

Notes by the Session Rapporteur¹
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1/ Assumptions

- Accept the risk of failure, and the attempt of innovation
- Take the diaspora term in its larger inception
- Job creation is a huge challenge. Diaspora may have an important impact, through SME creation or major investments
- Not all the diaspora members are natural entrepreneurs. A lot are “accidental entrepreneurs”
- Diaspora have a lot of resources. There is a need for a pluralist approach
- Government support is not always required.

2/ Recommendations concerning the legal and institutional framework

- Build trust in the overall business environment (equality of treatment, fair business registration)
- Create tax incentives (or tax reliefs)
- Build a specific administration for diaspora affairs (national, local, or mainstreamed)
- Mobilize the diaspora in specific programs
- Consult the diaspora

3/ Recommendations concerning trade and investment

- Provide adequate information to the diaspora through fairs, IT forums
- Support the entrepreneur at the very beginning of his enterprise
- Provide tailored diaspora loan schemes (diaspora bonds, crowdfunding, philanthropy...)

4/ Recommendations concerning skill transfer

- Skill transfer must be actual, virtual and circular
- Build temporary and permanent return programs
- Promote diaspora entrepreneurs as Ambassadors for the development of origin countries
- Foster all type of networks

¹ These are preliminary notes from the rapporteur of Roundtable session 2.2. The final report from Roundtable 2 will be provided in the Chair’s Report.