



OACPS Diaspora Engagement Platform for Development



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Introduction: Diaspora-Led Development

- Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) Secretariat and Diaspora Engagement Platform for Development

Goal: Facilitate formal collaboration and elevated partnerships between the OACPS governments and the Diaspora

- Knowledge exchange of policies and programs
- contribute to **UN Sustainable Development Goals**, enhance South-South and Triangular **Cooperation**, as well as the **UN International Decade for People of African Descent**



Significance of the Platform

- Political priority of engaging the Diaspora across member states
- Diasporas as **reliable** development partners and largest aid contributors

The Platform would support governments of member states to mainstream the Diaspora-driven development into national development plans in a manner that is tangible, significant and measurable.



Niche of the Platform

- **Innovative Facility** devoted to strengthening the interface between research, policy, and practice
- **Targeted** solutions to migration policy issues
 - migration management
 - integration of refugees and asylum seekers
 - migration to support development
- **Formalizing mechanisms** for states to exchange knowledge on engaging Diaspora
- **Strengthening the capacity** of the OACPS states to consult on Diaspora and development



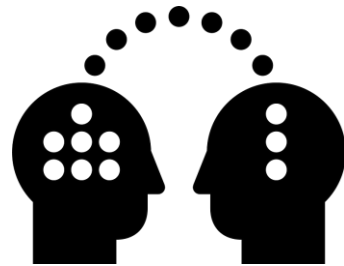
Achievements

- **Officially launched** at the Diaspora Forum, in Luanda, Angola, on December 7, 2022, on the margins of the 10th Summit of OACPS Heads of State and Government
- **6 consultation meetings** on Diaspora engagement
- **Strategic Plan** for the Platform (2023-2025)
- Flagship project for the Platform (2023-2025) to strengthen OACPS' institutional capacity



Focus of the Platform: Technical Facility

- **Convening** and promoting South-South government level regional consultations
- **Intra-regional exchange** on Diaspora engagement
- **Peer-to-Peer learning** among the Diaspora Focal Points
- **Knowledge exchange** between experts and newcomers in the field
- **Facilitating** consultations between states and Diaspora
- **Documenting** best practices of states for knowledge sharing



Looking Forward: Future Work of the Platform

- **Organize** regional, inter-regional and international level consultations across OACPS states
- **Institutional Capacity Building** for OACPS Diaspora Focal Points through training, coaching, mentoring and consultancy services
- **Peer-to-Peer South-South learning** in workshops and seminars
- Convene **trust-building meetings** between Diaspora and governments
- Showcase best practices of policies and programmes for all OACPS governments

