

## **Summary of the DIIS brief: African diaspora and post-conflict reconstruction in Africa**

The aim of this DIIS brief is to highlight the unique bridge-building position that the African diasporas in Europe occupy in which they can play a potential role in post-conflict reconstruction in Africa. This strategic position enables the African diaspora individuals, groups and organizations to channel valuable information, innovative ideas, intellectual capacities, new technological skills, smart and innovative business and trade practices, new peace making attitudes, negotiation skills, conflict transformation methods and techniques and democratic political habits and practices from host countries in Europe to their countries of origin. There is therefore a considerable potential for working with the African diaspora groups and organizations to promote sustainable peace and contribute tangibly to the post-conflict reconstruction efforts in Africa. This valuable potential among the diaspora needs to be creatively and sufficiently harnessed for the promotion of peace, post-conflict social and institutional reconstruction on the continent.