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- Diaspora individuals and organisations have played a key role in mitigating the impact of COVID-19 on Africa. This is an example among many others of diaspora response to Africa's emergency and development challenges. And this applies to other diasporas.
- Besides health system strengthening and support for the economic sector in response to COVID-19, increased importance should be given to the nexus between migration and development (e.g. diaspora investment, experience, knowledge and expertise sharing) in EU programming at geographic and thematic levels.
- For EU programming to better reflect local needs, fully inclusive national, regional and thematic multi-stakeholder platforms should be put in place.
- Being a bridge between residence and origin countries, networks of diaspora development organisations should systematically be consulted and included in these platforms. Likewise diaspora organisations or experts involvement into programme design and implementation should be drastically stepped up in line with the principle of ownership.