



Regional Meeting Africa

Gaborone, Botswana

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Title of sessions:

Matching Africa's and Europe's Development Agendas: how to enhance our partnership: panel and working groups

Objective(s):

These sessions bring together speakers from Africa and Europe to assess whether we are on track as regards developmental commitments. It will review global agendas such as the 2030 Agenda, key development policies for Africa, including Agenda 2063, and for Europe, the new European Consensus on Development. The panel will be followed by working groups to debate a number of particular themes that are highly relevant for both Africa's and the EU's Development agendas.

Expected Results:

- A better understanding of the regional and national progress made in the implementation of the global agendas, particularly the 2030 Agenda
- Enhanced familiarity of participants with both EU and African strategies, agendas and priorities
- Concrete recommendations for the thematic areas proposed for the working groups: Trade and Coherence for Development; Enabling Environment; Enhancing economic development and investment opportunities; External investment plan; and Environmental policy

Background:

The PFD has regularly discussed global challenges and strategies. While it is very active in the analysis of how the 2030 Agenda is being implemented, it should go one step beyond, and have a better insight into African and European agendas, strategies and efforts and, more importantly, how they are mutually reinforcing in support of shared development priorities. This session gathers regional views on some of the most important continental strategies, including:

- The 2030 Agenda: a shared, comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centered set of universal and transformative goals and targets. Each country is responsible for integrating the SDGs in their own development plans and reporting on progress, and all are co-responsible for the global implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
- Africa's Agenda 2063: the strategic framework for the socio-economic transformation of the African continent over the next 50 years. It builds on and seeks to accelerate the implementation

of past and existing continental initiatives for growth and sustainable development, including the Constitutive Act of the African Union, the African Union Vision, regional and continental frameworks and member states' national plans. Agenda 2063 is inspired by the following aspirations: a prosperous Africa, an integrated continent, good governance, democracy, respect for human rights, justice and the rule of law, a peaceful and secure Africa, a strong cultural identity, common heritage, values and ethics, a people driven Africa, and Africa as a strong, united, resilient and influential global player and partner.

- The new European Consensus on Development: the comprehensive common framework for European development cooperation. The new Consensus reaffirms the fight for poverty eradication and integrates the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. In doing so, it aligns European development action with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which is also a cross-cutting dimension for implementing the EU Global Strategy. The EU and its Member States will create better-tailored partnerships with a broader range of stakeholders, including civil society, and partner countries at all stages of development.

The session aspires to go beyond a purely descriptive presentation of strategies and contribute to a collective reflection, with examples and questions, about what works and why. Are all the policy frameworks producing real results, particularly in relation to the implementation of SDGs? Is there poverty alleviation? If not, why not? What are the main challenges faced in the implementation of those strategies? Are all stakeholders participating in the debate and implementation? If not, what are the reasons for not being heard?

Methodology:

Session 4: The panel will be moderated and participatory, with key questions to panellists and time for discussion with the plenary.

Session 5: After panel presentation and plenary discussions, participants will join one of five working groups, where a facilitator will help to guide the group and a rapporteur will take the conclusions to the plenary the next day to open the discussions on post-2020 relations between Europe and Africa.

First round of questions:

1. What are the key challenges faced by African partners?
2. Is that being reflected in Africa's Development Agenda and in the national processes to implement the 2030 Agenda?

Second round of questions:

1. How could EU policies support better African efforts to tackle the concrete challenges previously outlined?
2. How should that be reflected in the renewed Cotonou Agreement?

Stocktaking: The rapporteur presents the main findings and works together with the group to agree and finalize the messages for the plenary (in the PowerPoint presentation).