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"As a Nigerian professional living in the Netherlands, I fully understand the huge potential the Netherlands have to offer in strengthening and supporting Nigeria towards achieving the United National Sustainable Development Goals."

Stanley (Nigeria)



About IOM

Established in 1951, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is the leading intergovernmental organization on migration. IOM is dedicated to promoting humane and orderly migration for all. IOM has 174 member states and more than 15,000 staff members worldwide.

IOM offers expert advice, research, technical cooperation and operational assistance to States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders, in order to build national capacities and facilitate international, regional and bilateral cooperation on migration matters.

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Connecting Diaspora for Development (CD4D2) through Knowledge Transfer

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PROMOTING THE ACTIVE ROLE OF DIASPORA IN DEVELOPING THE CAPACITY OF SELECTED INSTITUTIONS

TIMELINE: 1 JULY 2019- 30 JUNE 2023

OUR PROJECT PRINCIPLES

- demand driven
- knowledge and skill transfer
- short term assignments
- close cooperation
- partnerships between countries and institutions

COUNTRIES AND SECTORS

- ★ IRAQ: Migration Governance, Education, Health
- NIGERIA: ICT, Health, Agriculture
- SOMALIA: Local Governance, Rule of Law, Water, Private Sector Development



"There are so many possibilities for sustainable development in Somaliland, everyone is curious and future-oriented"

Zuhur (Somaliland)

WHAT CAN DIASPORAS BRING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT?

Diaspora members with strong ties to their country of origin are excellent actors for sustainable development because of their expertise, cultural affinity, language skills and strong commitment. They build bridges between their countries of origin and the Netherlands.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- internship opportunities in partnership with Somali diaspora experts
- next exchange visits to the Netherlands
- © CD4D Ambassador campaign to make diaspora engagement more visible

"CD4D
enables me to
contribute to the
well-being of future
generations"
Soza (KRI)



HOW DOES IT WORK?

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We have identified key sectors and host institutions in each focus country. We respond to the needs of countries of origin. Based on the needs of host institutions, we post vacancies for short-term assignments in focus countries on our website.

Diaspora experts apply for an assignment, and we match them with the host institutions. Host institutions select a suitable candidate. We offer a pre-departure course to selected diaspora experts. The course covers methods to transfer knowledge and ensure a sustainable impact

Diaspora experts share their knowledge with host institutions during either physical or virtual assignments. IOM arranges the assignments, covers logistical costs, and provides daily

The diaspora experts report their achievements to IOM. An external project evaluation is done to ensure a sustainable impact.

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