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## **THE ROLE OF THE KENYAN DIASPORA IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: A THEORETICAL REVIEW**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The importance of the role that the diaspora play in economic development is undisputable. The Government of Kenya has taken cognizance of this fact and has put a number of measures to ensure that the diaspora are engaged. Some of the measures are inclusion of the role of the diaspora in the New Constitution (2010) and Vision 2030, the development of a Diaspora Policy (2007) among others. This research is a theoretical review of the role of the Kenyan Diaspora economic development. The research provides a synthesis and comparative analysis of the recent studies (2006-2013) on role of diaspora in creating sustainable businesses since previous research have looked at specific aspects of the role of Kenyan diaspora in business and development and have not endeavored to perform a comparative analysis. It concludes by stating that a gap exists in the studies conducted on the role of Kenyan diaspora in economic development and gives areas that future studies could focus on.

### **KEY WORDS**

Diaspora, Kenyan Diaspora, economic development, brain drain