



# **Input to the National Taskforce for the Establishment of the DRC National Platform for Impact Investment (NPII-DRC)**

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## Executive Summary

### 1. Context and Purpose

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is entering a pivotal phase as it launches the **Taskforce for the establishment of the National Platform for Impact Investment (NABII-DRC)**. This initiative, aligned with the **GSG Impact** and with the Government's **Plan National Stratégique de Développement (PNSD 2024–2028)**, aims to mobilize **private capital**, strengthen **development financing**, and channel investments toward national priorities. 4IP Group—an advisory firm specialized in impact investing, diaspora engagement, and capital mobilization—prepared this executive summary to outline **how the DRC diaspora can become a cornerstone of the NPII-DRC's 3-year strategy**. This strategic integration recognizes the significant **potential of diaspora direct investment** to boost productive activities and contribute substantially to national development in their home countries (Rodríguez-Montemayor, 2012). Recognizing this, governments and multilateral institutions are increasingly exploring **mechanisms to facilitate and leverage diaspora capital** for sustainable economic growth (Newland & Tanaka, 2010). This integration is particularly pertinent given **the global trend of increasing human mobility** and the growing recognition of diaspora members as **potent economic agents** capable of fostering investment, trade, and outsourcing opportunities within their countries of origin (Franc et al., 2020; Rodríguez-Montemayor, 2012).

### 2. Why the Diaspora Matters

According to the *Rapport Final du Forum Diaspora*, **the DRC diaspora**:

- Represents **6–8 million people** across Africa, Europe, and North America
- Sends **USD 1.9–2.1 billion per year** in remittances

Includes thousands of **highly skilled professionals** in **health, tech, finance, engineering, agriculture, and diplomacy**

Yet diaspora investment remains **underleveraged**, due to fragmentation, lack of structured investment vehicles, and absence of a formal national engagement platform.

The NPII-DRC is ideally positioned to transform diaspora energy into **productive, inclusive, and long-term capital**.

### 3. Strategic Contribution of the Diaspora to the NABII-DRC 3-Year Plan

The NPII-DRC has **five priority domains**. The diaspora can play a catalytic role in each.

#### 3.1 Pillar 1 – Diaspora Capital & Talent

The Taskforce already includes a pillar dedicated to diaspora engagement.

**Key Opportunities:**

1. **Diaspora Investment Syndicates (DIS-DRC)**
  - pooled investments (USD 5k–50k) into SMEs, SEZ agro-processing, health, green corridors, and responsible mineral value chains.
2. **Diaspora Project Preparation Facility (D-PPF)**
  - addressing the critical shortage of bankable projects by funding feasibility studies, financial models, and ESG/impact design.



### 3. Skills & Technical “Returnships”

- short-term assignments for diaspora experts to strengthen local institutions and startups.

## 3.2 Pillar 2 – Faith-Driven Investment

The DRC’s religious networks are deeply influential—particularly the Catholic and Protestant churches.

The Taskforce includes this as a core domain.

#### Diaspora contributions:

- Support faith-based SMEs (i.e. faith-driven enterprises) in health, education, and agriculture
- Build ethical value chains (e.g., responsible gold, cocoa, medicinal plants)
- Mobilize global Christian investors (such as Catholic Impact Investor Collaborative powered by the Francesco Collaborative<sup>1</sup>) and foundations

## 3.3 Pillar 3 – Banking & Cooperative Finance

Diaspora resources can accelerate:

- the feasibility study for a **Congolese Cooperative Bank**,
- **loan guarantee programs** for SMEs (such as in Zambia), and digital finance channels for productive remittances.

This can transform informal remittances into **formalized capital flows**, directly bolstering local economies and fostering **financial inclusion** across the nation (Vaaler, 2012).

A shift of even **3% of diaspora remittances** toward investment would unlock **USD 60 million/year** for productive uses (cf. Kingombe, 2022)<sup>2</sup>.

## 3.4 Pillar 4 – Institutional Investors & Sovereign Funds

The diaspora, especially in Europe and North America, includes **professionals** in:

- sovereign wealth funds
- pension funds
- venture capital
- private equity

**Roles** include:

- providing expertise for the Sovereign Wealth Fund roadmap
- anchoring emerging VC/PE funds
- attracting institutional co-investors in clean energy, sustainable agriculture, and industrial transformation.

## 3.5 Pillar 5 – Strategic Value Chains Support

Diaspora engineers, agronomists, and medical experts can support:

- **Battery & EV value chain (DRC-Zambia corridor)**
- **Agro-industrial SEZs** (rice, cocoa, maize, cassava, value-added processing)

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<sup>1</sup> [Catholic Impact Investing Collaborative - Francesco Collaborative](https://francescocollaborative.org/catholic-impact-investing-collaborative/) - <https://francescocollaborative.org/catholic-impact-investing-collaborative/>

<sup>2</sup> [Christian Kingombe - Building Bridges](https://www.buildingbridges.org/speaker/christian-kingombe/) - <https://www.buildingbridges.org/speaker/christian-kingombe/>



- **Pharmaceutical manufacturing** (e.g., strengthening Pharmakina)
- **Responsible Gold—PeaceGold Initiative** through global networks in Switzerland, the UAE, and EU

This aligns with value-chain priorities identified in the Taskforce slides (pages 19–23).

## 4. Governance & Coordination Recommendations

To address fragmentation and ensure effectiveness, 4IP Group recommends:

### 4.1 Diaspora Advisory Council of the NPII-DRC

A formal governance mechanism representing diaspora investors, experts, entrepreneurs, youth, and religious actors.

### 4.2 “27th Province” Representation Model

Aligning with recommendations from the Forum Diaspora to **formally recognize diaspora as a constituency** in national development structures.

This approach acknowledges **the diaspora's significant contributions** to their country of origin and formally **integrates their perspectives into policy-making** and resource allocation processes (Brinkerhoff, 2011).

### 4.3 Diaspora Data & Investment Intelligence Portal

A **centralized platform** for mapping skills, investors, entrepreneurs, chambers, and sectoral organizations.

## 5. How 4IP Group Supports the Taskforce

4IP Group can contribute to the NPII-DRC as a **technical partner** in:

### A. Strategy & Governance

- Co-writing the 3-year national strategy
- Designing governance aligned with GSG global best practices

### B. Financial Instruments

- Diaspora investment syndicates
- Blended finance facilities
- Loan guarantees
- Faith-driven financing structures

### C. Capacity Building

- SDG Impact Standards training
- Project preparation for SMEs, SEZs, and climate projects



## D. Global Capital Mobilization

Through its global network of *1000+ family offices, impact investors, and institutional partners*, 4IP Group can channel:

- climate finance
- diaspora finance
- venture and growth capital
- ethical commodity chain investments

## 6. Conclusion

The NPII-DRC has the potential to become **Africa's leading platform for mobilizing impact capital**. The diaspora must be positioned not as a peripheral actor, but as a **central pillar of national development**. This strategic integration can significantly **amplify the effectiveness of initiatives** aimed at fostering sustainable economic growth and resilience across various sectors ("Economic Development in Africa Report 2023," 2023). By **leveraging diaspora networks and capital**, the NPII-DRC can unlock transformative investment, enhance technical capacities, and foster inclusive development pathways, ultimately positioning the nation as a leader in sustainable economic transformation (Gjorduni, 2023).

**This strategic integration** will not only facilitate robust financial inflows but also catalyze **the transfer of critical human capital and technological expertise**, reinforcing the DRC's position within the global impact investment landscape (Ionescu, 2006; Odermatt, 2013).

By building the right governance structures, investment vehicles, and channels for skill transfer, **the diaspora can unlock**:

- new financing sources
- technical expertise
- global partnerships
- responsible value chains
- inclusive economic growth

**4IP Group stands ready to support this national mission.**



## Background Note

### 1. Introduction: Why 4IP Group Supports the NPII-DRC

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) stands at a **historic turning point**. The launch of the **National Taskforce for the establishment of a National Platform for Impact Investment (NPII-DRC)** marks the first coordinated effort to mobilize **private capital, diaspora resources, and global impact investors** in support of national priorities described in the *Plan National Stratégique de Développement (PNSD 2024–2028)*

The **4IP Group** — an impact investing advisory boutique active across Africa and Europe—brings extensive experience in:

- **Mobilizing capital** from family offices, philanthropic investors, and venture funds
- **Structuring blended finance vehicles**
- **Building national impact investing ecosystems (Zambia, Tanzania, Switzerland and Cameroun)**
- **Supporting diaspora-led investment initiatives (See Annex A)**

Given the **DRC's unique conditions**—vast natural resources, the world's second largest tropical forest, a large and highly skilled diaspora, and a renewed political commitment to reform—NPII-DRC can become a cornerstone of sustainable economic transformation.

This background note outlines:

1. **How the DRC Diaspora can become a central pillar** of the Taskforce's 3-year strategy
2. **What structures and programs should be prioritized**
3. **How 4IP Group can support the Taskforce as a technical advisor and ecosystem builder**

### 2. Strategic Importance of the DRC Diaspora

#### 2.1 Size, Geography, and Economic Weight

According to the *Rapport Final du Forum sur l'Engagement de la Diaspora Congolaise*, the Congolese diaspora represents an estimated **6–8 million people** globally. This makes it one of the **largest and most diverse African diasporas**, with a presence that spans **Africa (≈80%), Europe (≈15%)**, and growing communities across **North America, the Gulf, and Asia**.

Economically, the diaspora is a **major financial contributor** to national stability. Annual remittances reached **USD 1.9–2.1 billion** between 2018 and 2020—placing the DRC among the



top remittance-receiving countries in Central Africa, and positioning the diaspora as one of the most reliable **external financial flows** to the Congolese economy.

Beyond financial transfers, the diaspora embodies a significant reservoir of **human capital and global expertise**. Its members include doctors, engineers, fintech and tech specialists, academics, investors, entrepreneurs, and senior professionals in global institutions. This combination of **financial weight and advanced skills** makes the diaspora a **strategic partner** for national development and an essential pillar for mobilizing private capital, transferring knowledge, and strengthening the impact investment ecosystem.

## 2.2 Current Challenges Limiting Diaspora Engagement

Despite its size, skills, and financial weight, the effective engagement of the DRC diaspora remains **constrained by several structural and operational barriers** highlighted in the *Rapport Final du Forum Diaspora*.

First, the absence of a **coherent national diaspora policy** has led to fragmented initiatives and limited institutional continuity. Diaspora members often face **administrative hurdles**, including difficulties obtaining visas, work permits, or benefiting from investment incentives—factors that **discourage long-term engagement or return programmes**.

**Coordination** among diaspora organisations is also **weak and highly decentralised**, resulting in duplication of efforts, limited strategic alignment, and a lack of **unified representation** in national development processes. **Financial integration** remains underdeveloped: there is a **shortage of tailored banking products, remittance channels, and investment vehicles** designed specifically for diaspora investors, which restricts their ability to channel capital into productive sectors.

Finally, a major obstacle is the **low availability of well-prepared, “bankable” projects**. Many diaspora members **express willingness to invest** but lack access to credible project pipelines, feasibility studies, or risk-mitigated investment structures. This **gap in project preparation** significantly reduces the potential of diaspora contributions to national development and impact investment mobilisation.

## 2.3 Diaspora as a Strategic Partner for NPII-DRC

Within the global **GSG Impact** community, diaspora populations are increasingly recognised as pivotal actors in national impact investment ecosystems. They represent not only a source of **patient and values-driven capital**, but also a reservoir of **technical expertise, managerial talent, and international networks** capable of accelerating investment readiness and strengthening market credibility.

Diaspora communities often serve as **trusted intermediaries** between domestic actors and global investors, helping to de-risk opportunities, validate business models, and enhance confidence in local markets. Their visibility and professional presence in major financial hubs make them effective **ambassadors of credibility**, capable of mobilising partnerships, philanthropic funding, private capital, and institutional investors who might otherwise be hesitant to engage.



Reflecting this **strategic potential**, the NPII-DRC Taskforce explicitly identifies “**Diaspora, Capital & Talent**” as one of its five foundational pillars (pages 15–16). This signals the government’s **commitment** to placing the diaspora at the centre of ecosystem-building efforts, ensuring their **contributions are structurally integrated** into the Platform’s three-year strategy.

### 3. How the Diaspora Supports the NPII-DRC 3-Year Strategy

The diaspora can play a **catalytic role** in each of the five priority domains defined by the NPII-DRC Taskforce. Below is a proposed **roadmap** to embed diaspora capital, expertise, and networks into the Platform’s operational strategy.

#### 3.1 Pillar 1 – Diaspora Capital & Talent Mobilization

The NPII-DRC Taskforce already highlights key mechanisms such as **diaspora crowdfunding windows, investment syndicates, and “returnship” programs** for technical skills transfer (pages 15–16). These elements form a solid foundation, but their full potential requires more structured implementation and targeted instruments.

To strengthen this pillar, 4IP Group proposes the following strategic programs:

##### A. Diaspora Investment Syndicates (DIS-DRC)

A structured co-investment mechanism enabling diaspora members to pool resources and invest collectively with minimum tickets of **USD 5k–50k**. These syndicates would mobilize capital into sectors aligned with national priorities, including:

- Financing for high-growth SMEs
- Green corridors and conservation-linked projects
- Agro-industrial ventures within Special Economic Zones (SEZs)
- Education, health, and digital innovation startups

This model **reduces individual risk**, creates scale, and gives diaspora investors access to professionally **curated investment pipelines**.<sup>3</sup>

##### B. Diaspora Venture Partners Platform (DVPP)

A **global technical network of Congolese professionals** active in engineering, medicine, finance, technology, and other key sectors. Members would contribute through:

- **Deal screening and due diligence**
- **Mentorship for entrepreneurs and startups**

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<sup>3</sup> See for example [La Promotion De L'Investissement Portail](#)



- **Validation of technical and business models**
- **Sector-specific advisory to ministries and local institutions**

The platform strengthens the credibility of the NPII-DRC pipeline and links domestic innovation to global standards.

## C. Diaspora Project Preparation Facility (D-PPF)

One of the most persistent gaps identified in the *Forum Diaspora Report* is the **scarcity of well-prepared, investment-ready projects**.

The D-PPF would address this bottleneck by offering:

- Feasibility studies and market assessments
- Financial modeling and investment structuring
- ESG and impact integration aligned with global standards
- Support in securing blended finance or guarantees

By improving project quality and reducing risk, the D-PPF ensures that diaspora capital—along with institutional and impact investors—can flow into credible, viable opportunities.

These three mechanisms form the backbone of a **professionalized diaspora investment ecosystem**, aligned with international best practices and fully integrated into the NPII-DRC's 3-year operational plan.

## 3.2 Pillar 2 – Faith-Driven Investment & Religious Networks

The NPII-DRC Taskforce recognizes **the central role of religious institutions**—Catholic, Protestant, and other faith-based networks—in the country's social and economic fabric. Across the DRC, the Church remains:

- **the largest provider of education**, operating thousands of schools and universities,
- **a cornerstone of the national health system**, managing hospitals and clinics in both urban and remote areas,
- **a trusted actor within rural communities**, with unparalleled social legitimacy and community reach.

These attributes position religious networks as **natural partners** for impact investment initiatives, particularly those aimed at social inclusion, human capital development, and ethical value chains.

To operationalize this pillar, the following initiatives are proposed:



### A. Faith-Driven Enterprise Accelerator (FDEA)

A specialized program supporting Catholic- and Protestant-affiliated (faith-driven) enterprises working in **health, education, agriculture, and social services**. The accelerator would provide business development training, impact measurement support, and access to blended finance aligned with Christian stewardship values.

### B. Ethical Value Chains Roundtable

A multi-stakeholder platform to promote **ethical and transparent value chains**—especially in gold, cocoa, coffee, and medicinal plants. **Religious institutions** can play a unique convening role in ensuring responsible sourcing, community inclusion, and adherence to ESG and human rights standards.

### C. Faith-Based Impact Bond Pilots

Pilot social/development impact bonds implemented in partnership with Catholic and Protestant networks, focusing on **youth employment, vocational training (TVET), maternal health, and community health systems strengthening**. Faith institutions can serve as service providers, guarantors of community engagement, and trusted implementation partners.

These initiatives build directly on the Taskforce's dedicated pillar on **Faith-Driven Investment** (page 16) and maximize the comparative advantage of religious institutions in advancing social impact, trust-building, and community-level development.

## 3.3 Pillar 3 – Financial Sector Mobilization

**Strengthening the DRC financial sector** is essential for scaling impact investment. The diaspora—given its global exposure to **advanced banking systems**—can play a decisive role in modernizing financial infrastructure and expanding access to capital.

**Key areas where the diaspora can contribute include:**

### 1. Diaspora Cooperative Bank Feasibility Study

As proposed in the Taskforce document (page 17), the establishment of a cooperative bank **owned partly by diaspora members** would improve access to savings products, SME loans, and investment instruments. Diaspora finance professionals can co-lead the feasibility study and help ensure the bank meets international governance and risk standards.

### 2. Diaspora-Anchored Loan Guarantee Schemes

**Guarantee programs**—capitalized by diaspora funds—can reduce SME credit risk and incentivize local banks to lend to **priority sectors** such as agriculture, health, and renewable energy. These schemes crowd-in domestic capital while reducing collateral barriers.

### 3. Digital Finance, Remittances & Investment Platforms

The diaspora already transfers close to **USD 2 billion annually**. Modern digital tools (mobile investment apps, blockchain-enabled remittances, diaspora savings bonds) can redirect even a **small share (≈3%)** toward productive investments—unlocking **over USD 60 million per year** for SMEs and community enterprises.



These interventions help transform remittances from purely consumption support into **development-oriented capital flows**.

### 3.4 Pillar 4 – Institutional Investors & Sovereign Funds

Diaspora professionals working in **global financial centers**—London, Geneva, Zurich, Paris, Washington, New York, Singapore, Dubai, Johannesburg & Nairobi—form an invaluable **bridge to institutional capital**. Their expertise and networks can directly strengthen the DRC’s long-term investment architecture.

**Strategic contributions include:**

#### 1. Co-designing the Roadmap for the DRC Sovereign Wealth Fund (SWF)

Diaspora experts in sovereign funds, pension funds, and macro-finance can support the Ministry of Finance in structuring an SWF aligned with global best practices in governance, transparency, and sustainability.

#### 2. Diaspora Institutional Investors Network (DIIN)

A formal network of Congolese professionals in asset management, private equity, venture capital, and investment banking to channel institutional interest toward DRC impact opportunities.

#### 3. Anchoring Emerging Congolese VC/PE Funds

Diaspora investors often serve as first movers in new fund structures. Their participation can strengthen local VC/PE funds, enhance credibility with foreign LPs, and ensure alignment with climate, social, and governance standards.

This pillar ensures that the DRC’s investment ecosystem becomes globally connected, professionally governed, and capable of attracting large-scale capital.

### 3.5 Pillar 5 – Strategic Value Chains

The **diaspora’s technical and professional expertise** can support the Taskforce across several strategic value chains identified in the NABII-DRC presentation (pages 19–23). These value chains are critical for structural transformation and job creation.

#### A. Battery & Electric Vehicle (EV) Value Chain – DRC–Zambia Corridor

Diaspora engineers and mining specialists can help:

- Provide expertise for **cobalt–copper processing** and precursor materials
- Mobilize **green technology** and EV-focused investors
- Strengthen **cross-border industrial platforms** between the DRC and Zambia

Their involvement reinforces the DRC’s ambition to move from mineral extraction to **value-added manufacturing**.

#### B. Agro-Industrial SEZ Development

Diaspora agronomists, food scientists, and agro-investors can support:



- Project preparation for SEZ-based agro-industrial ventures
- Development of value chains in rice, cassava, palm oil, cocoa, coffee, and maize
- Upgrading processing, packaging, and export capabilities

This helps reduce food imports and strengthen rural employment and local value addition.

### C. Pharmaceutical Strengthening

Diaspora doctors, pharmacists, and biomedical researchers can assist national pharmaceutical leaders such as **Pharmakina** through:

- R&D and scientific partnerships
- Support in meeting WHO/GMP certification standards
- Advising on production expansion for quinine, essential medicines, and vaccines

Such collaboration enhances health sovereignty and builds a stronger domestic pharmaceutical sector.

### D. Responsible Gold – PeaceGold Initiative

Diaspora networks in **Switzerland, the UAE, Belgium, France, and the UK**—key gold trading hubs—can help strengthen the **PeaceGold effort** (page 23), by:

- Promoting **traceability and transparent** supply chains
- Facilitating **certification** under international responsible gold standards
- Engaging ethical investors and jewelers committed to **conflict-free sourcing**

This contributes to **turning artisanal mining** from a source of conflict into a driver of peace and community development.

These contributions demonstrate that the diaspora is not only a source of capital but a **strategic asset** across critical economic sectors—supporting the NPII-DRC’s objective of building a modern, inclusive, and impact-oriented investment ecosystem.

## 4. Governance Recommendations for Diaspora Integration

Building on the gaps identified in the *Forum Diaspora Report*, the effective integration of the diaspora into the NPII-DRC requires **clear governance structures, formal participation mechanisms, and reliable data systems**. The following recommendations provide a practical **roadmap for institutionalizing** diaspora engagement within the Platform.

### 4.1 Establish a Diaspora Advisory Council of the NPII-DRC

A formal **Diaspora Advisory Council** should be created to provide strategic guidance, ensure representation, and serve as a structured interface between global diaspora networks and national institutions.

The Council would be composed of:



- leading **diaspora investors** active in impact finance and venture capital
- **technical experts** in sectors such as energy, mining, agriculture, and technology
- **faith-based representatives** from major Catholic and Protestant communities abroad
- **entrepreneurs and innovators** from key diaspora hubs
- **women and youth leaders**, reflecting the diversity and demographic strength of the diaspora

This Council would advise on policy, validate investment pipelines, and ensure alignment between diaspora priorities and national development objectives.

#### 4.2 Implement the “27th Province” Representation Mechanism

The *Forum Diaspora Report* recommends recognizing the diaspora as the “**27th province**” of the DRC, with dedicated representation in national development processes.

The NPII-DRC can **pilot this model** within its governance structure by:

- allocating **formal seats** to diaspora representatives in the Platform’s steering committees
- institutionalizing **voting or consultative roles** for diaspora organisations
- ensuring **geographic diversity** (Africa, Europe, North America, Gulf, Asia)

This mechanism would give **the diaspora** a legitimate and sustained voice in shaping investment priorities, policy reforms, and ecosystem design.

#### 4.3 Create a Diaspora Data & Intelligence Portal

One of the major **obstacles** identified in the diaspora report is the **lack of reliable and consolidated data** on diaspora demographics, skills, and investment capacity. To address this, NPII-DRC should establish a centralized **Diaspora Data & Intelligence Portal** containing:

- **diaspora mapping** across major regions
- a **skills inventory** covering key sectors (health, engineering, finance, technology, agriculture)
- **investment and business profiles** for diaspora investors, funds, and entrepreneurs
- a registry of **diaspora associations, faith networks, professional groups, and chambers**

This platform would serve as **the backbone** for policy formulation, investment matchmaking, and targeted diaspora programs, ensuring evidence-based engagement rather than fragmented or ad-hoc initiatives.



These **governance measures** would institutionalize diaspora participation, enhance transparency, and create a stable foundation for long-term collaboration between the global Congolese community and the NPII-DRC.

## 5. The Critical Role of 4IP Group

To successfully launch and operationalize the NPII-DRC, the Taskforce will require specialized expertise in ecosystem design, investment structuring, diaspora engagement, and international capital mobilization. **4IP Group is uniquely positioned** to support this process, drawing on its global networks, technical experience, and proven track record in impact investing across Africa and Europe.

4IP Group can contribute strategically in four core areas:

### A. Technical Advisory & Ecosystem Building

4IP Group brings extensive experience in building national and regional impact investment ecosystems. The firm can:

- **Co-draft the NPII-DRC's 3-year strategy**, ensuring alignment with the PNSD 2024–2028, GSG Impact standards, and the country's economic transformation agenda.
- **Design and operationalize governance structures** that reflect global best practices—transparent, multisectoral, and capable of attracting international investors.
- **Conduct rigorous market assessments** and investment landscape analyses to help define priority sectors, identify bottlenecks, and shape a realistic and impactful roadmap.

This technical support strengthens the institutional foundations of the NPII-DRC and ensures that the Platform evolves as a credible, efficient, and investor-ready national mechanism.

### B. Designing Financing Instruments

The DRC needs **tailored financing tools** to unlock the full potential of diaspora capital, local enterprises, and global impact investors. 4IP Group can help design and structure:

- **Diaspora investment vehicles**, including syndicates, bonds, co-investment clubs, and dedicated funds.
- **Blended finance instruments** that combine public, philanthropic, and private capital to de-risk investments in priority sectors.
- **Guarantee schemes** designed to strengthen SME lending, attract institutional investors, and reduce credit constraints.
- **Faith-based financing mechanisms**, leveraging the influence of Catholic and Protestant networks to mobilize value-aligned capital.

These instruments create the financial architecture needed to channel large-scale capital into inclusive and sustainable development opportunities.



## C. Capacity Building

4IP Group can play a key role in strengthening institutional capacities across the ecosystem by:

- Training ministries, financial institutions, incubators, and SMEs in **impact management, SDG alignment, and ESG best practices**.
- Supporting **project preparation**, improving the quality of investment proposals, and enhancing bankability across the pipeline.
- Delivering **SDG Impact Standards training**, helping national institutions and private enterprises adopt internationally recognized practices.

This capacity-building pillar ensures long-term sustainability and local ownership of the impact investment ecosystem.

## D. Global Capital Mobilization

One of 4IP Group's greatest strengths is its ability to open doors to **international capital markets**. The firm maintains:

- a network of **200+ family offices globally**,
- deep relationships with **impact funds, development finance institutions (DFIs),<sup>4</sup> climate financiers, and European foundations**,
- a diverse diaspora network across **Washington, Brussels, Paris, Geneva, Zurich, London, Johannesburg, Montreal**, and other global hubs.

These connections enable 4IP Group to act as a **trusted catalyst**, positioning the NPII-DRC to attract the type of capital—patient, impact-oriented, and strategic—that the DRC urgently needs for its economic transition.

**In summary**, 4IP Group offers the Taskforce an integrated package of strategic advisory, technical expertise, ecosystem building, and global investor access. This makes the firm a valuable partner in ensuring that the NPII-DRC becomes a credible, impactful, and internationally recognized national platform for mobilizing private capital in support of Congo's development priorities.

## 6. Conclusion

The creation of the NPII-DRC represents a **generational opportunity** for the Democratic Republic of Congo. Few moments offer the chance to reshape a country's investment landscape, strengthen institutions, and mobilize its global community toward a shared vision of sustainable development. With the right governance architecture, well-designed financing mechanisms, and a robust strategy for engaging the diaspora, the Platform can become a powerful **engine for national transformation**.

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The NPII-DRC has the potential to:

- **unlock billions in private and impact capital,**
- **strengthen priority value chains** such as batteries, agriculture, pharmaceuticals, and responsible minerals,
- **attract climate and nature finance** aligned with global commitments and the DRC's role as a climate superpower,
- **mobilize the diaspora as co-architects of change**, leveraging their capital, skills, and international networks,
- and **accelerate the implementation of the PNSD 2024–2028**, turning national development objectives into investable realities.

As the Taskforce advances this national agenda, **4IP Group stands ready to contribute its technical expertise, global investor networks, and advisory capabilities**. By working together—government institutions, diaspora leaders, private investors, faith networks, and development partners—the DRC can build a credible, high-performing platform capable of shaping a new era of inclusive, responsible, and sustainable economic development.



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## Annex A: List of Diaspora-Led Investment Initiatives Supported by Christian Kingombe and 4IP Group

### 1. Investment Funds Dedicated to African Startups

- Support for **the structuring and deployment of funds** targeting African and diaspora entrepreneurs (cf. Abrod)<sup>5</sup>.
- Assistance in **raising capital** from institutional investors and engaged diaspora members.

### 2. Support Programs for Diaspora Entrepreneurs

- **Mentoring and training for project leaders** from the diaspora looking to invest in Africa (cf. LCPA).<sup>6</sup>
- Support in developing business plans and market entry strategies.

### 3. Crowdfunding Platforms

- Promotion of **crowdfunding models** that allow the diaspora to invest directly in African SMEs and startups.
- Advisory services for establishing secure **legal and financial frameworks**.

### 4. Public-Private Partnerships Involving the Diaspora

- Collaboration with governments and financial institutions to **create tax incentives and support mechanisms** for diaspora investors.
- Organization of **roundtables and forums** to facilitate dialogue between diaspora members and public decision-makers.<sup>7</sup>

### 5. Investment Clubs and Business Networks

- Management of diaspora investor networks to pool resources and share opportunities.<sup>8</sup>
- Creation of **online and offline communities** to strengthen cross-border collaborations.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> [Abrod Investment Services AG in Zug | Moneyhouse](#)

<sup>6</sup> [LCPA | Local Communities Prosperity Alliance Initiative | A federative initiative to improve Local Communities - LCPA](#) and <https://www.futurize.studio/academy-africa>

<sup>7</sup> [Building Bridges : Aligning Finance with Sustainability - Remittances as a Financial Tool for Impact Investments and Impact Entrepreneurship](#)

<sup>8</sup> 4IP Group's strategic partnership and deal-sharing with [Start - Afrika kommt!](#)

<sup>9</sup> See our LinkedIn group [Diaspora Impact Investing in Productive SDG sectors & as a source of Entrepreneurship and SME growth - \(9\) Diaspora Impact Investing in Productive SDG sectors & as a source of Entrepreneurship and SME growth | Groups | LinkedIn](#)



## 6. Impact Investing Initiatives Targeting Key Sectors<sup>10</sup>

- **Channeling diaspora capital towards projects** with high social and environmental impact: renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, health, education.<sup>11</sup>
- **Structuring investment vehicles** that blend public, private, and diaspora funds.

## 7. Light Infrastructure and Fintech Projects

- Support for **fintechs** that facilitate fund transfers and investments from the diaspora.<sup>12</sup>
- Investment in **digital and logistical solutions** that improve market access for small producers and entrepreneurs.

## 8. Local Capacity Building Programs

- **Training for young entrepreneurs** and women in rural and urban areas, in partnership with diaspora investors.<sup>13</sup>
- Support for **frugal innovation** and inclusive entrepreneurship.

## 9. Stimulating Investment in Agricultural Value Chains

- **Development of funds** dedicated to agribusiness, connecting local producers to international markets through diaspora partnerships.<sup>14</sup>

## 10. Advocacy for a Favorable Business Environment

- Working with regulatory bodies to **simplify investment procedures** for the diaspora.
- Promotion of inclusive and incentive-based **economic policies**.

<sup>10</sup> [UNIDO Invest in ACP | Vienna | Facebook](#)

<sup>11</sup> [Mobile banking for catalysing diaspora investment: a leapfrogging development opportunity for the ACP and DRC | ODI: Think change](#)

<sup>12</sup> [It costs more to send money to sub-Saharan Africa than anywhere else in the world: these companies are trying to change that | CNN](#)

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