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Lesotho Advances Efforts to Leverage Diaspora Contributions for Sustainable Development

The Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho, in collaboration with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), through its subregional offices for North Africa and Southern Africa, has launched a three-day technical mission and workshop in Maseru from 27 to 29 April 2026. The mission focuses on progress done to develop an adequate national framework to better harness diaspora contributions and remittances as drivers of sustainable development.

Organized under the programme “*Strengthening the Migration–Development Nexus in Africa (2024–2028)*,” the mission and the workshop in partnership with the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning of Lesotho reflect the continued collaboration and commitment to supporting African countries in leveraging Diasporas contribution and remittances as a strategic asset for investment and national development. .

The current mission marks a critical milestone, providing a platform to present and validate the assessment of the existing framework for Diaspora Investment (available data and information on institutional, legal, financial aspects related to remittances and its contribution to sustainable development in Lesotho) with the National Technical Working Group (NTWG) and key stakeholders. Moreover, it aims to engage with government institutions, financial actors, development partners, and diaspora-related the existing framework, identify key challenges and gaps, and map opportunities to better leverage remittances for development in Lesotho.

The technical mission and workshop aim to lay the foundation for developing an adequate framework to better channel Basotho’s remittances to investment in addition to a detailed policy reforms matrix and a comprehensive roadmap to optimize diaspora contributions and align them with Lesotho’s national development priorities.