



Fondation “Partager le Savoir” Sharing Knowledge Foundation

“ From Brain Drain to Brain Gain”
January 12th and 13th 2009 in Geneva

**Workshop organized by the
“Sharing Knowledge Foundation”**

It is natural for scientists of Southern Countries to travel to Developed Countries where they expect to find better conditions to develop their scientific potential.

Whilst some will remain abroad for relatively short periods, some will remain longer and even pursue a career in their host countries, constituting what is often called a "Scientific Diaspora".

This situation is often described as a "Brain Drain", meaning a loss, by the Countries of Origin, of desperately needed resources. In the present era of globalization, we think a different attitude should now prevail. It appears more and more that Scientific Diasporas can be considered an important asset for the "Countries of Origin", as is indeed demonstrated by the part scientific émigrés have played in the scientific and technological development of China and India.

What are the best practices (for individual Scientists as well as for Governments) in order to achieve a "win-win" situation, to benefit researchers, their host countries, as well as their countries of origin, a situation sometimes described as "Brain Gain"?

These questions will be debated, with a view of making concrete proposals, during a workshop "From Brain Drain to Brain Gain" grouping scientists as well as decision makers from both sides of the Mediterranean, at the invitation of the Sharing Knowledge Foundation .

The meeting will take place in Geneva on 12 and 13 January 2009, and be hosted by the World Meteorological Organization.