



**Core Members of the MADE Working Group on Diaspora and Migrants in Development**

Name	Designation	Organisation	Country	Profile	Why MADE Diaspora and Migrants in Development Working Group is important?	Website
Bikash Chowdhury Barua	Chairman	BASUG - Diaspora and Development	The Netherlands	BASUG is a Diaspora organisation with its headquarters in the Netherlands with Special Consultative Status of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations. It is registered in the Netherlands, Germany and Bangladesh and has two more separate Chapters - in the U.K. and Italy. The organisation is active in Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal and four European countries. Its missions range from migration and development to empowering women, climate change, providing education to those who do not have access to the conventional education system, to strengthening the Diaspora advocacy movement.	BASUG believes in strengthening the Diaspora advocacy movement to bring forward the migrant agenda, nationally and globally as diasporas are the integral part of development. A strong Diaspora and Migrant Development Group through building strategic partnership and alliances will help take ahead the agenda.	<a href="http://www.basug.eu">www.basug.eu</a>
Efrain Jimenez	Executive Director	Federación Zacatecana	Mexico/US	Federación Zacatecana A.C. is a Mexican diaspora hometown association that has overseen over 60 investments - individual and collective enterprises - in Zacatecas and more than 400 social infrastructure projects financed by the Zacatecan Federation of Hometown Associations in Southern California.	For migrants it is difficult to maintain a close follow up on the projects they finance back in Zacatecas, Mexico and that is the main reason the board created Federacion Zacatecana A.C. on the Mexican side to oversee their projects, do the follow up, serve as a linkage with civil society, private sector and Governments at all level. Accountability and transparency has increased due to a permanent presence of the Migrant's organization members at the projects financed for job creation or for improving communities. Federacion Zacatecana A.C. is now the official linkage between civil Society, Governments and most Zacatecan Federations through the United States.	<a href="http://www.federacionzacatecana.com">http://www.federacionzacatecana.com</a> and <a href="http://www.fedzac.mx">http://www.fedzac.mx</a>
Estrella Mai Dizon Anonuevo	Deputy Executive Director	Atikha Overseas Workers and Communities Initiatives Inc	The Philippines	Atikha is a non-government organization that provides economic and social services to overseas Filipinos and their families in the Philippines. Atikha is involved in mobilising migrant resources towards local economic development. It provides capacity building to staff of local government, schools, cooperatives and migrant organisations in setting up One-Stop Migration Resource Centers, School based programs to address the social cost of migration, Training of Trainers on Financial Literacy for Overseas Filipinos and Families, Reintegration Counseling, and Social Entrepreneurship.	It provides a platform for sharing best practices as well as issues and challenges in implementing migration and development initiatives. It serves as a venue for policy advocacy and capacity building of the different migration stakeholders in implementing programs that engages migrants in philanthropy, investment and social entrepreneurship and contribute to local economic development.	<a href="http://www.atikha.org">www.atikha.org</a>
Mohammad Atiqun Nabi	Executive Director, INAFI Asia regional Office and Bangladesh Country Office	International Network of Alternative Financial Institutions (INAFI)	Bangladesh	INAFI Bangladesh Foundation is part of an international network with a focus on advancing progress of the local microfinance sector. The foundation's activities encompass capacity building of the microfinance NGOs/MFIs through tailor-made training, organising conferences, seminars, credit rating etc; conducting social researches, evaluations, reviews, etc.	The thematic working group's focus on the diaspora's role in job creation, investment and entrepreneurship is at the heart of INAFI Asia and Bangladesh, which sees migration and remittances as important tools for poverty alleviation. INAFI provides entrepreneurial and basic skills development training for family members of migrants and returnee migrants, and business development services (BDS). INAFI identifies three major issues to work on migration and development: Governance of Migration, Economic, and social development of the Migrants' family in the home country and diaspora investment for development. The existence of this working group and its activities enables us to come together with others to influence policies that helps us better support diaspora and migrants' contribution to development.	<a href="http://www.inafiasia.net/bangladesh_chapter.htm">http://www.inafiasia.net/bangladesh_chapter.htm</a>

Ndidi Njoku	Founder and Director	Markets4Development Ltd	UK	Markets4development is a UK company working with its global networks to facilitate social enterprise in Africa.	Diasporans and migrants are now integrated key actors in the international development arena and their contributions towards the development of their home and host countries are now largely recognised. This is partly due to the impact of Diaspora and migrant groups galvanising individual voices into coordinated strength and making these voices heard; and using a combination of direct experience in a number of development issues, to be effective across an array of economic, political and social issues. Diasporans and migrant groups are important in bringing these unique perspectives into the fora to enhance the development framework, partnerships and advocacy in international development.	<a href="http://www.markets4development.co.uk/index.html">http://www.markets4development.co.uk/index.html</a>
Robtel Neajai Pailey	Senior Researcher	International Migration Institute, University of Oxford	UK	Robtel is a Liberian academic, activist and author with over a decade of combined professional experiences in Africa, Europe and North America. She has consulted across a broad range of fields while supporting universities, governments, NGOs, regional and multilateral agencies. Robtel currently serves as a senior researcher at the University of Oxford's International Migration Institute (IMI), and her main areas of research expertise are migration, development, diasporas, transnationalism, citizenship, conflict, post-war recovery, and the political economy of aid, trade and remittances.	Diasporas and migrants are development actors who often serve as economic, social and political agents of change in their countries of origin and settlement. Through its work in advocacy and outreach, the Working Group on Diasporas and Migrants in Development demonstrates clearly that migration is part and parcel of broader transformation and change.	<a href="https://www.imi.ox.ac.uk/people/robtel-pailey">https://www.imi.ox.ac.uk/people/robtel-pailey</a>
Yera Dembélé	Chairman	Euro-African Solidarity Federation (FEASO)	France	FEASO is a social innovation laboratory, a consultation structure, coordination and exchange of experiences, skills and know-how rewarding Euro-African development actions. FEASO supports migrants projects including migrant entrepreneurs. Currently comprising 252 organizations, mostly involved with migrants in Africa and Europe, the Euro-African Solidarity Federation supports migrants on a daily basis throughout their integration processes, integration and development. Finally, FEASO conducts specific activities targeted at supporting youth organizations in civic activities, international solidarity and entrepreneurship.	The group Migration and development is important insofar as it is an ideal setting to celebrate, recognize and value the contribution of migration to the enrichment of the host countries and development of the country on a massive scale. Through the exchange of diverse and varied experiences and viewpoints, the group allows better visibility of development initiatives taken by the migrants themselves.	<a href="http://www.feaso.eu">www.feaso.eu</a> and <a href="http://www.feaso.org">www.feaso.org</a>