ENFiD is a civic partnership of Euro-Filipino Migrant communities committed to effectively connect and achieve relevant developments within the continent and the Philippines.
- ENFiD BioGas Digester Project
- EU-DEVCO Echo
- IOM Partnership
- Best Practices for EUD visits

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ENFiD’s programs and projects contribute to the development of our country, the Philippines, especially the marginalized and less fortunate ‘kababayans,’ fellow Filipinos.
PHILIPPINE REMITTANCES

Top 5 Recipient Countries of Remittance (World Bank, 2015)

Philippines is the 3rd top receiving country of remittances; accounts for 9.8% of GDP

Source: Commission on Filipinos Overseas 2015
FIGURE 1.2. Top Remittance Receivers in 2016

$ billion

62.7, 61.0, 29.9, 28.5, 19.8, 19.0, 16.6, 13.7, 13.4, 9.2

India, China, Philippines, Mexico, Pakistan, Nigeria, Egypt, Arab Rep., Bangladesh, Vietnam, Indonesia

Sources: International Monetary Fund; World Bank World Development Indicators
COOPERATIVE IN THE MAKING -
a project in Miag-ao, Iloilo Philippines:

- THE BIO-GAS DIGESTER
- WASTE SEGREGATION
- CAPACITY BUILDING SEMINAR
ENFiD’S ENVIRONMENT PROJECT: BIOGAS DIGESTER

- Provide concrete alternative to fossil fuels by using bio waste as cooking fuel

- Conscientize local users in the Philippines and migrant Filipinos on the urgency of ecological situation and realize that even little steps at household level halt further ecological degradation.
ENFiD’S ENVIRONMENT PROJECT: BIOGAS DIGESTER

- Actively mobilize and get support from migrant Filipinos not only in Europe but other parts of the world as well

- Develop social entrepreneurship scheme in marketing the biogas digester to reach a broader public

- Make use of bi-product such as solid wastes from biogas digester as biological fertilizer
The diagram illustrates the process of biodigester. The main components are:

1. **Dung & urine** enter the biodigester.
2. **Fodder** is also added as a nutrient source.
3. **Energy from the sun** is harnessed to aid the process.
4. The **biodigester** converts the organic matter into biogas.
5. **Biogas** is produced and can be used for **cooking & lighting**.
6. **Bio-fertiliser** is produced as a byproduct, enhancing the soil quality.

The cycle is completed, ensuring sustainability and efficiency in the process.
ENFiD & IOM
ENFiD & EU-DEVCO
ENFiD’s participation in EU-DEVCO

The European Commission's Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO)

Strategic meeting with Diaspora Groups on SDGs, investment and entrepreneurship by DEVCO in Brussels 23 March 2018
The EU recognises the important role that diaspora can play in promoting development, exploring new ways of promoting strategic dialogue and partnerships with diaspora in Europe.
Elements for EU-diaspora cooperation

1. Encourage outreach of EU funded African diaspora platform to other networks and platforms

2. Consider the work and conclusions of the recent youth Summit, and how diaspora could play a role here;

3. Continue to support diaspora presence and voice in key intl and EU fora, including Migration & Refugee Compacts;

4. Create diaspora focal points/networks by appointing a representative to attend the yearly Policy Forum on Development organised by DEVCO.
Recommendations from diasporas to the EU:
1. Shorten distance between EU and diaspora - (diaspora groups are not aware of where, how to reach out to the EU) two-way dialogue.
2. Strengthen, support coordination and networking.
3. Engage with different diaspora groups:
   ▪ Support training of diaspora youth, not as a beneficiary but as activity provider;
   ▪ Female diaspora, taking into account increasing number of female migrants;
   ▪ Senior diaspora, taking into account experience/source of funding and possible role in conflict resolution.
4. Facilitate exchange between diaspora groups and countries of origin.
5. Explore ways of connecting (highly) skilled diaspora with opportunities in their respective home countries (coaching/mentoring).
The Commission has 23 Framework Partnership Agreements with global and regional civil society networks, 12 of which have grants.

This is a possible entry point for diaspora organisations, as they could partner with or join these networks.
Recommendations from the diaspora to the EU on investment:

- Map out investment initiatives together with the diaspora community;
- Map out bottlenecks to diaspora investment in the countries of origin (lack of transparency, poor governance and rule of law or judiciary enforcement);
- Strengthen the legal framework in order to secure investments (efficiency and effectiveness of administrative and legal decisions);
- Support bottom-up diaspora initiatives and diminish the role of intermediaries (e.g. development agencies) in diaspora investment.
1. Recognition of diaspora organisation status

2. Structuring the debate and engage in dialogue & action (e.g. Global Compacts on migration and on refugees)

3. Set up a permanent platform for exchange on a) human capital, b) knowledge and skills c) Finance

4. Need to shift from a pool of actors to a European platform on diaspora with built in capacity to provide mentoring, tutoring, TA and financing

5. Need to shape a project with dedicated activities to support the building of the diaspora capacity.
BEST PRACTICES

- Get recognized
- Structure dialogue, coordination
- Set up permanent platform for exchange on human capital, knowledge/skills, finance
- Create roadmaps and ensure competences of participating parties
- Hold capacity building seminars