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Knowledge diasporas: the new frontier of development

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Today, the diaspora appears as a possible asset, for many countries’ development. In this vision, reconnection with high skilled expatriate human resources has acquired a particular momentum. However, this focus outside of the national territory suffers from a lack of tools to translate itself into a tangible contact and actual mobilization. Devices for a fertile and expanding nexus with the diaspora do exist though. Evidence brought from the CIDESAL project reveals the experimental works and reflections attempted in this direction. It provides active and concrete thinking about how this step of globalization can be sustained with decisive and appropriate measures.

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