou Arriola, IOM Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific</i> |
| <i>8:15 am – 8:25 am</i> | <i>Agenda Forum Overview and Introduction to the session “Diaspora hearings”</i> |
| <i>8:25 am – 9:05 am</i> | <i>Diaspora hearings on their experiences in building partnerships</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Ephraim Osaghae, Director, Multicultural Professional Bridge (Australia)</i><i>Salut Muhidin, Vice President for PR, Indonesian Diaspora Network (IDN) Global (Australia)</i><i>Pefi Kingi, Founder, PacificWin Pacific</i><i>Ema Tora Vueti, President, Pacific Islands Council QLD Inc.</i><i>Johanna Pitman, CEO, Advance Global Australians (Australia)</i> |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tofa Amanda Moors Mailei and Bronwyn Williams, Co-Founders and Co-Chairs, Australian Pasifika Educators Network (Australia) • Loau-Donina Va'a, Chair, Pacific Women's Professional Business Network (Australia) • Dr Remi Yusuf, Chair, Council of Nigerian Association Presidents in Australia (Australia) |
| 9:05 am – 9:20 am | Continental Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing Remarks from Stakeholder Representatives e.g. government, humanitarian actors, NGO, Private Sector |
| 9:20 am - 09:30 am | Q&A |
| 9:30 am - onwards | Networking Session |

GDForum 2

Draft Agenda for Europe continent

| Time (GMT) | Friday 8th December 2023 1700 – 1900 GMT/UTC Eastern European Time: 7pm-9pm (GMT+2) |
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| 5:00 pm – 5:05 pm | Welcoming participants - GDC Secretariat |
| 5:05 pm – 5:15 pm | Opening remarks (keynote speakers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kazeem Ojoye, Board Member, Global Diaspora Confederation • Ola Henrikson, Regional Director of IOM's Regional Office for the EEA, the EU and NATO |
| 5:15 pm – 5:25 pm | Agenda Forum Overview and Introduction to the session "Diaspora hearings" |
| 5:25 pm – 7:05 pm | Diaspora hearings on their experiences in building partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abiodun Odunuga, Co-Founder, Friends of Nigeria (FON) Europe • Martin Russell, Founder, Global Diaspora Insights (Ireland) • Andra-Lucia Martinescu and Ms. Catalina Moisesescu, Co-Founders, Diaspora Initiative (Luxembourg) • Shahid Nadeem, President, Austria-Pakistan Association (APA) (Austria) • Saheed Sokunbi, President/ Founder, Nigerian Scholars in Germany (Germany) • Enayat Modasser, Head of Programmes/Ex Chairperson, Association of Afghan Healthcare Professionals - UK (UK) • Lirim Krasniqi, Co-Executive Director, GERMIN (Republic of Kosovo) • Fridah Ntarangwi, Managing Director, Zidicircle (Netherlands) • Penelope Kopala, Vice President, UK Federation of Chinese Professionals (UK) • Vartan Marashlyan, Director/Co-Founder, Repat Armenia Foundation (Armenia) • Victoria Căpățici, Co-Founder & Outreach Coordinator, Diaspora Connect • Anila Smørgrav, President, French-Albanian Association "Albania" (Albania) |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ahmad Wali Ahmad Yar, Secretary General, Network of Afghan Diaspora Organisations in Europe (Belgium) • Violeta Moskalu, CEO, Global Ukraine Foundation, Ukraine • Russell Dalgleish, Chair, Scottish Business Network (UK) (pre-recorded video) • Toluwani Akaehomen, Founder, HerGenuityAfrika (Ireland) • Ioana Dragos, Member, Diaspora Civica Berlin (Germany) • Dorina Baltag, Founder, Noroc Olanda (Netherlands) • Walter May, Founder & CEO, GlobalWelsh (UK) • Patrycja Koziel, Project Coordinator, Foundation for Migrants Good Start in Memory of A. G. Farah (formerly Foundation for Somalia) (Poland) |
| 7:05 pm – 7:20 pm | Continental Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sonila Hysi, General Director, National Diaspora Agency (Albania) • Katherine Fitzpatrick, Honorary Consul for South West Ireland, British Embassy Dublin |
| 7:20 pm - 7:30 pm | Q&A |
| 7:30 pm - onwards | Networking Session |

GDForum 3

Draft Agenda for Asia continent

| Time (GMT) | Saturday 9th December 2023 0700 –0900 GMT/UTC Türkiye Time: 10am-12pm (GMT+3); Japan Standard Time: 4pm-6pm (GMT+9) |
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| 7:00 am – 7:05 am | Welcoming participants - GDC Secretariat |
| 7:05 am – 7:15 am | Opening remarks (keynote speakers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ekanath Khatiwada, Board Member, Global Diaspora Confederation • Dejan Keserović, Head of the Governing Bodies Secretariat, International Organization for Migration (IOM) |
| 7:15 am – 7:25 am | Agenda Forum Overview and Introduction to the session “Diaspora hearings |
| 7:25 am – 8:35 am | Diaspora hearings on their experiences in building partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shaher Abdullateef, Director, Syrian Academic Expertise (SAE) • Sara Gawhary, Founder and CEO, Women's Empowerment Research Association (Afghanistan) • Musa Aziz, Director of Program Development, INSAN Foundation for Research and Media (Canada) • David Kpondhou, President, Africa Diaspora Network Japan (Japan) • Imamudin Hamdard, Founder & Executive Director, Afghanistan Studies & Cooperation Center e.V. (Afghanistan) • Aimeerim Tursalieva, President, Swiss Kyrgyz Diaspora (Kyrgyzstan) • Justina Obaoye-Ajala, President, African Diaspora in China Network (China) |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachana Shrestha, Executive Director, Mahila (Nepal) • Gaisu Yari, Project Director, Afghan Voices of Hope Project (USA) • Aitolgon Boronbaeva, Executive Director, Stowarzyszenie "Danaker" diaspora of women from Kyrgyzstan in Poland • Sanjeev Joshapura, Executive Director, Indiaspora (USA) |
| 8:35 am – 8:50 am | Continental Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing Remarks from Stakeholder Representatives e.g. government, humanitarian actors, NGO, Private Sector |
| 8:50 am - 09:00 am | Q&A |
| 9:00 am - onwards | Networking Session |

GDForum 4

Draft Agenda for Africa and Middle East continent

| Time (GMT) | Saturday 9th December 2023 1300– 1500 GMT/UTC West Africa Time: 2pm-4pm (GMT+1); East Africa Time: 4pm-6pm (GMT+3) |
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| 1:00 pm – 1:05 pm | Welcoming participants - GDC Secretariat |
| 1:05 pm – 1:15 pm | Opening remarks (keynote speakers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Luiza Soares, Vice-Chair, Global Diaspora Confederation • Aissata Kane, Senior Regional Adviser for Sub-Saharan Africa, International Organization for Migration (IOM) |
| 1:15 pm – 1:25 pm | Agenda Forum Overview and Introduction to the session “Diaspora hearings |
| 1:25 pm – 2:25 pm | Diaspora hearings on their experiences in building partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Matsvai, CEO, Zimbabwe Diaspora Nation Building Initiative (ZDNBI) • Dean Mulozi, Executive Director, Zambian Diaspora & Migration Foundation (Zambia) • Mirana Rajoharison, Co-Founder, Alefa Diaspora (Madagascar) • Nadine Loza, Founding Director, Egypt Diaspora Initiative (Egypt) • Abdulrazak Abubakar, President, National Association of Nigerian students South Africa (South Africa) • Bashir Obasekola, Continental Chairman, Nigerians in Diaspora Organisation Europe (Nigeria) • Hani Mohamed, Executive Director, Restore Somalia Foundation (Canada) • Maureen Duru, Founder / Director, The Food Bridge vzw (Belgium) • Rediate Tekeste, Founder and Executive Director, Ethiopian Diaspora Fellowship (USA) • Dr Lizzie Bronte, Founder/CEO, Just Like You Global Foundation (Cameroon) |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nahid Benani, Communication Officer, #Diasporavote! (Belgium) |
| 2:25 pm – 2:45 pm | Continental Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Einstein Ntim, Diaspora Engagement Lead, Diaspora Affairs Office of the President, Ghana Raphaël Capony, Head of Diaspora Programme, DRC Civil Society Engagement, Denmark Iveren Itoikaa, Diaspora Partnership Manager, ASHOKA, Nigeria |
| 2:45 pm - 2:55 pm | Q&A |
| 2:55 pm - onwards | Networking session |

GDForum 5

Draft Agenda for South America continent

| Time (GMT) | Sunday 10th December 2023 1700 – 1900 GMT/UTC Ecuador Time: 12pm - 2pm (GMT-5); Brasilia Time: 2pm - 4pm (GMT-3) |
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| 5:00 pm – 5:05 pm | Welcoming participants - GDC Secretariat |
| 5:05 pm – 5:15 pm | Opening remarks (keynote speakers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maria Dolores Delgado Cartay, Board member, GDC Marcelo Pisani, Regional Director for South America, International Organization for Migration (IOM) |
| 5:15 pm – 5:25 pm | Agenda Forum Overview and Introduction to the session “Diaspora hearings |
| 5:25 pm – 6:25 pm | Diaspora hearings on their experiences in building partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Juan Pio Hernandez, Executive Director, Plan País (USA) Juan Carlos Viloria Doria, Vice President, Venezolanos en Barranquilla (Colombia) Julián Ferrín, Vice President, Pro Venezuela e.V. (Germany) Tomás Páez, President, Observatorio de la Diáspora Venezolana Vladimir Paspuel Revelo, President, Asociación Rumiñahui (Spain) Itzel Cuevas Yáñez, President, Red Global MX - Belgium (Belgium) Dianela Arroyo Fernandez, Chairwoman of the Commission for Women, Migrant_innenbeirat der Stadt Freiburg (Germany) Prof Wael Al-Delaimy, Chair of the Board of Directors, Society for Advancement of Science and Technology in the Arab World (SASTA) (USA) William Adrian Clavijo Vitto, Director, Coalition For Venezuela (Colombia) |
| 6:25 pm – 6:40 pm | Continental Closing Remarks |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • César Alejandro Vargas Lopez, Founder, EU-LATIN BUSINESS FORUM (Belgium) |
| 6:40 pm - 6:50 pm | Q&A session |
| 6:50 pm - onwards | Networking Session |

GDForum 6

Draft Agenda for Northern and Central America and the Caribbean continent

| <i>Time (GMT)</i> | <p><i>Sunday 10th December 2023</i> <i>2000– 2200 GMT/UTC</i></p> <p>Eastern Standard Time: 3pm-5pm (GMT-5); Pacific Standard Time: 12pm-2pm (GMT-8)</p> |
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| 8:00 pm – 8:05 pm | Welcoming participants - GDC Secretariat |
| 8:05 pm – 8:15 pm | Opening remarks (keynote speakers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michaël Fontaine, Board Member, Global Diaspora Confederation • Michele Klein Solomon, Regional Director for Central and North America and the Caribbean, International Organization for Migration (IOM) |
| 8:15 pm – 8:25 pm | Agenda Forum Overview and Introduction to the session “Diaspora hearings |
| 8:25 pm – 9:55 pm | Diaspora hearings on their experiences in building partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sabir Majumder, President, AGAMI inc (USA) • Raymond Soussa, CEO, Transparently Lebanese (Canada) • Marianna Elizabeth Tretiak, National Advocacy Committee Chair, Ukrainian National Women's League of America (USA) • Firmin Backer, President, HRA (USA) • Omolayo Nkem Oyudo, Director of Programs and Operations, African Diaspora Network (USA) • Sonia M. Wignall, CEO, Diaspora Global Foundation (USA) • Patience Key, President and CEO, Nigerians in Diaspora Chamber of Commerce (USA) • Zebunisa Jilani, President and Founder, Swat Relief Initiative (USA) • Elizabeth Ngonzi, Founder / CEO, The International Social Impact Institute® (USA) • Sihana Bejtullahu, Co-Executive Director, GERMIN, Kosovo • Gordan Jordanov, UMD Macedonia and Europe Director, United Macedonian Diaspora (USA) • Molina Jean-Louis, Executive Vice President, National Alliance for the Advancement of Haitian Professionals (USA) • Kate Kandiah, Founder and Director, Cayman Connection (UK) • Djibril DIALLO, President and CEO, African Renaissance and Diaspora Network, Inc (USA) • Natalia Nemyliwska, Director EPIC, Ukrainian World Congress (USA) • Rodolfo R. Pou, Chairman, Diaspora & Development Foundation (Dominican Republic) |



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| 9:40 pm – 9:55 pm | Continental Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His Excellency Calvin St Juste, Honorary Special Envoy for Investment of St. Kitts and Nevis • PHILIPPINE CONSULATE GENERAL New York, USA • Aleksandr Gevorkyan, Henry George Chair in Economics, St. John's University (USA) |
| 9:55 pm - 10:05 pm | Q&A |
| 10:05 pm - onwards | Networking session |

Appendix 2. Diaspora Training Toolkit

Draft Agenda

| Time (GMT) | 12 th December 2023 1400 – 1530 GMT/UTC |
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| 2:00 pm – 2:05 pm | Welcoming – GDC Secretariat |
| 2:05 pm – 2:20 pm | Welcoming and introduction to the Diaspora Organisation Training Portal - Leon Isaacs – CEO, DMA Global |
| 2:20 pm – 2:30 pm | High level findings from the Needs Assessment - Sarah Hugo – Senior Consultant, DMA Global |
| 2:30 pm – 3:10 pm | Training session on ‘Towards Financial Sustainability’ - Sarah Hugo – Senior Consultant, DMA Global Francine Dove, Regional Manager, Africa, DMA Global |
| 3:10 pm – 3:30 pm | Feedback / Q&A - Leon Isaacs – CEO, DMA Global |
| 3:30 pm – 3:35 pm | Closing the session – GDC Secretariat |

Appendix 3. 3rd Annual Humanitarian Meeting

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| Time (GMT) | 13 th December, 2023 1500 – 1630 GMT/UTC |
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| 3:00 pm – 3:05 pm | Welcome – Humanitarian Team (Team H), GDC Secretariat |
| 3:05 pm - 3:10 pm | Progress on Diaspora Organizations’ Efforts in Humanitarian Assistance and summary of GDC work in 2023 - Tanya Romero-Soriano, Project Management Lead, Global Diaspora Confederation |
| 3:10 pm – 3:25 pm | Keynote speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Abigail Maristela, Unit Lead of the Diaspora Engagement Unit at IOM in Washington DC |



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| 3:25 pm – 3:40 pm | Introduction to the Global Diaspora Humanitarian Hub’s 2030 Strategy – Elnura Omurkulova-Ozierska, Assistant Event Manager, Global Diaspora Confederation |
| 3:40 pm – 3:45 pm | Closing remarks - Raphaël Capony, Head of Diaspora Programme, Danish Refugee Council |
| Global Diaspora Humanitarian Hub Entry Training | |
| 3:45 pm – 3:50 pm | Welcome – Humanitarian Team, GDC Secretariat |
| 3:50 pm – 4:20 pm | Introduction to Humanitarian Trainings – Béatrice Mauconduit and Sofia Jarvis, DEMAC Coordinators |
| 4:20 pm – 4:30 pm | Discussion on the formats of the Humanitarian Hub entry training and Next Steps - IOM |

Appendix 4. Global Diaspora Assembly

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| Time (GMT) | 14 th December 2023 1400 – 1530 GMT/UTC |
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| 2:00 pm – 2:05 pm | Welcome – GDC Secretariat |
| 2:05 pm – 2:25 pm | GDC Progress and Summary of GDWeek 2023 – Peter Kwok, Chair, Global Diaspora Confederation Closing Remarks for GDWeek 2023 – Ms. Ugochi Daniels, Deputy Director General for Operations, International Organization for Migration |
| 2:25 pm – 3:10 pm | Global Panel by Diaspora Organizations from six continents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction – DO Moderator • Summary from Continental GDForums – DO leaders from six continents Panelist 1: Oceania Panelist 2: Europe Panelist 3: Asia Panelist 4: Africa Panelist 5: South America. Tomás Páez, President, Observatorio de la Diáspora Venezolana Panelist 6: Northern and Central America and Caribbean • Summary from GDAcademy events held during the GDWeek – DO leaders |
| 3:10 pm – 3:15 pm | The Future Plan for Young Diaspora Summit |
| 3:15 pm – 3:25 pm | Q&A Session |
| 3:25 pm - 3:30 pm | Closing Remarks of the Global Diaspora Assembly - Peter Kwok, Chair at Global Diaspora Confederation |