THE EVENT
- Remarks by U.S. Department of State Special Representative for Global Partnerships, Andrew O’Brien
- Panel discussion on promoting diaspora engagement for international development efforts

ABOUT THE DIASPORA TOUR
What is “diaspora”? Diaspora is commonly used to describe a community of people who live outside their shared country of origin or ancestry but maintain active connections with it. A diaspora includes both emigrants and their descendants.

In recognition of the tremendous contributions that America’s diaspora communities make toward the development of their countries of heritage, the U.S. Department of State’s Special Representative for Global Partnerships, Andrew O’Brien, leads a Diaspora Tour that takes Washington on the road. This tour builds on the International diaspora Engagement Alliance (IdEA) partnership, launched in 2011, by the Secretary’s Office of Global Partnerships and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). With over 62 million first and second-generation immigrants currently in the U.S., these communities are some of America’s greatest resources for development and diplomacy.

This is an opportunity for students and university staff, diaspora leaders and local community organizations with an affinity for international development, to learn more about initiatives on diaspora engagement and about how to get involved with Global Diaspora Week, October 12th-18th, 2014.

RSVPs ENCOURAGED
This event is free and open to the public. RSVPs are optional but encouraged by emailing: mcardec@ufic.ufl.edu

BY THE NUMBERS
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America is home to the largest number of international migrants

232 Million
Estimated number of international migrants worldwide in 2013

$414 Billion
Estimated amount of recorded remittances sent to developing countries in 2013

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For more information on the International diaspora Engagement Alliance and the Global Diaspora Week, visit www.diasporaalliance.org