



## Diaspora Forum Development



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## INVITATION

### Information & Consultation Meeting on Remittances and Microfinance

The Diaspora Forum for Development (DFD) in cooperation with Oxfam Novib (ON) will conduct an information session on a migration and development project which aims at facilitating financial access for the families of migrants as well as reduce costs of remittances. The project, *Harnessing the Potentials of Migration and Development: Linking Microfinance Institutions and Immigrant Associations* is coordinated in partnership with the International Network of Alternative Financial Institutions (INAFI) and funded by the European Union. As part of the preparatory phase in each target country, information and consultation meetings are scheduled with migrant organisations, MTOs, MFIs, and other actors enabling remittance transfer. In this light, DFD and Oxfam Novib are happy to invite you to the Netherlands kick-off information meeting on:

**Friday 03 December 2010**

**18:00 – 21:00**

**The Hub Amsterdam (E-motive)**

**Westerstraat 187, Amsterdam**

#### Programme

- 18.30 Hall opens with light supper / registration
- 19.00 Welcome remarks: Santo L. Deng, DFD President
- 19.15 Presentation: Linking Migration with Development  
Introduction to the remittance project, Project Coordinators (Jean Pouit / Daniela Russo)
- 20.00 Q & A Session
- 20.45 Closing

#### Directions

12 minute walk from Amsterdam Central Station, near the Noordermarkt on Prinsengracht or take tram 13 or 17 to stop 'Westermarkt' and walk 5 mins or bus 18 or 21 to stop 'Marnixplein' and walk 3 mins.

#### Parking

Bike racks available for parking bicycles in the backyard. Metered parking is available on the street, except for Monday mornings and Saturdays when there is a street market

#### For more information

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#### Travel reimbursement

Transport costs of participants to the consultation meeting will be refunded

#### Target countries in Sub-Saharan Africa

Benin, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda

#### Target countries in Europe

Netherlands, Belgium, United Kingdom, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg

#### Overall Objective

The project is aimed at improving the capacity of immigrant associations based in ten EU countries to actively support the development of their countries of origin and to enable MFIs to facilitate the transfer of migrant remittances in a safer and cheaper manner.

#### Outputs

Provide technical assistance to ten MFIs based in 10 sub-Saharan countries to enable them to perform money transfers worldwide.

Develop and market remittance-based financial products and services, and other investment opportunities targeting potential individual migrants

Introduce financial services outreach program to immigrants and remittance recipients

Ten immigrant associations based in the EU, trained on how to carry out co-development projects in partnership with MFIs and other potential partners.

#### Key Operational Actors

Migrant associations, Microfinance institutions (MFIs), Policy makers, money transfer operators (MTOs).