



## **Professor Gibril Faal FRSA, OBE, JP**

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Prof Gibril Faal is a multi-disciplinary business and development executive. He is a visiting professor in practice at London School of Economics, and vice chair of Bond – the platform of UK NGOs working on international development. He is the founding director of ADEPT (Africa-Europe Diaspora Development Platform), and the co-founder and director of GK Partners – a UK company that specialising on socially responsible business models, social enterprise, development finance and programme implementation. In 2003, he founded RemitAid™ to transform remittances into a sustainable form of development finance. For a decade, he served as chairman of AFFORD – a charity that pioneered concepts and practices on enhancing the role of diaspora in development. He has been a senior associate of the Foreign Policy Centre since 2007. Whilst working on a Department of Trade and Industry project from 2001, he was one of the small team that developed a social enterprise business support framework in the UK. He serves as technical expert in the consultations and negotiations for the UN Global Compact on Migration. On 19 September 2016, Gibril was amongst the global leaders who spoke on 'International Cooperation' at the UN Summit for Refugees and Migrants. In 2017, he became chair of the Entrepreneurship & Circular Migration Committee of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) Business Mechanism, and was grand rapporteur of the 10<sup>th</sup> GFMD Summit. In 2015, he was co-moderator of GFMD Common Space between government and civil society. In 2014, he was co-chair of GFMD Civil Society Days. In 2013, he delivered keynote addresses at the UN General Assembly at sessions of the High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development. In 2014/15, Gibril was a special adviser at the State Chancellery of the Moldovan Prime Minister's Office, and drafted the Moldova Diaspora Strategy 2025.

Since 1998, Gibril has accepted several ministerial appointments for various public functions, made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretary of State for International Development, the Lord Chancellor, and the Home Secretary. In October 2015, he gave evidence to the House of Commons International Development Committee, on the role of the private sector in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals – having been involved in the SDG and Financing for Development (FFD) negotiations. Gibril sat on the boards of DFID's Global Poverty Action Fund (GPAF) and the EC-UN Joint Migration and Development Initiative (JMDI). He was a lecturer on The Open University's MSc on Global Development Management and external evaluator of COMPAS, University of Oxford. In 2004, he was appointed a Justice of the Peace and part-time magistrate and in 2014 was appointed OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to international development, having been nominated by DFID. Gibril studied at five universities in London and has a Combined Bachelors Honours degree in Law, Finance and Management, postgraduate degrees in Development Studies and Environmental Sciences, and professional qualifications in Economic History, Policy Studies, Urban & Transport Management, Environmental & Quality Management, Ethical, Community-Development & Islamic Finance. He has delivered 100s of keynote speeches and presentations at conferences and forums around the world.