

Implementation of Sustainable Peace and Development Projects in the Country of Origin: From the Perspective of Gambian Diaspora who are living in Norway

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Abstract

Considering the fact that the Gambian diaspora has an important role to play in contributing to the development, this workshop aimed to investigate the perception of the members of this group in Norway of development works in their home country with a particular focus on peace and human rights projects.

The sessions brought together 12 representatives of development agencies, civil society organizations, and diaspora associations. Based on a participatory method and group learning process, the workshop paid attention to the knowledge and experiences of the attendees.

The workshop gave participants among the Gambian diaspora a chance to reflect on their various roles as agents of change in their home country, revealing that the Gambian migrants who are living in Norway have different opinions concerning their role in supporting the communities in the Gambia. The attendees also gained a better understanding of the relationship between human rights, peace, and development.