

**Statement at the Diaspora Ministerial Conference
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The countries represented here would have received the report of the High Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post 2015 Development Agenda published on 30 May 2013.

The report recommends a five-point approach to development. The fifth point urges the world to “Forge a New Global Partnership”.

The global partners distinctly identified in the report include: national governments, local authorities, international institutions, businesses, civil society associations, foundations, philanthropists, social investors, scientists and academics.

Countries and participants gathered here would have noticed that in their grand keenness, the eminent persons forgot to distinctly identify diasporans and migrants as global partners for development.

We urge this Diaspora Ministerial Conference to highlight this oversight and help amend the records as the post 2015 discussions near their conclusion.

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