

IDM 2013: Diaspora Ministerial Conference

June 18 – 19, Geneva

Agenda

1. Why a Diaspora Ministerial Conference (DMC)?
2. Why now?
3. What will the DMC do?
4. Who should attend?
5. State of preparations

Why a Diaspora Ministerial Conference?

1. **Ministerial** - Key decision-makers: importance of subject & timing
2. **Important potential** of diasporas to **support development** –
Growing recognition by stakeholders
3. **Positive socio-economic role** of diaspora communities –
Growing recognition by origin and residence governments
4. **Identify common aims: Countries of Origin & Residence** –
Common ground: diaspora talents & resources benefit all

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Why now? (I)

Developments in countries

Last ten years - **growing government interest and activities:**

- ❑ **Ministers/State secretaries** appointed (30+)
- ❑ **Governmental bodies** responsible for diaspora engagement (50+)
- ❑ **Inter-govt. & parliamentary committees** coordinating executive & legislative
- ❑ **Legislative and regulatory frameworks** to facilitate diaspora engagement
- ❑ **Diaspora-centred Institutions** – engage at home and abroad
- ❑ **Tailored programmes for diasporas** as development actors

Why now? (II)

Developments on the international stage

- ❑ **UN HLD** on Int. Migration & Development, October 2013
- ❑ **Follow-up to ICPD (2014)** - examination of population dynamics
- ❑ **Post-2015 Development Agenda** – gathering of inputs

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What will the Conference do? (I)

- ❑ **Identify and share:**
 - best practices
 - lessons learned
 - global initiatives
- ❑ **Gather recommendations**

for stakeholders' effectiveness in policy, research & operations
- ❑ **Create connections:** ministers & top officials working on diasporas
- ❑ **Inform** the *2013 HLD on Migration and Development* on engaging the diaspora for development.

What will the Conference do? (II)

4 Discussion Topics – Diaspora Relationships

Diasporas & States

- Citizenship
- Human Rights
- Well-being

Diasporas & Societies

- Definitions & data
- Building capacity and trust
- Sharing a common agenda
- Contributions to where they live

Diasporas & Crises

- Migrants stranded in crises
- Role in post-crisis recovery

Diasporas & Development

- Social remittances
- Diaspora bonds
- Banking

What will the Conference do? (III)

IOM 3E: Diaspora Action Framework

ENGAGE

Reach Out & Understand

Mapping

Migration profiles

Outreach & awareness

MOBILIZE RESOURCES

Socio-cultural
Human
Financial

ENABLE

Reduce Obstacles

Development planning

Migrant protection

Integration

EMPOWER

Initiate sustainable collaboration -
transfer of skills & resources, etc...

Returns - long-term, temporary and virtual

Remittance transfer mechanisms

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□ → **Members and Observers**

Invited as for usual IDMs

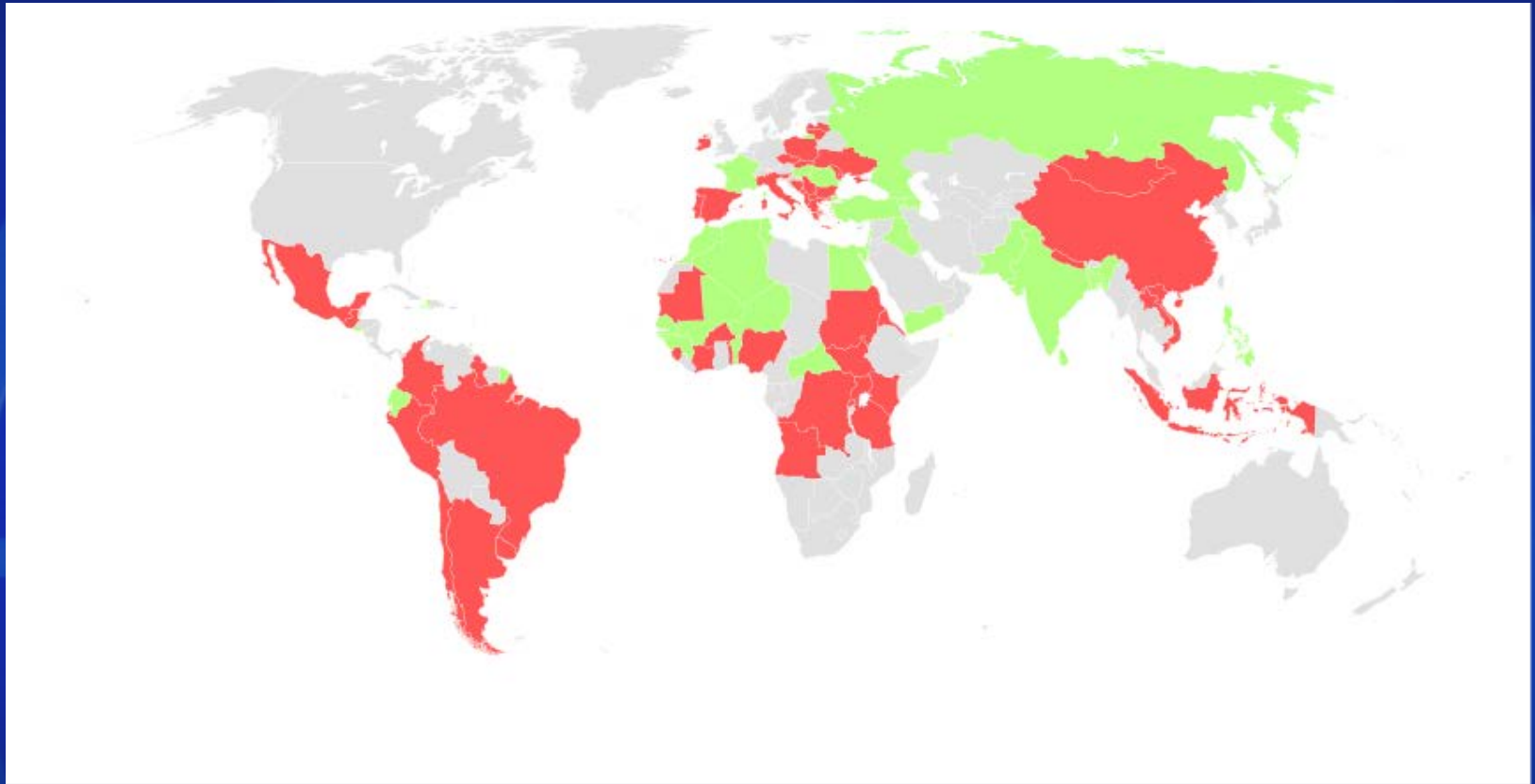
□ → **Speakers, Moderators and other Experts**

Diaspora ministers, senior officials and experts
working with or on diasporas & related issues

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Ministries and Institutions dealing with “diaspora” as of 9 April 2013



■ 34 Ministries

■ 50 Government Bodies/Institutions for Diaspora Engagement

Ministries Identified

Asia and the Pacific

- Bangladesh
- India
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Sri Lanka

Central, West and Southern Africa

- Benin
- Cape Verde
- Central African Republic
- Comoros
- Guinea
- Guinea-Bissau
- Mali
- Niger
- Senegal

Ministries Identified

Central and North America and the Caribbean

- Dominica
- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- Haiti

Europe

- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- France
- Georgia
- Hungary
- Romania
- Russia
- Turkey

Ministries Identified

Middle East and North Africa

- Algeria
- Egypt
- Iraq
- Israel
- Lebanon
- Morocco
- Tunisia
- Yemen

Participation: Where We Stand

- 7 January 2013
 - All IOM Members and Observers received invitation to participate in DMC through Perm. Missions in Geneva
- Jan/Feb/March 2013:
 - Ministers/State Secretaries received individual letters to participate as speakers
 - By 15 April, 16 Ministers confirmed their participation

Background Paper: Engage, Enable, Empower

- **Diasporas' resources**
 - Human, social, economic and cultural capital
- **Diasporas and societies**
 - Transnational nature
 - Knowledge and data
 - Outreach and communication
- **Diaspora communities and states**
 - Integration and citizenship
 - Migrants' well-being
 - Creating an enabling environment

Background Paper: Engage, Enable, Empower

- **Diaspora and Development**
 - Social remittances
 - Economic/financial contributions
 - South-south diasporas
- **Diasporas and crisis**
 - Potential of diasporas in/after crisis situations
 - Enhancing the role of diasporas (MCOF)
- **Conclusions**
 - 3Es framework

1. Background Paper

2. Annotated Agenda

1. Background Paper

- English: finalized
- French/Spanish: to be translated by end of April

2. Annotated Agenda

- To be finalized based on expressions of interest by Ministers during registration process on subjects to be discussed

Questions to Ministers

- **Engagement:**

- How to know your diaspora?
- Strategies to reach out and communicate?
- Knowledge management of diasporas settled in your country?

- **Enabling:**

- Experience in keeping diaspora linked with your country?
- Relations with countries where large portions of your diaspora are settled?
- Experience in maximizing economic potential of diaspora?

Questions to Ministers

- **Empowering:**
 - Experience in encouraging diaspora to invest back in your country?
 - Experience with skills/knowledge transfer?
 - What sectors could greatly benefit of the engagement of diaspora?
 - Experience in engaging diasporas in development cooperation programmes?
- **Crisis:**
 - What role for diasporas?
 - Framework to ensure diaspora in crisis situation?
 - Structures to engage diasporas in humanitarian aid?

Website

- To **enhance visibility** of DMC
- Repository for diaspora related projects
- Unites IOM publications/projects on migration and development (focus on diasporas)
- Initially, composed of
 - DMC related information
 - Link to relevant work on diasporas
 - Information on migration and development (IOM, UN, etc.)
- Expected **launch** of the website = early May

Briefing for Permanent Mission from States with confirmed Ministerial participation

Briefing on logistics and substantial issues

- 1st half of May



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