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Migration: ENERGY FOR THE PLANET FEEDING CULTURES

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**WORKSHOP FROM BENEFICIARIES TO EMPOWERED ACTORS:
WHAT VISIONS LIE BEHIND THE SUPPORT TOWARDS MIGRANT ORGANIZATIONS?**

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Diaspora associations are widely recognized as important actors in sustaining migrants' communities in their integration processes in countries of destination. They also play an important role towards development of their country of origin. Diaspora associations don't always act alone but through the activation of key actors in the territories where they reside or come from. In several occasions they have been able to establish partnerships with different actors specialized in welfare assistance and/or development cooperation – often also due to indications offered by donors.

From the experience of Fondazioni4Africa, promoted by 4 Italian Foundations to the engagement of 25 Italian foundations in the Acri Burkina Faso Initiative, to the *Parlez Vous Global* project this workshop aims to stimulate dialogue and exchanges with other European experiences. The workshop focuses on 3 key-areas, witnessing migrants' shift from beneficiaries to empowered actors: 1. reinforcement of associations through capacity building; 2. establishment of partnerships between migrant associations and other actors; 3. communicating migration and educating for global citizenship. The workshop will present different voices sharing their experience and assessing the results of these initiatives, looking at strategic, competitive, instrumental

relationships and at the roles played by different actors; good practices; unexpected impacts and consequences in comparative and long-term perspective.

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