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Put to the test

**The Joint Africa-EU Strategy three
years after Lisbon**



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Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung,
Hiroshimastraße 17, 10785 Berlin

Programme



8:30 Registering

9:00 Welcome

Michèle Auga, Head of Africa Department, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung
Prof. Dr. h. c. Christa Randzio-Plath, Vice Chairperson VENRO, Germany

9:15 Keynote Speeches:


Has the Joint Africa-EU Strategy fulfilled expectations so far?

Matthias Mülmenstädt, Director for African Affairs, Federal Foreign Office,
Germany
Philippe Darmuzey, Head of Unit Panafrikan Issues and Institutions,
Directorate General Development, European Commission
NN, West Africa (tbc)

Moderation: Prof. Dr. h. c. Christa Randzio-Plath



10:15–10:45 Coffee break



10:45–12:15

SESSION 1:

Partnership agreements: forward-looking in international relations or a political pie in the sky?

A partnership is guided by commonly staked out goals, interests and tasks. Looking at the partnership agreement between Africa and Europe, the question arises what the common goals of the two continents are. Why are there partnership agreements between Africa and Europe in the first place, and what can they achieve in practice? Given the differences in development between the continents, are they at all possible? Are partnership agreements such as the Joint Africa-EU Strategy or the Cotonou Agreement superior to other Global Governance instruments in terms of effectiveness and efficiency?

Moderation: NN, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

Participants:

- Dr Fareed Arthur, Advisor on Strategic Matters, African Union Commission
- Tilder Kumichii, Coordinator Gender Empowerment and Development, Cameroon
- NN, USA
- NN, China

12:15–13.00 Lunch break

13:00–15:00

SESSION 2:

European Africa policy all in one? A close-up of decision-makers and actors

Over the last 20 years, there has been a fundamental change in the relation between Africa and the European Union. However, the question stays open whether an all-in-one Africa policy exists. Conflicts of interest as well as a delimitation of policy areas within the EU remain that complicate a joint Africa policy. But who in fact are the crucial actors who make their mark on European Africa policy?

On the other hand, the question arises whether Africa has a uniform Europe policy of its own. Who are the decision-makers here? What role do the African Union and the African Regional Groups (RECs) play, for example? Are the EU Member States following the common approach?

Moderation: Michael Steeb, VENRO, Germany

Participants:

- Malcolm Damon, Director, Economic Justice Network, South Africa
- Franziska Keller, Member of European Parliament (tbc)
- Thomas Albert, Head of Sub-Directorate, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany
- Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, Chief Executive Officer, NEPAD secretariat (tbc)
- Christoph Strässer, Member of the German Federal Parliament, Germany (tbc)

15:00–15:30 Coffee break

15:30–17:00

SESSION 3: The reality check: climate and energy policies as test cases for the new partnership?

The Climate Summit in Copenhagen has put the partnership between Africa and Europe to the test. It has shown that a co-ordinated approach among the two partners does not seem to be possible (yet), but that there are considerable conflicts of interest within Europe and Africa, too. What are the reasons for this, and how can the conditions for a viable energy policy and a common climate policy be improved?

Moderation: Jürgen Maier, Forum Environment and Development, Germany

Participants:

- Dr. Mama Konaté, Chairman of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) of the UN Convention on Climate (tbc)
- Regine Richter, urgewald, Germany
- Hein Winnubst, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany (tbc)
- Dr. Ibrahim Togola, Chairman of Mali-Folkecenter Nyeeta, Mali

17:00–17:15 Closing

Jürgen Maier, Forum Environment and Development, Germany

17:15 Come Together

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