

# **How Can Kenyans Abroad Contribute to National Development**

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## **Abstract**

The purpose of this paper is to propose some ideas that can enhance the contribution of the Kenyan community abroad to national development. Unlike any other countries, especially in Asia, Middle East, and Latin America, Kenya is not yet a major emigration country, but emigration of Kenyan professionals and technicians is increasing in importance. Kenyans and those with links to Kenya living abroad are a potentially important resource for national development. It is thus useful to examine the various ways in which this potential can be more effectively realised. The paper first discusses the patterns and impact of emigration before exploring the different ways in which the contribution of Kenyans abroad can be enhanced. It then puts forward proposals for priority action to implement the proposed ideas.