



**GLOBAL
DIASPORA
CONFEDERATION**
CONNECTING THE WORLD'S DIASPORA ORGANIZATIONS

**The
Global Diaspora
Confederation
Brochure**

The GDC

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Connecting the world's Diaspora Organizations

The Global Diaspora Confederation is a non-governmental organization for Diaspora Organizations.

The GDC has four principal organs - Council, Board of Trustees, Secretariat, and Fellows. All are driven by four principles: diasporic impact oriented, operational excellence, passion for innovation, and long term thinking.

We know very well that running a Diaspora Organization is not an easy journey and it often requires harnessing volunteerism, relying on frugality, and being at the forefront for the diasporas in need.

For many centuries, far too many Diaspora Organizations' selfless contributions to humanity were unnoticed with far too limited support and recognitions in them. And yet, there are even more diasporas needing help than Diaspora Organizations can assist. This shapes who we are and the Confederation is determined to make a positive change for all.

About Diaspora Organizations

Defining DOs

Who Are DOs

Sustainability and growth are key to every Diaspora Organization

Diaspora Organizations (DOs) are mostly non-governmental, not-for-profit or voluntary citizens' entities formed by people in the social sphere that are separate from the state and the market.

Diaspora Organizations represent a wide range of diasporas' interests and ties at local, national or transnational level. They can be businesses and for-profit, but all Diaspora Organizations must be community-based with a diaspora community network.

Diaspora Organizations provide a variety of services and humanitarian functions for their diaspora communities, bring diasporas' concerns to governments, monitor policies, develop community cohesion, facilitate public and private sector engagement, serve as early warning mechanisms and promote local, national and transnational partnerships.

GDC is non-political and does not favour any political agenda; although Diaspora Organizations may be political, they are required to comply with the relevant laws in their countries of operation in order to be a member of GDC.



Over 200,000 Diaspora Organizations are currently running across the world

Diaspora Organizations can exist across a wide spectrum:

Cultural association, Community center for a local diaspora community, Diaspora community foundation, cooperative, charity, Diaspora sports clubs, Foreign language school, Hometown association, International friendship association, Migrant youth groups, Overseas professional association, Overseas student group, Political organization of a diaspora

community, Religious organization, University alumni group, Voluntary organization that supports diaspora.

Diaspora Organizations provide support on community advocacy, international relations, social service provision, political lobbying, humanitarian assistance, cultural and social gatherings, overseas visiting, immigrant integration, diaspora wellbeing and safety, language education or international trade partnerships.



Our History

GDC's History

GDC At A Glance



The vulnerable and marginalized elements of our societies, especially diasporas and migrants, are often the most affected sections during global emergencies.

The concept of needing a diaspora-led civil society organization to help bring together efforts and voices of Diaspora Organizations to further support them was initiated in April 2020 after the first Global Virtual Diaspora Exchange on Response to Covid-19, opened by the Director-General of UN International Organization for Migration (IOM).

This has led to the founding of Global Diaspora Confederation in July 2020,

after it convened 231 Diaspora Organizations from over 100 countries to issue a joint statement in solidarity with diaspora communities across the world who had been disproportionately affected by the pandemic and experienced a rise in xenophobia caused by it.

The GDC has since been progressing significantly with its plans to expand its network, to facilitate stronger collaborations with diaspora partners to mobilize resources and to launch a platform for global online consultations with Diaspora Organizations across the world.

2020

22nd April

The concept of bringing together Diaspora Organizations to support many diasporas affected by xenophobia was initiated on the day after iDiaspora's Global Virtual Diaspora Exchange, opened by Director-General of UN International Organization for Migration (IOM).

12th May

The concept developed through a global joint statement in solidarity with those affected by xenophobia and discrimination due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2nd June

Global Diaspora Coalition (GDC) was temporarily formed by five leading Diaspora Organizations to help convene the joint statement.

1st July

The joint statement, signed by 231 Diaspora Organizations from over 100 countries, was officially published. The Coalition held its first meeting with more Diaspora Organizations seven days later to discuss the way forward, with an interim board elected.

28th July

'Coalition' was formally replaced by 'Confederation', as agreed by the Board.

2021

12th February

GDC Academy was established to support Diaspora Organizations and GDC. The Academy was divided into two routes: Organization and Secretariat. The Secretariat route now offers two new programmes – Membership and Associate.

19th January

GDC advocated at the 13th Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) Summit for Diaspora Organizations on their contributions to the pandemic response and initial recovery efforts in different contexts worldwide.

5th December

GDC began onboarding on International Volunteers Day and first volunteers joined within the month.

16th November

GDC presented its determination to help establish the global Diaspora Organization sector at the Relaunch of iDiaspora to accelerate diaspora's global engagement in the post-pandemic era, opened by Deputy Director General of UN IOM.

20th September

Over 1,400 voluntary professionals applied to help establish GDC.

1st March

The Secretariat established four departments: Administration, Marketing, Healthcare and Project, with 21 Teams.

19th April

Diaspora Organizations positioned GDC as an ideal global humanitarian hub to help coordinate their efforts in international humanitarian assistance. The consultation was made throughout the period of IOM's project to develop the Diaspora Framework for Engagement in Humanitarian Assistance, which began application in Haiti and the Philippines a few months later.

27th September

The Membership Team became the 22nd Team of the Secretariat.

14th October

Preparation for the first Global Diaspora Week began.

12th December

Launch of the first Global Diaspora Week.

18th December

First General Assembly for world's Diaspora Organizations on International Migrants Day.

2022

OUR JOURNEY CONTINUES

What We Do

The GDC

Supporting DOs

Our Vision & Mission

Our Objectives

We harness the combined effort of Diaspora Organizations

We believe there are over 200,000 dedicated Diaspora Organizations, reaching out to support as many as 270 million people across the world.

Our mission is to combine as much of their effort as possible to promote unity through diversity, tackle the challenges faced by the global diaspora, and to create more opportunities for future generations of diaspora.

Every day, in so many ways, Diaspora Organizations make an incredible difference for their diaspora communities. It is our ambition to become their pillar of support and we welcome all diaspora stakeholders to be part of our GDC family.

At GDC we have three main roles:

- To be an influential system leader for global diaspora.
- To establish and pioneer the global sector of Diaspora Organizations (DO).

- To empower our members to continually create impact for their communities and societies.

How the GDC is helping overcome these challenges

The Global Diaspora Confederation brings together and speaks on behalf of Diaspora Organizations that support their communities across the world.

No two diasporas are the same and we aim to work with the whole range of Diaspora Organizations, from refugee councils and migrant helplines to alumni professional associations.





We support Diaspora Organizations through...



SHARING

We bring together Diaspora Organizations to exchange best practices.

No one Diaspora Organization is the same. We harness this positive difference to facilitate cross-learning between member Diaspora Organizations for the benefit of global diasporas.

We believe sharing with and learning from each other enable more diaspora communities to be better supported.



SUPPORTING

While Diaspora Organizations focus primarily on supporting communities within their geographical affiliations, sometimes the challenges they may face require support from a global level.

We work with Diaspora Organizations on their major challenges and mobilize resources where possible to offer assistance.



COLLABORATING

We facilitate cooperation between diaspora stakeholders for positive change.

Amongst the 270 million people of diasporas, a significant portion are still in a vulnerable condition. Due to unforeseen tragedies such as natural disasters and climate change, they are forced to flee with no food, clean water, shelter, belongings and transportation. Many encounter health emergencies without access to any health services.

It is not uncommon to learn how ordinary civilians despair because of having no rights to remain in their countries of destination. They are often unable to share their feelings due to language barriers.

Humanitarian assistance for vulnerable diasporas is always GDC's priority.

Diaspora Organizations are at the forefront of community outreach. Therefore, at GDC, we facilitate coordination, cooperation and communication for them with partners such as humanitarian actors, government departments and UN agencies.



CONNECTING

We connect the world's largest network of Diaspora Organizations.

Whether you are an established or a new Diaspora Organization, we invite you to join GDC. Together, we can do more to improve the quality of life for diasporas across the world.

We are a global movement to help our world to recognize the importance of Diaspora Organizations. Throughout the centuries, Diaspora Organizations have dedicated themselves to support so many people in need, especially during tough times.

We know every Diaspora Organization also provides a community to which diasporas can belong. While they focus on supporting them, we focus on creating more opportunities for Diaspora Organizations.

By coordinating, communicating and cooperating with Diaspora Organizations, we strengthen global community cohesion that our world of diversity desperately needs.

Our Vision



GDC aspires to be the world's most united organization by building an inclusive movement where all Diaspora Organizations can be supported, belong to, discover and realize their ambitions in order to achieve peace, unity, and social and economic advancement for all.

Our Mission



To help unify, support, develop and promote Diaspora Organizations across the world through linking with all groups interested in diaspora communities.

To be an influential system leader for global diasporas' interests and to establish, pioneer, and be the authentic voice of a worldwide sector alliance of Diaspora Organizations.

To empower Diaspora Organizations to continually create sustainable, collaborative and positive impacts for their communities and societies.



**GDC aims to
empower and
unify Diaspora
Organizations**

Our Objectives

In order to achieve these objectives, GDC aims

To provide services and support to its members;

To network with all levels of government, other public and private organizations for the benefit of its members and the community at large;

To mobilize GDC's intangible and tangible resources according to its strategic priorities in order to safeguard the recipients of its humanitarian assistance. This can be achieved through its extensive, trusted and effective global members and partners such as humanitarian aid organizations, national governments, continental unions and agencies of the United Nations; and

To expand the Global Diaspora supporters' network, to facilitate stronger collaborations with diaspora partners, to mobilize resources and to grow a platform for global online consultations, forums and community-building activities with Diaspora Organizations across the world.



To support exchange of best practices among Diaspora Organizations.



To facilitate concrete joint initiatives among Diaspora Organizations.



To identify global solutions that can be deployed locally.



To provide cohesive and mutual assistance to Diaspora Organizations upon request.



To promote cooperation between international development, humanitarian actors and Diaspora Organizations.



To increase knowledge about diaspora during emergencies and address the lack of evidence-based understanding.

Your Journey With GDC

Membership

Contact Us

We are pioneering the new global sector of Diaspora Organization

From 2021, GDC will be connecting with Diaspora Organizations from across the world. Your support and participation are particularly key to global unity in this challenging time.

By connecting with us now, you will receive updates on the latest progress and opportunities of GDC such as this year's Global Diaspora Week and the launch of GDC Membership in 2022.

GDC Membership means inclusive support, industry insights, global networking, recognition of achievements and a voice that could possibly reach governments at all levels.

From 2022, we will be launching our membership application for all Diaspora Organizations. You can then apply for either full membership or associate membership according to your organization's circumstances.

From 2024, members that have been connected with GDC for over three years will have the opportunity to apply for senior membership. Senior membership will only be available to a limited number of Diaspora Organizations that will have made non-financial but distinguished contributions to GDC.

Will you join us to build this together?



We want the voice of your community to be heard by the world

Can we invite you to represent and advocate for your community at a world stage?

By becoming a Full Member of GDC, your Diaspora Organization will be able to...

Represent your community in the world's Diaspora Organization industry.

Stay tuned for global industry insights and ideas.

Showcase and record your inspiring work for diasporas.

Gain exposure to collaborative opportunities and connections with diaspora stakeholders.

Be invited to exclusive activities of GDC and diaspora partners across the world.

Grow your Diaspora Organization by upskilling your team and peer sharing.

GDC Recognition Programme

For far too long, the significant contributions of Diaspora

Organizations have been under-recognized. GDC aims to ensure that this is no longer the case. We are determined to provide fair and robust assessment to members who apply to our GDC Recognition Programme.

When we celebrate achievements, it is not only the individual Diaspora Organizations being recognized but the global diaspora community as a whole.

The GDC Recognition Programme will be open for applications from 2022.

We are not a Diaspora Organization. Can we still join?

You may be governmental, intergovernmental, corporate or humanitarian aid organizations.

We welcome all diaspora stakeholders to join us as our Affiliate Partners.

Diaspora Organizations need your collaboration and we are here to facilitate.

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A dark, high-angle photograph of a city at night, with numerous small lights from buildings and streets creating a glowing pattern against the dark background of the city and surrounding areas.

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humanity with us**