



# Helping you achieve more!

**Welcome to this first newsletter** introducing a new collaborative global Network of diaspora, charities, Churches and entrepreneurs being launched to help you in your work, mission or interest in assisting disadvantaged communities anywhere to develop their potential, linked to the comprehensive global programme of sustainable development goals – the United Nations SDGs – endorsed in 2015 by 193 countries and by all major faiths – see which of these you are already contributing to, or would like to help:

## 17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD



There are many on-line links introducing the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) – here are two you might like to watch or use introducing the Network:

Leave Noone behind:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uphifd-Uuys>

We love the SDGs:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ieRkqZ11rLg>



## OUR JOURNEY SO FAR

The Network has been planned by a multinational Steering Group and builds on the work of the Aid for Trade Foundation and the Sussex to Africa charities

### Steering Group

Ben Vaness - Chair ( Sussex to Africa ), Mike Tyler- Facilitator (Aid for Trade Foundation), Inonge Mutonga (Ex:Zambia/African Books Project), Mak Waynonyi - Ex: Kenya (Life Reform Africa) Mildren Choongo - Ex Zambia (Chibozu Trust), Ibrahim Sesay - Ex Sierra Leone (Diaspora Development Foundation/Practical Tools Initiative), James Fallah-Williams- Ex Sierra Leone (Practical Tools Initiative), Heather Pinchen (African Books Project), John Ray (Hope for Lugazi), Richard Smart (Uganda Aquaculture)

#### Pro-bono Consultants:

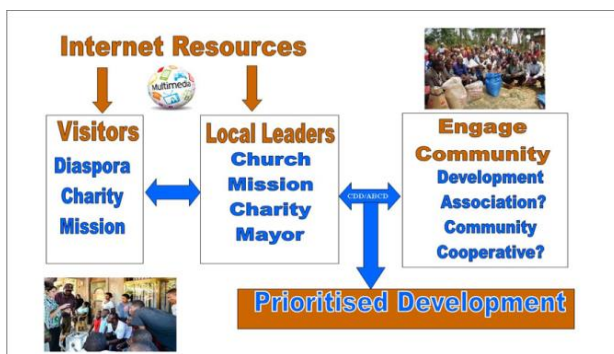
Christopher Kapembwa (Resident Zambia), Sandy Medway (Speak Life)  
Larry Kraft – (One Challenge Intl., Trustee The Aid for Trade Foundation)

## ETHOS

The Steering Group comprises Christians and the Network will maintain a Christian ethos while seeking to help people of any faith or none

## APPROACH

Network membership is warmly invited from diaspora groups, charities, Churches,



faith groups, businesses and entrepreneurs who support our mission and values and who are already helping or interested to help disadvantaged communities with the best possible resources both by visiting where possible and via the expanding internet access in

developing countries

## **Network Mission and Values**

**To share experience and provide resources to help disadvantaged communities anywhere to develop their sustainable potential by visit and via the internet, contributing to the Global Development Goals**



### **LEGAL STATUS**

The Network will initially operate as a Working Title of the Aid for Trade Foundation – with the possibility of making an early change in title to ‘The Network for Community Development’, with appropriate amendments where needed to existing AFT Constitution, policies and procedures

## DIASPORA

The merit of engaging with diaspora groups, charities and entrepreneurs in the UK was supported by a meeting arranged at the University of East London by Steering Group member Ibrahim Sesay from Sierra Leone - the meeting was attended by diaspora from ten countries and we found that each has activities or interests to help their home communities - that link to one or more of the SDGs



**Students** There are reported to be over 400,000 overseas students in the UK most of whom will be returning to their home communities -so we hope to find a way engage some, possibly many in the Network, maybe as Researchers or Youth Ambassadors. A London Launch event is being considered

A first student member, Albanian Linda Malecaj has just joined us from Istanbul University. Linda plans to help unemployed young people with the Aid for Trade Youth STEPS programme

## NETWORK WEBSITE

This is under development with a target upload by end of January with included Member profiles to facilitate networking



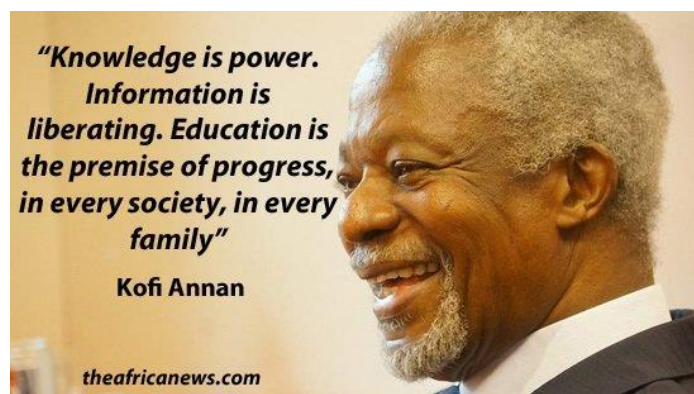
The Aid for Trade website ([www.aidfortrade.info](http://www.aidfortrade.info)) will continue at least until the new Network website under development is well established.

## **AFFILIATIONS**

A number of Diaspora and SDG linked agencies offering potential benefits for the Network will be considered for possibly joining as 'affiliates', when our position is strong enough

**NETWORK BENEFITS** for members are seen as:

1. Profile page/s of your organization's activities and interests on the Network website – accessible only to members, to facilitate collaboration and sharing experience
2. Access to an increasing range of free downloadable multimedia community development training and 'know how' programmes
3. Access to help with aid collation and delivery, especially sporting goods, tools and books. (Charges will apply)
4. Collective access to project funding support
5. Members in the UK will be invited to form 'National Community Development Teams' to liaise with and support overseas members of the same country
6. Contribute to and receive a regular Network Members Newsletter for news, development and encouragement
7. Access in due course to volunteer specialist consultant support and Network Affiliations and sponsors
8. Members may like to use the main or this abbreviated logo on their website



**RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

Ten downloadable training and ‘know how’ programmes are already available

Contributing to SDG No.	Programmes already available ( <a href="http://www.aidfortrade.info">www.aidfortrade.info</a> )	
	No.	
1	1	Workstart (Groups of adults - meet ongoing)
1	2	STEPS (Shorter programme for all ages)
1	3	Youth STEPS (Groups of unemployed young people)
1	4	Sportworks (Sport teams young unemployed)
1	5	Audio STEPS
1	6	Funding Guide
1	7	Group Trading
8	8	Growing your Business
17	9	Presentation Guide for Facilitators
16	10	Internet Use and Security

26 additional programme topics linked to one or more SDGs have been identified - each will need to be researched to establish if existing programmes are already available or could be adapted for downloading and use in disadvantaged rural communities, failing which new programmes will need to be developed. These programmes will address at least 12 of the 17 SDGs and each will need to be trialled. It is envisaged the website will therefore function as a ‘One Stop Shop’ for community development resources available globally.



## **New** COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GUIDE,

As a first step, to offer a common framework which members might like to use in working with communities, this Guide has been developed and a community trial in Zambia is being planned



Based on the latest principles of 'Community Led Development' this provides a ten step approach to engaging as many people as possible in the development of their community

This guide can be downloaded from the Aid for Trade website [www.aidfortrade.info/...or](http://www.aidfortrade.info/...or) by contacting us

### **OTHER NEW PROGRAMMES STARTING DEVELOPMENT**

Agribusiness and Leadership – Drs Christopher Kapembwa and Daniel Kline (Zambia)

Community School and Literacy Guide - Milden Choongo (UK/Zambia)

Sanitation - Heather Pinchen (UK)

To help with these or other programmes please contact: [mike@aidfortrade.info](mailto:mike@aidfortrade.info)

### **FUNDING**

We believe that the Network links with Diaspora and the Global SDGs will enable the Network to access substantial grant funding as our membership and resources increase.

### **HELP**



We need all the help we can find for research, promotion and administration and fundraising to develop the networks global potential – so if you have experience, enthusiasm and some time you could volunteer short or longer term please contact [office@aidfortrade.info](mailto:office@aidfortrade.info)

## NEWSLETTER

This newsletter will replace the Aid for Trade Newsletter, will be published quarterly to report progress, introduce new programmes as they are developed, provide encouragement and hopefully inspiration to help your progress in tackling some of the biggest community needs, which the SDGs identify.

## PROMOTION



## MEMBERSHIP

Joining the Network should help you in your present interests and activities and also enable you to commend these free resources to those you come into contact with here and overseas, who could be interested! So if you know other who might be Interested to join the Network – why not copy them this Newsletter!

## STATUS



### Why not join us – its free!

20 Founding Members of the Network so far are local Churches and charities Ghana, Tanzania, Uganda, Pakistan, Benin, Zambia, DR Congo, Malawi, Ethiopia, India, Kenya Zambia and The Gambia