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**PROGRAMME OF WORK**

**Note by the secretariat**

1. This note serves to provide additional details about the Joint Consultative Meeting on African Diaspora: Migration and Economic Development (ADMED) that will take place in Rome on Friday 22 June and Saturday 23 June 2007. It introduces the organising parties, describes the meeting's context and purpose, and highlights the meeting programme's main elements.
2. The African Youth Foundation secretariat, with a view to facilitating the work of the Ad hoc Consultative Group of Implementation (CGI), has prepared a programme of work. The proposals remain the responsibility of the AYF and partners.
3. The secretariat has taken care in preparing the programme of work to ensure their complementarity. In this context, the programme of work includes some suggested orientations or areas of emphasis for the Group. These suggestions are put forward in an attempt to optimise the work of the Foundation. The CGI may give careful consideration to the work programme elements relating to those issues for which it and the secretariat shares responsibility.

**I. GENERAL ORIENTATION**

4. After a brief welcome and introduction to the consultative meeting during Session 1, organizers will outline their expectations of the consultative meeting.
5. For efficient participants' presentations, as well as the overall conclusions and recommendations towards the closing of the Consultative meeting, "**Consultative meeting rapporteurs**" will be nominated in the **morning of Day I**.
6. Representatives of organizations interested in showcasing success stories of Diaspora projects will be given the chance to present their cases.

7. The plenary discussion in **Session 2** (Challenges of returning Diasporas) will address the **general added value of the Joint meeting**. Assessing the present Diaspora contribution to both Africa and Europe, what are its perceived limitations? What are the major changes required to overcome these limitations most effectively? What should be the **'shared vision'** between the European host countries and Africa that will form the core of a probable new partnership?

8. **Session 3** will discuss **National Communications and Networking projects** and address the specific advantages that networks can offer to countries. Where can partners make a difference, and what are to be their different roles and tasks within the network? Are there synergies? How to improve complementarity?

9. The concluding plenary **Session 4** in the afternoon of Day II, the **general outcomes of and follow-up** of the Consultative meeting will be discussed. First, the Consultative meeting rapporteurs that were appointed on Day I will present their conclusions and recommendations. What should be the **role of partners in the implementation and monitoring of joint Diaspora networking projects? What will be the follow-up of the consultative meeting?** These recommendations will be integrated in the consultation process, to be taken into account in the deliberations of other major Diaspora project consultations and the next steps beyond.



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