

Africa Centre Ireland's Development Engagement: Partnerships Beyond Traditional

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Determinant Factors for Collaboration between Irish Charities and Diaspora Organisations.

***First
Generation of
Diaspora***

***Second or
Subsequent
Generations of
Diaspora***

Perceptions of the Charity Sector of Diaspora Organisations

- a. ***Integration and Inclusion***
- b. ***Cultural Participation***
- c. ***Point of Contact***
- d. ***Specific Contributors of their national or cultural perspective***

Diaspora Communities Perception of the Charities

- a. ***Misrepresentation in Fundraising – Images and Messages***
- b. ***Difficult to Get Employment with the Charity Sector***
- c. ***Highly Paid Staff***
- d. ***Money Raised are Spent in Ireland Other Than Overseas***

Challenging the Public Perception of International Development and Promote More Inclusive Society?

- a. ***Diaspora Organisations Needs to be Supported Financially***
- b. ***Campaign Should also Addressed Inequalities in Trade Relations, Arms Trade Causing Conflicts, Tax Avoidances by Corporations and Charities***
- c. ***Charities Should Have Dual Mandate to also Campaign on Inequalities like Asylum System, Homelessness, Unemployment, Etc in Ireland.***

Role of Diaspora Organisations in the Realisation of Inclusive Development Both in Their Countries of Origin and in Irish Society?

In Countries of Origin

- a. Job Creation
- b. Informing Development Policy
- c. Community Development
- d. Campaign and Advocacy on Migration and Development



In Ireland

- a. Integration and Inclusion
- b. Informing Development Policy
- c. Advocacy and Campaign



Challenges Preventing Diaspora Organisations to Engage in Closer Cooperation with Irish and Other Diaspora Led Organisations and with Other Stakeholders?

- a. Underfunded**
- b. Differences in Agenda Between Diaspora Organisations and with Mainstream Organisations**
- c. Duplication of Activities, Especially Among Diaspora Organisations**

Opportunities Diaspora Organisations Have for Common Initiatives to Impact the Lives of Vulnerable Communities and Individuals in the Global South and in Ireland, Especially in our Current Pandemic Times?

Countries of Origin

- a. Better Understanding of the Culture and Language**
- b. Knows How The System Works**
- c. Have Contacts**
- d. Trust**

In Ireland

- a. Diaspora Knows What Their Communities Go Through From Personal Experiences**
- b. Highly Educated and Mostly in the Fields of Development**
- c. Multi-Lingual**

Conclusion and Way Forward

- a. Joint Activities Between Diaspora Organisations and Charities If It Is Thematic and Country Specific**
- b. Employment for Diaspora Members, Especially in Country Programmes**
- c. Partnership on Research Projects**
- d. Serve on Board and on Advisory Committees of Diaspora Organisations**
- e. Explore the Opportunities for a Merger**



Thank You

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