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With less than two weeks left before the GFRID Summit, this is the final call to [register](#) and secure your participation, free of charge. Don't miss the opportunity to attend this Summit which will see global experts on remittances and diaspora investments come together to discuss the opportunities and potential to better leverage these flows for greater developmental impact.

Registrations close on Wednesday, 7 June

Summit highlights

27 sessions

89 speakers

400+
participants

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Day 1: Speakers



Global Forum on Remittances, Investment and Development

Summit 2023 Africa

Day 1 | Wednesday, 14 June



Opening of the day

Rescuing the SDGs by 2030: empowering one billion remittance family members



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Cooperation
European Commission



Dr. Patrick Ngunjiri NJOROGE
Governor
Central Bank of Kenya



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Specialist
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Inclusion and Digitalisation for
Migration (DIA)
United Nations Migration
Network



G20 Presidency

Harnessing the power of migrants: misconceptions and opportunities

RemiSCOPE: Remittances to and from Africa – market landscape 2023 and beyond



Pedro DE VASCONCELOS
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Almaz NEGASH
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Dare OKOUDJU
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Sarah HUGO
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The digital remittance revolution approaching 2030

Data and market intelligence as the basis for effective decision-making



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Leon ISAACS
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Angelo CIOGNA
Director, Migration, Remittances
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Veronica STRUSSGARD
Founder and Chief
SMTN



Robert MUDIDA
Director, Research
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Migrants' contribution to climate adaptation and resilience: towards a new paradigm?

Sustainability, stability and security in Africa: Remittances and diaspora investment for climate adaptation and ecosystem restoration



LOUISE BAKER
Managing Director
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United Nations Convention
to Combat Desertification
UNCCD



Steven WILSON
General Chair, Guest
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REMITTANCE TRACK - PARALLEL SESSION

DIASPORA INVESTMENT TRACK - PARALLEL SESSION

Central bank digital currencies, blockchain and cryptocurrencies in the remittance space: a reality check

Making diaspora investment market-oriented



Ahmed FARAGALLAH
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Financial Manager
Central Bank of Nigeria



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Head of Technology and
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Day 2: Speakers

REMITTANCE TRACK

*Opening of the Day
Remittance families: senders and recipients*

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Regional Director
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REMITTANCE TRACK

*Open Discussion
Impact of de-risking and the SDGs*

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Professor of Law
Erasmus University

Clu PEREIRA
Team Leader, Head
Partnerships
European Commission

John SYMINGTON
Director
Director & Risk
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*Financial inclusion at the sending side:
the digital breakthrough*

Kilian CLIFFORD
Senior Specialist, Regional
Economic and Economic
Development
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Miguel FERNANDEZ
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Danielle FRIGIERI
Director
Orange

Raphael GONJOWSKI
Chief Financial and Operations
Money Money

Thomas JUL
CEO
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REMITTANCE TRACK - PARALLEL SESSION

*Enabling environment
and financial inclusion*

Dr. S. Chief MOYO
Secretary General
Pan-Africanist Union (PAU)

Savings, credit and insurance for remittance families: a missed opportunity for market players?

Adje ASHAYE
Regional Head of Africa
Networks World Bank

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Vice President, Product
Development and
Business Operations
PwC

Amalath SANKSANA
Managing Director &
Head of Product
Digital Descriptions

Dr. Samuel TIBONGO
Director, Research and
Policy
Kenya Bankers Association

*Simplified customer due diligence and alternative IDs:
market applications and best practices*

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Africa, Money, Finance
Ecomark

Moses BANTURUKI
Business & Mobile
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Ecomark

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Head of Compliance
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Dr Raymond SHAZI
Managing Director
Financial Inclusion
South Africa, Standard
Bank

RECEIVING MARKETS, ECOSYSTEMS AND COUNTRY CASES - PARALLEL SESSIONS

*Linking financial services to remittances
Ghana and Uganda*

Jacob ABOAGYE
Head of Remittance
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Head of Africa Remittance
PwC Bank

Julius KAKETO
Managing Director and CEO
PwC Bank, Uganda

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*Digitalizing international remittances
Morocco and Senegal*

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RECEIVING MARKETS, ECOSYSTEMS AND COUNTRY CASES - PARALLEL SESSIONS

*Enabling rural people to access remittances
through SACCOs and fintech partnership - Kenya*

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IFAD Rural

Peter NJUGUNA
CEO
SACOA

Ronniea PULJUT
Country General Manager
Interwaste Kenya

*Tackling informal markets
The Gambia and South Africa*

Leonard MAKUVAZA
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Sibus BAH
Director
Digital Bank of
The Gambia

Kals ROZE
Director, Mobile Money
AfriMoney

Noussain SAHO
Technical Director
GIP Partners

James WHITAKER
Regional Director
Partners
Mastercard

DIASPORA INVESTMENT TRACK - PARALLEL SESSIONS

*Opening of the Day
Diaspora social responsibility:
from assistance to sustainable impact*

Sara MBAGO-BHUNU
Regional Director, East and
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Almas NEGASH
Secretary General
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Investing in the future of Africa: what diaspora wants

Omolayo NIEDANKONAM OUIDO
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Investment and Entrepreneurship
DMM Global

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Infinia Solutions PLC

Luis SORESEN
EU Support to Policy
Design and Evidence
Change in Finance
Luis Commerce Consulting
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DIASPORA INVESTMENT TRACK - PARALLEL SESSIONS

*Models and financial instruments for diaspora investment; addressing
public and private investment opportunities*

Yohana ASSEFA
Director for Inclusive Finance
D-Global, Inc.

Muhammad ENOBS
Banker, Investor
Etiopian Diaspora Agency

Andrew KASUCHO
Investment Manager - Africa
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Alan NKURIKIYE
Finance and CEO
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*Bridging diaspora investment
with climate finance: practical cases*

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Africa/Investment and
Climate Change Expert
Georgetown University

DIASPORA INVESTMENT TRACK - PARALLEL SESSIONS

*Entrepreneurship and SME investment:
economic development back home*

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Director
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Habiba ADDI
Entrepreneurship and
Innovation
West Africa/Investment
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*Impact investment funds for local development:
case studies*

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Migrant and diaspora contributions: rescuing champions towards the achievement of SDGs by 2030



Moderator
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Wolfram ZUNZER
Digital Transformation and
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WFP/United Nations

GLOBAL COMPACT OBJECTIVES 19 AND 20: ROADMAP

Global Compact objective 19: Create conditions for migrants and diasporas to fully contribute to sustainable development in all countries



Moderator
Dip RATHA
Lead, Migration and Remittances, and Head of Knowledge
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Programme Director
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GLOBAL COMPACT OBJECTIVES 19 AND 20: ROADMAP

Global Compact objective 20: Promote faster and cheaper transfer of remittances and foster financial inclusion of migrants

Private sector RemTECH awards 2022: Innovation and market development



Hugo Cuevas Mohr
CEO
Cuevas



Priscilla D'Oliveira Friedman
Chief Operating Officer
Cuevas

Concluding remarks and closing



Video messages by our distinguished speakers

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IDFR Call to Commitment Call for contributions extended to 7 June

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