

Enabling and Enhancing Diaspora Contribution to Development and Job Creation

ADVOCACY AND NEGOTIATION

Training Programme: 12th June 2018

09:00 – 09:30	REGISTRATION AND COFFEE
09:30 – 09:40	Welcome Address and Context of Project and Training Workshop
09:40 -10:00	Sierra Leone Policy Process, Challenges, opportunities – Think Tank
10:00 – 10:20	Government's commitment to Diaspora Engagement Policy by Office of Diaspora Relations, Office
10:20- 11:20	What is Policy The different definitions, meanings, general and contextual usages of the term 'advocacy': the meaning of Diaspora advocacy in the context of international development; who are the advocates, on whose behalf are they advocating for and who are they trying to influence.
11:20 – 12:15	What is Advocacy Specific themes, topics and policies relevant to diaspora and international development advocacy; existing advocacy activities; common and standard strategies and techniques of advocacy; framework for Diaspora innovation in advocacy practice.
12:15 – 12:20	Break
12:20 – 13:30	How to Influence Policy Discussions on: influencing, negotiations and brokering; partnership and alliance building; facilitation of change.
13:30- 14:15	LUNCH
14:15-15:15	How to Produce Advocacy Action Plans SWOT analysis of advocacy concepts and practices; discussions on structuring and managing advocacy campaigns; discussions on optimising the factors of success for diaspora advocacy.
15:15- 16:00	Discussions and Q & A's Opportunity for attendees to raise general and specific issues and questions on diaspora advocacy; completion of feedback and evaluation form.
16:00 – 17:00	COFFEE BREAK and NETWORKING

DIASPORA NETWORKS

Agenda: 13th June 2018

08.30 – 09.00:	Registration and Tea Break
09.00 – 09.30:	Introduction to Diaspora Networks
09.30 – 10.00:	Keynote Speech: ADE DARAMY Sierra Leone Diaspora Network
10.00 – 10.45	Lessons learned in network-building – experiences from AFFORD
10.45 – 11.15:	COFFEE BREAK
11.15 – 12.30: (75 minutes)	<p>Panel Discussion: Building Sierra Leone’s Future: opportunities in Sierra Leone. <i>Taking inspiration from keynote speaker, and current business and investment trends discuss how their innovative work is transforming communities in Sierra Leone. Exchange ideas and interact with diverse stakeholders.</i></p> <p>Developing Partnership for Development and Job creation Discuss the need to create an ecosystem that is unique, efficient, innovative, and sustainable for Sierra Leone.</p> <p>Building capacity for economic transformation that will harness the strength of Sierra Leone Diaspora. How can Sierra Leone leverage diaspora’s training to enhance development and job creation?” How can we practically catalyse shared value and transformative public-private capital investments to accelerate development and job creation for sustain the growth of Sierra Leone?</p>
12.30 – 13.30: (45 minutes)	<p>Action planning to build the Network: Breakout Sessions The aim of this session is to develop concrete action plans for development of different elements of network building taking into consideration short, medium and long term. Opportunities and challenges for Diaspora Opportunities for Diaspora skills transfer</p>
13.30 – 14.30	LUNCH
14.30 – 15.30 (60 minutes)	<p>Action planning to build the Network: <i>The aim of this session is to develop concrete action plans for development of different elements of network building.</i> <i>Report Back from Groups</i></p>
15.30 – 15.45 (15 minutes)	Next Steps: Partner roles and actions
15.45 – 16.00:	Closing Remarks: Coffee and Networking

REDUCING THE COSTS OF REMITTANCES TO SIERRA LEONE

Agenda: 14 June 2018

08:30 – 09:00 (30 minutes)	Registration, Tea & Coffee
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome Address
09:10 – 9:40 (30 minutes)	Setting the Context – Remittance Overview, volumes, cost, facts – Lessons from the Remittance Factsheet.
9:40 – 11.05 (85 minutes)	Response to Factsheet: Perspective of remittances- experiences and challenges Lead discussants (<i>Bank of Sierra Leone, Remittance operators, Fintech, Mobile Money, Commercial Bank, Diaspora, Remittances recipient, and Afro International</i>)
11:05 – 11:15 (10 minutes)	Tea break
11:15 – 12:00 (45 minutes)	Sierra Leone Action Plan on Remittances within the next 12 Months on the following topics 1. Actions by the Industry: What new actions should MTOs take to reduce transaction costs to less than 3% by 2020? 2. Actions by the diaspora and their relatives: How should the diaspora change their remittance behaviour in order to enhance development impact 3. Actions by the Government: what regulatory and operational priorities should governments implement to achieve the 3% target by 2020?
12:00 – 12:45 (45 minutes)	Feedback in forum and discussions
12:45 – 13:00 (15 minutes)	Closing Remarks: Coffee and Networking