

IOM-UNDP GLOBAL PROGRAMME ON MAKING MIGRATION WORK FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (PHASE III)



Peer Exchange Group: Diaspora Engagement
Topic: Grants for Diaspora Organizations
Co-lead: Republic of Moldova, Diaspora Relations Bureau

14th January 2022, from 14:00 to 16:00 CET
Connection details in invitation

Objectives:

1. Showcase concrete examples of grants for diaspora organizations from Programme countries and diaspora experts;
2. Identify key success factors and common challenges to managing grants for diaspora organizations and leveraging them for sustainable development;
3. Provide expert advice and guidance on diaspora grant management aspects (including management, grants process, selection criteria, roll-out, capacity development, monitoring).

About the Peer Exchange Groups (PEGs)

PEGs are opportunities to showcase your successes and learn from each other. They are continuous knowledge exchange and capacity development groups, open to all stakeholders (local and national governments, UN Agencies, civil society etc.). They aim to help you in your work by learning from other experiences and experts.

The Second Virtual Peer Exchange Group will showcase concrete examples of grants for diaspora organizations, act as a space to receive practical advice and ask questions to other experts in real time, with an end goal to also support the Republic of Moldova as they establish a grants programme of their own. Moldova's grant programme will support diaspora associations to carry out *socio-cultural activities that encourage Moldova's development* (more information forthcoming).

Diaspora often list funding and financial support as one of their greatest challenges for mobilization to support their home communities. Grants programmes are one way to overcome this. This discussion encourages peer-to-peer learning to improve current and future diaspora grants programmes, which will ultimately enable the global community to better capitalize on diasporas' wealth of knowledge and skills to support sustainable development in communities, improving wellbeing, services, governance & more. We invite any experts to partake in our [e-discussion](#), an online forum with guiding questions to gather insights from experts on diaspora grants to encourage peer exchange and learning outside of this event. *Please remember to sign up to the platform, as this is a private e-discussion.*

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Agenda – Peer Exchange Group on Grants for Diaspora Associations

Item	Time	Moderator
Welcoming remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief recap of comments made on e-discussion (see above) (TBC) 	5 min	Joanne Irvine, IOM
Presenting Moldova’s diaspora associations grant programme	20 min	Violina Donu, Moldova Diaspora Relations Bureau
Panel 1: Reactions from panellists to support Moldova with examples and good practices on facilitating grants for diaspora organizations <p><i>Learn about the design and approach of some existing grant programmes that support diaspora associations, and hear some potential tips and tricks for the establishment and implementation of grant programmes.</i></p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carine Nsodou – ADEPT Paul Asquith – AFFORD UK Philip Grant – Irish Abroad Unit, national government of Ireland Cristina Robu – Department for the Romanians Abroad, national government of Romania 	20 min (5 min per panellist)	Larisa Lara, IOM
Panel 2: Good practices and experiences with grant management <p><i>Each panellist above will be invited to respond to key questions from the moderator and share insights, tips and tricks, challenges and good practices for grant management at every stage of the grant cycle:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selection criteria and selection process Ensuring outreach and applications Monitoring the grants Building capacity of diaspora associations Collecting data, reporting and knowledge management 	20 min	Larisa Lara, IOM
Plenary discussion: Participants from the floor are invited to ask questions and provide further insights, advice and share their experience <p><i>This discussion will open the floor for any participant or stakeholder to share their own experiences and ask questions to any of the panellists. It is meant to be an informal exchange of ideas and thoughts.</i></p> <p>Possible interventions from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter Kwok – Global Diaspora Confederation Others TBC 	40 min	Moldovan diaspora expert (TBC)
Wrap-up of discussion	10 min	Moldovan diaspora expert (TBC)

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Closing remarks and planning for the next exchange	5 min	Violina Donu, Moldova Diaspora Relations Bureau & Joanne Irvine, IOM
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