



O-REMIT NEWSLETTER - JAN 2024

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Welcome to this third edition of the O-REMIT newsletter! The following exciting topics will be broached:

- O-REMIT's plan for 2024
- O-REMIT investment training for African diasporas
- Remittances news
- Where can you find our team?
- O-REMIT's anonymous survey on remittances in Arabic!

O-REMIT's plan for 2024



African diasporas' investment training

Our 2024 investment training starting soon (*you can still apply, see more information below!*) will offer the opportunity to all African diasporas in Belgium to become trained investors and invest in green small and medium enterprises in Morocco, Senegal and/or the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Data collection and analysis

The end of our data collection efforts is in sight. Next month, we will start conducting **group consultations** on remittances with diverse diasporas in Belgium. Through these discussions, we will gather information on the obstacles of remitting from Belgium, and how to tackle them in order to offer better options for remitters. The results of these discussions will complement the data collected through our **survey on remittances**, which will remain open for responses (*see more information in the newsletter below*).

The results will be used to a) understand the remittances habits and behaviors of diasporas in Belgium, b) identify the information gaps regarding remittances options in Belgium, c) conceptualize informative workshops for diasporas in Belgium and for recipients of remittances in Morocco, Senegal and DRC, d) advocate for lower remittance costs.

In the following weeks, we will also release our **research reports** with quantitative information on remittance flows and costs from Belgium to 20 countries.

Awareness Raising Campaign

Our team has launched an informative campaign on social media to enlighten everyone on what are remittances, what they represent in Belgium, their impacts on the countries of origin, and so much more! Follow us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [IOM LinkedIn](#) and [O-REMIT LinkedIn](#) to follow our campaign.

Following the same logic, O-REMIT will organize informative workshops

O-REMIT's angel investment training for the African diaspora: EXTENDED DEADLINE



The deadline to participate in our angel investment training to invest in Morocco, Senegal and/or DRC has been extended! **Apply on the following link before 31 January 2024, 23:59 CET:**

- [In English](#)
- [En français](#)

Here is a preview of small and medium enterprises you will be able to invest in - ***scan the QR code for more insights on the enterprises!***



MUPO is Africa's first think-and-do tank with a positive social impact, dedicated to the circular economy and the regeneration of corporate waste. MUPO helps organizations to better understand and integrate these collaborative practices. It is these practices that enable companies to take their place in alternative consumption activities. In today's markets, no organization can ignore the importance of collaboration to continue innovating and differentiating itself.



IDYR is a Moroccan brand that revives the traditional Boucherouite weaving technique and its values through the creation of ethical, sustainable and modern fashion accessories, 100% handmade. IDYR's aim is to design and manufacture products for everyday use that respect the environment and the social conditions of the craftsmen. To achieve this, IDYR collects waste from large clothing and textile factories, then uses these unwanted, clean materials to create beautiful products made by local artisans, such as handbags, rugs, clothing and cushions.



Awab Bio Foods is a Senegalese company dedicated to improving and maintaining the health and well-being of all. Awab Bio Foods offers over fourteen varieties of 100% natural, certified organic juices, as well as a host of other products. The brand is particularly attentive to everyone's needs, and offers its products with or without sugar. The company's products can be delivered anywhere in Senegal, making them accessible to all.



DyDy Africa is a Senegalese company specializing in agri-food production, processing and marketing local African products that are 100% natural and preservative-free. The company specializes in ready-to-use and ready-to-cook products such as curdled milk, yogurt, cheese, meat, peanut paste, thiaky, thiéré, araw, and juices (bissap, ginger, bouye). DyDy Africa aims to promote and enhance local consumption, and enable women to better combine family and professional life.



Need more info before applying? Click [here](#).

Remittances News



[Diaspora Remittances Reach Unprecedented Heights in Senegal, Morocco, and DRC](#)

Exciting news for Senegal, Morocco, and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)! According to a recent article on Jeune Afrique, the diaspora is making history by sending an unprecedented amount of money back home.

The article highlights the substantial increase in remittances to these African nations, emphasizing the positive impact on their economies. Discover more about this significant development and the potential it holds for the future. Read the full article [here](#).

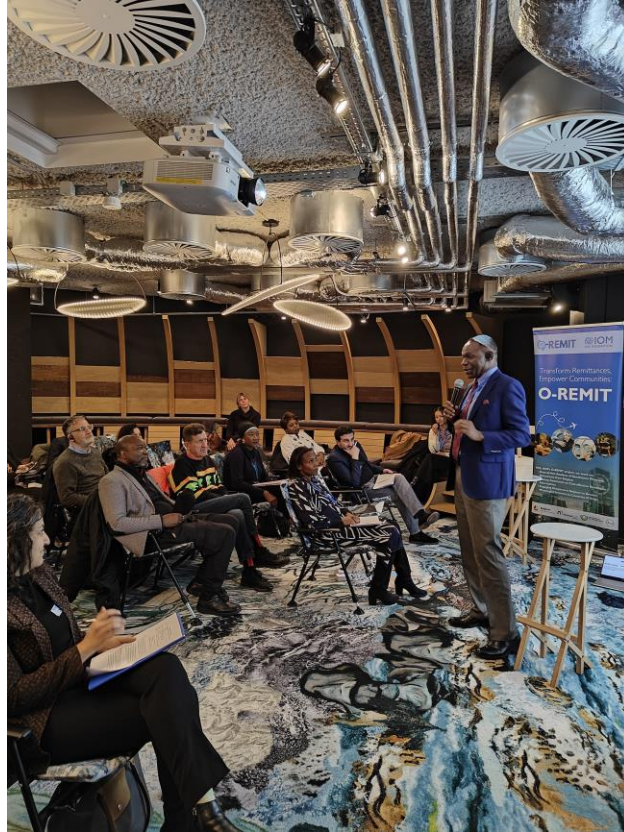
Where can you meet our team?



You missed us at...

[ZidiCircle's New Years Reception](#)

On Friday, January 12th, we were thrilled to join our esteemed partner, ZidiCircle, for a captivating New Year's reception. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of the Ambassador of Kenya, representatives from the embassies of Senegal and Morocco and our steadfast diaspora organization partners, that we would like to thank for their enduring collaboration. Engaging discussions illuminated the profound influence of diasporas in shaping the realms of investment and entrepreneurship in Africa. At the heart of delightful conversations, we explored the dynamic impact of diasporas, fostering innovation and collaboration in the pursuit of a brighter future.











You'll find us at...

[Credassur's New Year's Reception](#)

What? Networking event

When? January 19th 2024, 18:00 - 22:30 CET

Where? Hôtel Hilton, Rue Gineste 3, 1210, Bruxelles

Theme: Investing in Africa

Investing in Senegal: African Diasporas' opportunities through O-REMIT

What? Informative event co-organized by the Observatoire des Sénégalaise de la Diaspora (OSD), the Association des Sénégalais et Sympathisants de Belgique (SENEBEL) and the Collectif des Sénégalais d'Anvers (COSA)

When? January 27th 2024, more details to be confirmed.

Where? To be confirmed, *stay tuned!*

Theme: Diaspora's investment in Senegal

Survey available in Arabic!



Good news! We finally developed our survey on remittances in [Arabic](#)! Feel free to share it with your network or anyone who might prefer to share their insights with us in Arabic.

You prefer to fill out the survey in **English**? Click [here](#).

Liever de enquête in het **Nederlands** invullen? Klik [hier](#).

Vous préférez remplir l'enquête en **français**? Cliquez [ici](#).

¿Prefiere responder a esta encuesta en **español**? Haga clic [aquí](#).

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