

Further offerings of the Service Agency



• Local surveys

Would you like to know which migrant organisations and One World associations are actively involved in development work in your local community? We would be glad to help you conduct a survey.

• Networking workshops

You know the actors in your local community, and would like to work more closely with them? We will help you organise networking workshops in your municipality.

• Advice and training

Do you require initial advice on possible projects and activities? Or are you already planning a project, for which you require professional support? We can provide you with professional advice, free of charge.

• Kommune bewegt Welt competition ('Local action moves the world')

In 2014 the 'Kommune bewegt Welt' competition will be held for the first time. This competition will award prizes worth a total of EUR 50,000 for outstanding examples of cooperation at the local level. It will be held under the patronage of Germany's Development Minister, Dr Gerd Müller, and in future will be held every two years.

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Further information and contact details

We also support the local networking processes of all actors by

- providing inputs to German and regional events
- collating and analysing good practice examples
- supplying information, publications and expert articles.

To access publications, current information and a list of good practices, please visit our website:

www.service-eine-welt.de/migration

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Migration and Development at the local Level

On behalf of

BMZ



Federal Ministry
for Economic Cooperation
and Development

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Potentials for local networking

German network for migration and development



What does it involve?

Increasingly, municipalities are acting as autonomous partners for just and sustainable development worldwide. They are doing this on the one hand because their local civil society actors are demanding an active role in shaping municipal development cooperation. Yet they are also doing it because they are assuming responsibility for globally sustainable development, to which they can contribute their own specific expertise. The Local Agenda 21 and the Millennium Development Goals – as well as the Post-2015 Agenda – form the framework in which this is taking place.

As competent actors who are a permanent part of civil society, many people with a migrant background are stepping forward to get involved in development work. Development professionals have also taken note of this engagement. As a result, two shifts in perspective have taken place:

- In the development-policy debate, the positive aspects of migration are increasingly being recognised.
- The debate on integration is focusing more and more on the skills and potential that migrants possess.

Engagement at the local level by all the actors involved is enriched by the global networks, the language skills, knowledge, experience and perspectives of people with a migrant background. On behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the Service Agency Communities in One World intends to develop and strengthen this engagement.

What are our aims?

- Close cooperation between local governments, migrant organisations and One World associations offers manifold opportunities:
- With their expertise and engagement, migrant organisations can invigorate both sides of North-South partnerships and promote cooperation on an equal footing.
- New cooperation arrangements strengthen the development work of migrant organisations.
- Cooperation makes it easier for migrant organisations to access municipal structures, and helps migrants integrate.
- Mutual intercultural learning takes place, which supports the development of a cosmopolitan, globally competent and forward-looking community of citizens.
- The municipality becomes a more attractive location for business and social infrastructure.

Who are our target groups?

The key actors for local networking are:

- municipal departments for integration
- municipal departments for international affairs, One World and Local Agenda 21
- migrant groups that are actively involved in development work and have links to countries of the Global South
- One World groups and associations
- other actors from the spheres of education, religion and politics.

What services do we offer?

From 2007 to 2009 the Service Agency Communities in One World supported local networking processes in a pilot project in five municipalities. In 2011 this led to the emergence of a network of engaged local actors.

Since then, the Service Agency has also offered annual network meetings that enable local practitioners to share the lessons they have learned, Germany-wide. These meetings highlight the positive impacts of networking and show how this can deliver benefits.

The German network also aims to foster dialogue between local administrators and civil society actors (One World organisations, migrant organisations etc.), and provide all actors with

- a forum for peer-to-peer exchange of workable ideas, approaches and projects
- information on relevant lessons learned, projects and actors of official development cooperation, and civil society organisations.

The proceedings of the network meetings are published in our 'materials' series:

- Material no. 64, 2013
- Material no. 53, 2012
- Material no. 48, 2011

