

PRESS RELEASE

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN: DIASPORAS IN HONOR!

Brussels, 8 March 2019 - A delegation composed of the Forum des Organisations de Solidarité Internationale issues des Migrations [FORIM], Women and Contributions to Development [FECODEV] and the Africa-Europe Diaspora Development Platform [ADEPT] will participate in the sixty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women taking place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 11 to 22 March 2019. The delegation will organize a side event on **‘Gender, Migration and Development: actions and partnerships for effective social protection’ on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at 4:30 pm EST, at the Church Center for the United Nations (777 United Nations Plaza, NY, corner of 1st Avenue & 44th Street).**

Nearly half of the world's 258 million migrants¹ are women who increasingly migrate independently using their skills, knowledge and financial contribution to support themselves and their families, while contributing substantially to the development of their home and host countries.

In a context where gender inequality persists, migrant women face double discrimination in terms of access to education, decent employment, housing or health services. While taking into account the intersections between the multiple forms of discrimination experienced by migrant women is still tenuous in the development and implementation of migration and development policies, it is now clear that the achievement of the Objective 5 of Sustainable Development on gender equality is a *sine qua non* condition for the achievement of other SDGs, as well as of the Global Compact for Migration.

Organized as part of CSW63 by FORIM, FECODEV and ADEPT, the side event will shed light on the migrant women access to social protection, how to reduce vulnerability factors and guarantee the transferability of migrant rights. Through civil society organisations' testimonies, international organizations' programmes presentation and sharing of the good diaspora engagement practices the event will aim at developing effective partnerships and multi-stakeholder cooperation programmes enabling to ensure that migrant women benefit from their rights and act as agents of development and positive social change.

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About CSW:

Since 1946, CSW has been the international benchmark for gender equality. United Nations member states meet each year to identify obstacles and promote adequate standards to ensure women's and girls' access to rights and empowerment. This year's edition will focus on **‘Social Protection Systems, Access to Public Services and Sustainable Infrastructure for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls’.**

¹ <https://bit.ly/2tNC0FG>

About the organizers:

Forum des Organisations de Solidarité Internationale issues des Migrations [FORIM] is a national platform that brings together networks, federations and groups of the Migrant International Solidarity Organizations engaged in integration actions in France and in development actions in the countries of origin. FORIM represents about 1,000 associations operating in sub-Saharan Africa, the Maghreb, South East Asia, the Caribbean and the Indian Ocean. Created in March 2002, it demonstrates the will of its members to join forces with all the components of French civil society, to promote the integration of populations from international migration, to strengthen exchanges between France and countries origin and contribute to the development of their region of origin. For more information: www.forim.ent

Femmes et Contributions au Développement [FECODEV] is an international non-governmental organization, created in 2005 and made up of a network of forty associations originating from twenty (20) African countries, from Haiti and Comoros. They are associations working in the field of social, professional and economic integration in France, cooperation and international solidarity in Southern countries, particularly in Africa. FECODEV's mission is to strengthen and promote diaspora skills and initiatives in order to foster women inclusion and participation in addressing challenges of the 2030 and 2063 Agenda. For more information: <http://fecodev.org/>

Africa-Europe Diaspora Development Platform [ADEPT] is a European network of African Diaspora Organizations based in the 28 EU countries, Norway and Switzerland and engaged in development actions in Africa. Our goal is "to enhance and strengthen the capacities and impact of African diaspora organizations involved in development activities in Africa". Created in 2010 by a consortium of five diaspora organizations, we cherished the vision of a strong and professional African diaspora engaged in sustainable development actions beyond borders and countries. We serve as a reference for those who are interested in migration, diaspora and development in Africa and we work with:

- Diaspora Organizations and individuals;
- Governments and decision-makers;
- Development Agencies and International Organizations;
- Civil society organizations and universities.

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