Session 3: Inclusion of migrants (Objectives 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 22)

Germany remains committed to reduce migrants' vulnerability and enhance their contribution to the sustainable development of their communities of origin, transit, and destination.

Sound preparation is important to increase the chances that people will integrate more easily and want to stay in the country of destination. Germany is therefore linking the migration advice of its Centres for Migration and Development with pre-departure measures offered by the Goethe-Institut and other providers. Personal experience and recommendations are often crucial for people who dare to start in a new country. Germany thus plans to promote exchanges of experience with diaspora actors on regular labour migration to Germany to complement the advice provided by the Centres. Such formats have already been successfully tested in Nigeria, Morocco and Serbia.

Germany is committed to promoting greater visibility of the diaspora's engagement for development at the international level as proven by enabling the participation of two diaspora representatives in the Global Forum on Migration and Development in January 2024 and of another diaspora representative in this forum as part of the German delegation.

Strengthening political participation of young people with immigration backgrounds in Germany is one of the main areas of work of the Federal Government Commissioner for Migration, Refugees and Integration and the Federal Government Commissioner for Anti-Racism. Since November 2022, the Commissioner has supported a project that encourages, inspires, and activates young people with immigration backgrounds to engage in politics. To do so, the project aims at identifying and removing obstacles that prevent young people with immigration backgrounds from participating in politics. At the same time, it wants to encourage young people to engage in politics and to improve their possibilities to do so. The project also offers workshops and trainings that support the participants to deal with and become resilient against hatred and racism, which is especially spread online. An academic study will cover opportunities and challenges for young people with immigration backgrounds to engage in German politics.

Germany is involved in various projects to promote digital and innovative solutions in the field of remittances. By providing an e-learning product, Germany helps senders and recipients of remittances to acquire basic knowledge about sustainable investments and personal financial planning.

In 2022 and 2024, the global project "Shaping Development-Oriented Migration" financed a self-organised diaspora summit on the topic of "Diaspora Engagement for Local and Global Transformation". Germany has been working to strengthen diaspora engagement for many years, for example by supporting diaspora organisations to cooperate with local partner organisations, or by assisting diaspora members to establish businesses that contribute to sustainable development in their countries of origin. This support is to continue in order to ensure the visibility of the expertise and engagement of diasporas.