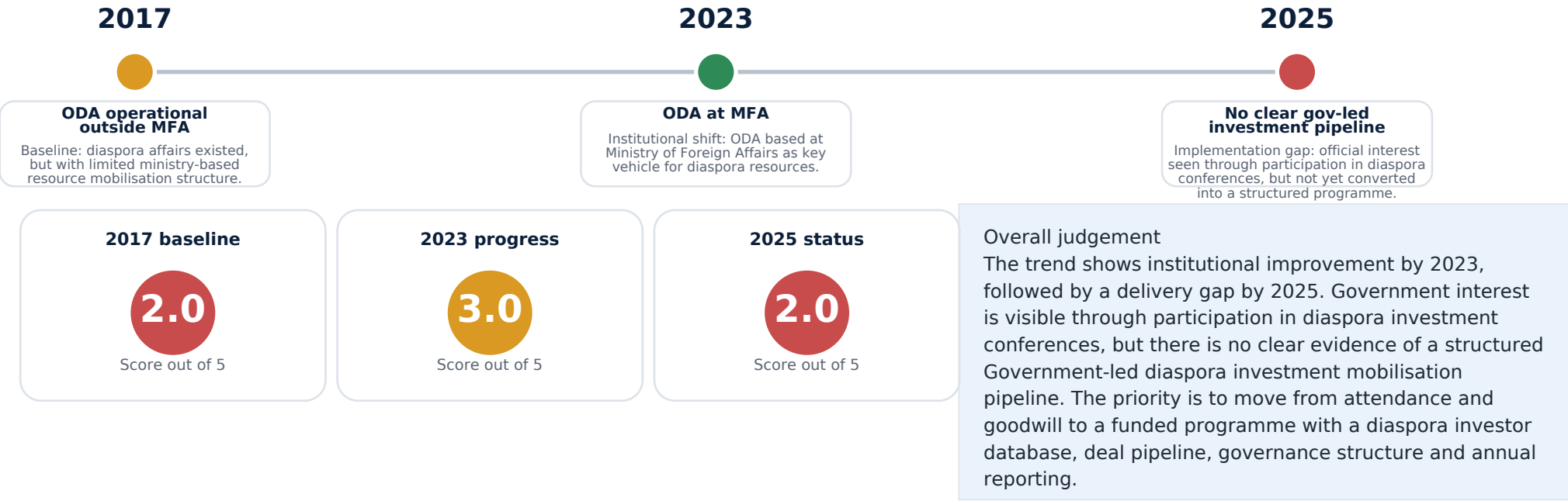


Foreign Affairs and International Relations

Trend analysis of Sierra Leone diaspora resource mobilisation and foreign affairs performance: 2017, 2023 and 2025.

MTNDP 2024-2030 objective: promote Sierra Leone's socio-political, economic and strategic interests, strengthen quality representation in foreign missions, and increase foreign direct investment and partnership opportunities. The specific Foreign Affairs focus is to mobilise more diaspora resources for socioeconomic development and increase Sierra Leone's representation in ECOWAS.

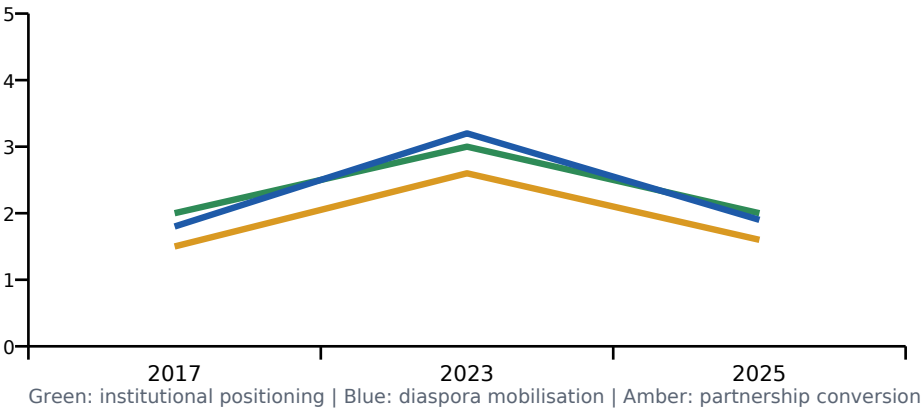


Scorecard trend matrix

Scores are indicative and based on the evidence supplied. 1 = weak or absent, 3 = moderate progress, 5 = strong and institutionalised.

Dimension	2017	2023	2025	Trend reading
Institutional positioning	2.0	3.0	2.0	ODA existed in 2017 under the Office of the President. By 2023 it was placed at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, but by 2025 the institutional arrangement had not yet produced a visible Government-led investment mobilisation system.
Diaspora resource mobilisation	1.8	3.2	1.9	Clear policy intention in MTNDP and an MFA-based vehicle by 2023. Current evidence points to limited execution and no publicly demonstrated mobilisation pipeline.
Partnership and FDI conversion	1.5	2.6	1.6	Participation of officials in diaspora investment events shows interest, but the evidence does not show structured deal facilitation, investor aftercare, or conversion of diaspora networks into investment outcomes.
ECOWAS and representation alignment	2.2	2.8	2.4	Policy objective is clear. The available evidence in this assessment is stronger on diaspora mobilisation than ECOWAS representation, so this area should be tracked separately with mission and representation indicators.

Indicative trend scores by dimension



Key interpretation

The strongest point in the trend is the 2023 institutional shift, where diaspora affairs became more closely linked to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. However, by 2025 the available evidence suggests a gap between policy ambition and practical implementation. The main risk is that diaspora mobilisation remains event-driven, informal and dependent on individual networks, rather than becoming a formal investment promotion system.

Recommended IGR status: **Partially Achieved / Needs Acceleration.**

Action framework for the next scorecard cycle

This page converts the trend analysis into an implementation checklist that can be used by IGR to track progress.

Priority	What should be in place	Suggested indicator	2025 baseline
1. Diaspora investment strategy	A Cabinet or ministerial-approved diaspora investment mobilisation strategy with yearly targets.	Strategy approved and published; annual implementation plan available.	Not evidenced
2. Diaspora investor database	A verified database of diaspora investors, professionals, associations and sector interests.	Number of verified diaspora investors and sector profiles captured.	Not evidenced
3. Deal pipeline	A clear pipeline of investable projects linked to agriculture, tourism, ICT, infrastructure and services.	Number and value of diaspora-linked investment leads created, supported and closed.	Not evidenced
4. Coordination mechanism	A joint mechanism between MFA, ODA, investment promotion agencies, missions abroad and private sector partners.	Quarterly coordination meetings and published progress notes.	Partial interest only
5. Diaspora conference follow-through	Government participation in diaspora events should be followed by investor aftercare and signed commitments.	Number of event leads converted into MoUs, project visits, business registrations or investment commitments.	Event participation noted

Evidence base used

1. MTNDP 2024-2030, page 190: objective and Foreign Affairs target on diaspora resource mobilisation and ECOWAS representation.
2. Cocorioko report: ODA operational, semi-autonomous and housed under the Office of the President at State House.
3. Author verification: ODA at Ministry of Foreign Affairs as of 2023.
4. Author verification through multiple sources within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs: no evidence of a Government-led diaspora investment mobilisation initiative as of 2026, though officials have participated in diaspora investment conferences facilitated by ordinary Sierra Leoneans and their networks.

Note: The 2025 assessment uses the latest author-verified status available in 2026 to judge the 2025 scorecard period.