

Recent trends in the term Diaspora:

The changes in definitions of the term “diasporas” are also linked to the so-called “diasporas turn” in policy discourse and practice. Though diasporas-related policies and institutions have existed since the 1800s, an increasing number of governments and international organizations have implemented policies intended to incorporate diaspora populations in a variety of domains since the 1990s (Gamlen, 2014). This stems from a growing recognition that diaspora communities are important development actors, and can improve social, economic and cultural linkages between their home and host countries.

Diasporas-outreach policies include not just traditional consular services for nationals abroad, but also programmes within domestic ministries focusing on, for example, health, welfare, labour, education, economy, culture, or religion. Several countries, including the Philippines, Bangladesh, Canada and Israel, have entire ministries dedicated exclusively to diasporas relations. [Diasporas | Migration data portal](#)

Advocates are gradually becoming more active in diaspora media, and there are several examples of different organisations and individuals using their power to break the communication barrier. Diaspora Digital News, for example, is a social impact online broadcast platform mainly focused on shedding light on the works of diaspora organisations, their stakeholders and others who are making an impact transnationally without losing their identities. Through its platform, it showcases the work of new and existing diaspora organisations and personalities, so that communities can tap into their knowledge and expertise for inter-country development. Meanwhile, the Global Irish Diaspora Directory, supported by the Government of Ireland, includes 1,000 Irish welfare, culture, sports, business and social organisations around the world, providing data that its diaspora can connect with. This success story is a good case study for diaspora engagement. Advocates of diaspora engagement, such as Loksan Harley, are also using online media platforms to discuss and bring solutions to issues concerning migration and diaspora through the Migration & Diaspora podcast. [Breaking diaspora engagement barriers through effective media communication | iDiaspora](#)