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Note from the editor

Dear Community,

Let me start by informing you that the upcoming *The Gambia National Remittance Stakeholder Network* meeting is scheduled for Friday 4 August 2023. Details are provided below.

We hope you enjoy our selection of news included in the monthly Newsletter. In addition, since this newsletter intends to be a useful source of information for all members of the NRSN, we encourage you to send us articles, blogs, research papers, and publications you would like us to include in the Newsletter!

Lastly, should you wish to include your organization's logo on the <u>GFRID website</u>, we request you to duly fill in <u>THIS FORM</u>.

Thank you for all the support extended and looking forward to continuing the work and discussions on making remittances count more through our <u>country-dedicated NRSN!</u>

For any further info, reach out to us at remittances.gambia@ifad.org

In the spotlight



Join us for the next **National Remittance Stakeholder Network meeting,** scheduled for Friday, 4 August 2023. Time: 10:00 to 12:30 Venue: Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara International Convention Centre, Banjul.

Registration and Agenda



Why identity infrastructure is key to unlocking financial inclusion and prosperity in Africa



Trending news

The limits of accelerating digitalonly financial inclusion

Famous mobile payments



SOAD has a mandate to lift millions of Africans out of poverty — Ebisike



Identity infrastructure, and allowing businesses to know their customers and avoid fraud while also availing critical services, is pivotal to unlocking financial inclusion and prosperity in Africa. Yet there remain several hurdles that need to be overcome on digital markers of if this infrastructure is to be properly built and maintained.

technology like Kenya's M-PESA has revolutionized economic development by giving people new tools to access financial resources. But other important aspects of financial inclusion are getting neglected due to the growing overreliance financial inclusion.

By Carnegie **Endowment for International Peace**

The State of the African Diaspora (SOAD) was proclaimed as Africa's sixth region, having 350 million inhabitants but no borders. It is made up of Africans who were forced to leave the continent and reside elsewhere. The African Diaspora is unusual in that it has its constitution, government, parliament, ambassadors, and even action plans.

By Independent

By **Disrupt Africa**



Remittances for rural development -Episode 46

Remittances are a lifeline for countless people across the world. In this episode we look at the ways in which these funds have revolutionised rural development.

We first chat with Pedro de Vasconcelos, IFAD's Lead Technical specialist and Manager of the Financing Facility for Remittances.

By IFAD

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