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The Secretary's GLOBAL DIASPORA *forum*

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The Secretary of State's Office of Global Partnerships, in collaboration with the US Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Migration Policy Institute (MPI), is organizing an action-oriented Global Diaspora Forum.

The goal is to:

- Recognize and celebrate the contribution of diaspora communities to America's relationship with their countries of origin or ancestry;
- Foster diaspora-centric partnership models;
- Encourage intra-diaspora collaboration and learning.

The Forum will take place over three days (May 17 - 19). While Forum attendance is by invitation, every effort is being made to deploy social media and online tools to make the Forum accessible to as wide an audience as possible. Follow the Secretary's Global Diaspora Forum online via Twitter [@DiasporaAtState](#) and using #diaspora. You can also watch a live videostream of the Forum's opening events on this page.



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For more on the International Diaspora Engagement Alliance (IdEA) unveiled by Secretary Clinton during her keynote at the Global Diaspora Forum, [click here](#)

To read a transcript of Secretary Clinton's remarks, [click here](#)

For a transcript and video of the remarks by Maria Otero, Under Secretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs, [click here](#)

BY THE NUMBERS

62 Million: Number of first- and second-generation diasporas in America; almost all Americans have immigrant roots further back.

\$48 Billion: Amount of recorded remittances sent from the United States by diaspora communities in 2009.

#1: America ranks first as a host of the largest number of international migrants in the world.