



The Republic of Mali and the Republic of Rwanda Cordially invites you to a:

GFMD Side Event

Lütfi Kırdar International Convention and Exhibition Center (ICEC), Istanbul, Turkey

Thursday, 15 October 2015, 18:00 - 19:00

From Engagement to Cooperation: Diaspora-Development in Africa and Europe

Speakers (*Names of speakers to be announced*)

Outline for the side event

Thousands of African migrants and refugees have died in the Mediterranean. This and the plight of Syrian refugees in Europe have generated intense negative headlines linking migration to crises. There is a risk that the gains made through GFMD, UNHLD and other processes are lost as policymakers and the public focus on short term migration emergencies. In response, there shall be an EU-Africa summit on Migration in Valletta, Malta in November 2015. This GFMD side event enables member states to look at the issue of migration crisis and Africa-Europe relations from the perspectives of migrants, diaspora and progressive socioeconomic development. This summit follows from the Diaspora-Development Dialogue in Valletta, Malta in May 2015 involving African and European ministers, diplomats and diaspora-development actors, organised by AFFORD/ADEPT.

The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and the European Commission has funded a multimillion Euro project for an Africa-Europe Diaspora Development Platform (ADEPT) for 84 countries (54 African and 28 EU countries, plus Switzerland and Norway), implemented by AFFORD and supported by ICMPD.



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