## Diaspora engagement

With over 20 years of experience, IOM Belgium and Luxembourg is aware of the importance to establish links and to engage with diaspora communities as powerful actors of development and change. The expertise, commitment, knowledge and skills of diaspora make it essential for our office to give the diaspora a prominent place by including them in the development and implementation of all of our projects.



The office implements IOM's 3E strategic approach, which aims at enabling, engaging and empowering diaspora. With a designated Diaspora Focal Point, IOM Belgium & Luxembourg aims to guarantee that inclusiveness is part of every implemented project.

PROJECT EXPERIENCE IOM BE - LUX

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2001 - 2012 2012 - 2015 MIDA & MEDMA

- Mobilize resources from diaspora communities in Belgium for sustainable development of Great Lakes region,
- Transfer of competencies and knowledge in health, rural development and education sectors

2018

Mapping Rwandan diaspora

diaspora in Western
Europe
Understanding
conditions and
factors necessary to
engage diaspora in
the country's
development

Mapping Rwandan

Strengthen the role of 11 African diaspora women's associations located in Belgium as effective agents in the development of their country of

origin

Women4Dev

Academy

2019 Outreach Mauritanian diaspora

Outreach to and meeting with highly qualified Mauritanian diaspora residing in Belgium in the framework of "Support to Circular and Temporary Migration of the Mauritanian Diaspora" project

2019 - 2022 Rwandan Diaspora Engagement projects

Engaging highly skilled diaspora professionals in Belgium and Europe for capacity building of:

- Professors and students in TVET sector through trainings of trainers
- Professionals in
   Health sector and
   skills transfer
   activities to local
   medical practitioners

2022 Projects and

Diaspora Advisory
Board

activities

- Diaspora Insights
   Podcast series
- Albanian Diaspora Engagement Project ARISE-ALL

2023 -2024

O-REMIT

- Offer cost-effective alternatives for remittances and opportunities for investment of savings
- Project development and ad hoc support

Diaspora Dishes Podcas



Our activities with & by the diaspora are often embedded in our projects. We also exchange knowledge and information with the diaspora communities and we have developed a number of tools to give more visibility to diaspora initiatives.

VISIT OUR WEBPAGE



- Podcast
- Highlight the valuable work of diaspora and discussing various topics of interest
- >>> Search for us on YouTube



 Place of cooperation and co-creation between diaspora members and IOM



- Biannual newsletter
- Sent to +500 key actors
- Platform for interaction IOM diaspora



- Ad-hoc support to and partnerships with diaspora
- Supporting other IOM offices



- Extended contact list
- Pool of speakers for events
- iDiaspora-platform
- MigApp (remittances)

