

## **ABOUT GOPIO INC.**

The Global Organization of People of Indian Origin (GOPIO) is a secular international organization of people of Indian origin. GOPIO was founded at the First Global Convention of People of Indian Origin in New York in 1989 when delegates from 35 countries attended this convention. Over the years, GOPIO has taken up issues of civil rights and human rights violations of the Indian Diaspora around the world and are pleased to say that our communities have joined the political mainstream in most of the countries with significant Diaspora population. In 35 years, GOPIO has grown bigger and better in mobilizing the community for common causes. GOPIO has been in the forefront to take up issues of common interest of the Indian community living outside India.

Indian Diaspora community is the fastest growing Diaspora community worldwide. Currently, it constitutes over 35 million people spread into 180 countries. Overseas Indians and People of Indian Origin are remitting over \$120 billion dollars every year which has helped India to reach a foreign reserve of over \$640 billion. This flow will continue at the same level or more in the near future. GOPIO has set its priorities in pooling NRI/PIO resources, both financial and professional, for the benefit of the PIOs, the countries they come from and India.

Currently, GOPIO International has over 100 chapters in 30 countries. In an effort to promote business and investment opportunities, GOPIO had launched GOPIO Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) in 2017. To look after the varied interests of the Overseas Indian community, GOPIO has the following departments as councils, i.e. GOPIO Women's Network, GOPIO Youth and Young Professionals Network, GOPIO Council on Diaspora Seniors, GOPIO Academic Council, GOPIO Human Rights Council, GOPIO Cultural Council, GOPIO Science and Technology Council, GOPIO Media Council and GOPIO Health and Wellness Council,

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