

Brief summary of the report: African Diaspora and African Development

One of the most salient features of contemporary globalisation is the increase in migration around the world. Mass migration is one of the main global forces shaping the world in the 21st century and one consequence of this phenomenon which is already evident is the emergence of a large diaspora from the South in the affluent countries of the West. However, despite the huge number of African diaspora in Western host countries, they have rarely been the object of serious study and consequently very little is known about them and their activities.

The report aims to map out the role played by the African diaspora based in the Netherlands in the economic, social and political development of their respective countries of origin. The study also assesses the social capital, capacity and constraints of organisations established by African diaspora and their potential role in sponsoring and promoting development in Africa. Furthermore, the study examines the nature of the relationship between the groupings, associations and organisations established by the African diaspora and the mainstream donor development agencies in the Netherlands. The focus of this study is on the positive impact of the activities of the African diaspora on development in their homelands.