



ULPIANA FORUM

AGENDA

NOVEMBER 16, 17 & 18

Day 1	November 16th 2023
18:30 - 19:15	<p>Arrival of Guests <i>Location:</i> Kino ARMATA Brigada e Kosoves, Prishtina 10000</p> <p>The Ulpiana Forum is scheduled to commence with an evening program and networking reception starting at 7:00 PM. This inaugural opening, hosted by the MFAD at Kino ARMATA, promises an engaging start, featuring opening and welcoming remarks by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo and the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora, as well as a keynote presentation by Mr. Kingsley Aikins, Chief Executive Officer of The Networking Institute, exploring the rise of diaspora engagement within an increasingly complex and volatile landscape of international relations.</p> <p>Guests are advised to arrive between 18:30 and 19:00.</p>
19:15 - 19:30	<p>Winning 'Hearts and Minds' on Migration through Diaspora Engagement</p> <p>Welcoming Remarks</p> <p>H.E. Donika Gërvalla-Schwarz, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora, Republic of Kosovo</p> <p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>H.E. Albin Kurti - Prime Minister, Republic of Kosovo</p>
19:30 - 19:45	<p>Keynote Address Mr. Kingsley Aikins, Chief Executive Officer, The Networking Institute</p>
19:45 - 20:00	<p>The National Ensemble of Songs and Dances "SHOTA" Traditional and Folk Performance</p>
20:00 - 21:00	<p>Cocktail and Networking Event</p>

Day 2	November 17th 2023
09:00 – 09:30	<p>Registration and Coffee <i>Location:</i> Hotel Sirius, St. Agim Ramadani, Prishtina</p>
09:30 – 09:45	<p>Opening Remarks Conference Room Andromeda</p> <p>Ms. Liza Gashi - Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora, Republic of Kosovo.</p>
09:45 – 11:15	<p>Migration through Diaspora Engagement: A New Dimension for Diplomatic and Development Cooperation</p> <p>H.E. Donika Gërvalla-Schwarz - Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora, Republic of Kosovo H.E. Bujar Osmani - Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of North Macedonia Mr. Zdenko Lucić - State Secretary of Foreign and European Affairs, Republic of Croatia Mr. Artemis Malo, Deputy Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Republic of Albania</p> <p>Moderated by: Mr. Kingsley Aikins, The Networking Institute, Ireland</p>
11:15 – 11:45	Tea/Coffee Break
11:45 – 13:15	<p>From Policy to Practice: Successful Models in the Role of Government in Diaspora Engagement Conference Room Andromeda, Hotel Sirius</p> <p>This session will provide a space for different government representatives from around the world to showcase effective policies, programmes, or partnerships that they have developed in relation to diaspora engagement. Specific areas of action showcased will include public diplomacy, consular services, cultural heritage, language preservation, policy development, and other engagement terrains identified by panelists. It will provide a collaborative exchange of best practices and lessons learnt in how to effectively design and deliver impactful diaspora engagement, specifically in relation to the role of government. The ideas and insights shared in the session will be collated into a Diaspora Engagement Action Sheet which will be circulated to all participants in the rapporteur sessions and in the conference report.</p> <p>Panelist: H.E. Raj Kishor Yadav, Chairperson of the International Relations and Tourism Committee, Nepal Parliament Mr. Einstein Kofi Gyakari Baah Ntim, Office of the President of Ghana H.E. Stefano Stolfi, San Marino Abroad Communities, San Marino Ms. Ermina Lekaj Prljaskaj, Member of Croatian Parliament, Republic of Croatia</p> <p>Moderated by: Ms. Jehona Gjurgjeala, Founder and Executive Director, TOKA</p>
<p>Diaspora Data: Building Scale in Communications, Networking, and Outreach for Diaspora Engagement. Conference Room Ariga, Hotel Sirius</p> <p>This session will bring together leading experts working across issues of data collection, processing, and application within diaspora engagement. It will explore how traditional methodologies for such engagements are still important but are also coming under increasing transformation due to new communication and outreach tools driven by innovation in areas such as big data. It will discuss emergent data collection tools and explore how governments can best build scalable processes to access and apply robust data on its diaspora. Furthermore, it will explore the soft skills of effective diplomatic engagement of the diaspora as an enabler of such scale.</p> <p>Panelist: Ms. Dora Badu Acheampong, Ghana National Identification Authority, Ghana Mr. Elian Carsenat, Namsor, France Ms. Fridah Ntarangwi-Kimathi, Zidi Circle, Netherland Mr. Dániel Gazsó, Research Fellow, Research Institute for Hungarian Communities Abroad Ms. Sara Çela, Senior Specialist of Free Economic Zones, Foreign Investments and Diaspora, Albania Ms. Larisa Lara, Global Diaspora Expert, IOM HQ</p> <p>Moderated by: Mr. Taulant Hoxha, Executive Director of Kosovo Civil Society Foundation</p>	
<p>Digitalizing Diaspora: From A.I. to Networks of A&I. Conference Room Cassiopeia</p> <p>This session will consist of leadership across sectors exploring the ongoing innovation that is determining diaspora engagement in the digital age. It will explore how emergent tools and technologies are reshaping how governments can meaningfully engage their diasporas. The session will focus on how digital technologies in areas such as A.I., EdTech, FinTech, health, and others are providing new engagement pathways for governments, the private sector, civil society actors, and others to engage diaspora communities. It will also showcase how digital tools are creating new ways to access networks of affluence and influence across diaspora communities.</p> <p>Panelist: Ms. Eiman Kheir, Public Policy Manager/Diaspora Engagement, META Mr. Peter Kwek, Global Diaspora Confederation, UK Ms. Anila Hyka Smorghav, Coordination Council of Albanian Diaspora, France Dr. Jen Dickinson, University of Southampton, UK Mr. Egzon Gashi, Teach for Kosovo Initiative, USA</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Erblin Hoxha, Policy Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora, Republic of Kosovo</p>	
13:15 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 15:00	<p>Presentation Conference Room Andromeda</p> <p>Kosova's Diaspora Engagement Model: From Service to Engagement</p> <p>Ms. Liza Gashi - Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora, Republic of Kosovo.</p>
15:00 – 16:15	<p>Diaspora & the Humanitarian Development Peace Nexus: Generating Impact across Climate, Humanitarianism, Security, and Youth. Conference Room Andromeda</p> <p>This session will blend cross-sectoral leadership to develop a thematic analysis of the role of diaspora engagement in key areas of the HDPN to showcase how diasporas are meaningful connectors of commonality in issues of genuine global significance. It will identify key successes in engaging diasporas in addressing issues such as climate induced migration and climate change. Effective examples of diaspora engagement in areas such as peacebuilding, humanitarianism, and youth empowerment will be explored in the context of how they can provide new capitals to drive development action across the HDPN and to shape a more positive outlook on migration.</p> <p>Panelist: Ms. Anna Rostocka, Chief of Mission of International Organization of Migration Mr. Jason Gagnon, Senior Economist – Migration and Skills, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Mr. Lefteris Papagiannakis, Greek Council for Refugees Mr. Paul Asquith, Shabaka, UK Ms. Indira Kartalozli, Kaleidoscope Futures Lab, UK Ms. Ekanath Khatiwada, Non-Resident Nepali Association</p> <p>Moderated by: Ms. Albesa Aliu, Community Connector, Canada</p>
<p><i>Parallel Sessions</i></p>	

15:00 – 16:15	<p>Diaspora & Talent: A New Frontier for a Borderless Knowledge Economy. Conference Room Cassiopeia</p> <p>This session embraces the reality of talent mobility by bringing policy, industry, and research leaders together to explore how creative policy-based partnerships on mobility can be better served by diaspora engagement. It will also showcase successful models in networking and mobilizing diaspora talent to contribute to diplomatic and development cooperation. It will also identify the key challenges to overcome in effectively networking and mobilizing diaspora talent. Furthermore, it will examine the increasing importance of the private sector and other actors in diaspora engagement within the age of talent mobility.</p> <p>Panelist: Ms. Almaz Negash, African Diaspora Network, USA Ms. Johanna Pitman, Advance Australia, Australia Mr. Florian Krins, MEG Program, Head of Diaspora Cooperation Component, Germany Mr. Lirim Krasniqi, GERMIN, Republic of Kosovo Mr. Sunil KC, Founder of the Asian Institute of Diplomacy and International Affairs (AIDIA), Nepal</p> <p>Moderated by: Mr. Shkëndije Himaj, Diversified Finance Lead, DT Global</p>
<p>Diaspora & Economic Transformation: Delivering Through and Beyond Remittances. Conference Room Ariga</p> <p>In this session, leading experts will explore how to mobilize remittances more effectively whilst also showcasing effective practices and processes to attract other forms of diaspora economic capital for economic transformation. This will include instruments focused on diaspora investment, export promotion, diaspora marketing, diaspora philanthropy, and other areas of engagement to drive economic development both through and beyond remittances. It will also explore the rising significance of diaspora economic capital for local development as the significance of diaspora connectivity to a sense of place continues to increase.</p> <p>Panelist: Ms. Sonia Plaza, World Bank Organization, HQ, USA Mr. Calvin St Juste, Special Envoy for Investment of the Prime Minister of the Federation of St. Kitts & Nevis Mr. Martin Russell, Global Diaspora Insight, Ireland Ms. Deepali Fernandes, Expert in Trade, Finance, and Labour Mobility, Switzerland Mr. Alexander Albertine, Office of Economic Growth, USAID Kosovo Mr. Kushtrim Xhakli, Entrepreneur, Finland</p> <p>Moderated by: Ms. Sytrime Dervisholli, International Trade Expert</p>	
16:15 – 17:00	Tea/Coffee & Closing Remarks
	Return to Hotels
19:30	Pick-Up for Official UF Dinner for Invited Guests Only
Day 3	November 18th 2023
09:00 – 09:15	Meeting Point at UF Location
09:15 – 10:45	<p>Interactive Discussion on The Future of UF & UF Legacy Announcements Conference Room Andromeda</p> <p>Round Table with all speakers and partners</p> <p>This discussion is designed to be a collation of key findings from day one of the UF to help set out priority action areas for the immediate outcomes and future iterations of the UF. The discussion will be facilitated by the Master of Ceremonies and a representative of the MFAD to ensure that a targeted list of immediate outcomes and priority exchange topics are identified for future UF.</p>
10:45 – 11:30	<p>2030 Mediterranean Games Presentation Hosted by Prishtina, Republic of Kosovo</p>
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Cultural Excursion Visit of Ulpiana Archaeological Site Visit of the Children's Museum</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Light Networking Lunch & Departure to Hotels

