



EUROPE & AFRICA: A STRATEGIC APPROACH

17 - 18 February 2016, Paris

Maison de la recherche, 54 rue de Varenne, 75007 Paris

As part of the expert outreach and consultation process leading to the EU Global Strategy on foreign and security policy, the EUISS, IAI, ECDPM and IFRI are organising a conference on Europe-Africa relations. The event, which will be attended by regional experts and officials, aims to conduct a strategic reflection on EU external action priorities in the continent.

The EU's prominence as Africa's principal commercial partner and aid donor - as well as key contributor to regional security through the African Peace Facility (AFP) - has laid the ground for closer cooperation, in particular with regional economic communities. Yet the recent spike in migratory flows, for instance, has highlighted the pressing need to consolidate strategies beyond crisis response measures.

EU-Africa relations are governed by two major frameworks encompassing security and development cooperation. Through the Joint Africa-EU Strategy (JAES), both partners have agreed on a roadmap to drive their relations for 2014-2017, with peace and security being one of the key priorities for joint action. In the run-up to the 2020 termination of the Cotonou agreement, the EU and its African counterparts are working to revamp their partnership and deepen the scope of cooperation – most notably on food security, mobility schemes and private sector investment.

In light of the impetus to adapt the partnership to the evolving realities of the security-development nexus, EU-Africa strategies to counter terrorist activities, manage population displacements or support peacekeeping and military training operations will have to be increasingly aligned with longer-term commitment in building state and societal resilience through stronger channels of engagement with African partners - within as well as beyond governmental organisations.

Programme

DAY 1 **17 February 2016**

12:45-13:15 **Registration of participants & welcome coffee**

13:15-14:00 **Opening remarks**

- **Antonio Missiroli**, Director, EUISS
- **Damien Helly**, Deputy Head of EU External Action Programme, ECDPM
- **Nathalie Tocci**, Deputy Director, IAI

14:00-15:15 **Security, development and governance in and for Africa**

Moderator **Cristina Barrios**, Senior Analyst, EUISS / Strategic Planning Division, EEAS

Panellists **Julia Schünemann**, Senior Researcher, ISS Pretoria
Alex Vines, Africa Director, Chatham House
Kristin de Peyron, Head of Division, Pan-African Affairs, EEAS
Adebayo Olukoshi, Regional Director for Africa and West Asia Programme, International IDEA

15:15-16:30 **The EU as a security provider and capacity-builder**

Moderator **Nicoletta Pirozzi**, Senior Fellow, IAI

Panellists **Albrecht Conze**, Head of Mission, EUCAP Sahel Mali
Michelle Ndiaye Ntab, Director, APSA, IPSS Addis Ababa
Aline Leboeuf, Africa Researcher, IFRI
Thierry Tardy, Senior Analyst, EUISS

16:30-16:45 **Coffee break**

16:45-17:45 **EUISS Project Presentation: Understanding African Armies**

David Chuter, Editor in Chief, Understanding African Armies report

18:00-20:00 **Cocktail *Dînatoire* & Keynote speeches**

EU – Africa: a strategic partnership for peace and security

- **Ajay Bramdeo**, Permanent Representative of the African Union to the EU and ACP Group
- **Mxolisi Nkosi**, Ambassador of South Africa to Belgium & Luxembourg and Head of Mission to the EU
- **Olivier Landour**, Director, North America and Multilateral Action, French Ministry of Defence

DAY 2

18 February 2016

08:45-09:00 Registration and welcome coffee

09:00-10:15 After Cotonou: what next for Europe-Africa relations?

Moderator **Geert Laporte**, Deputy Director, ECDPM

Panellists **Henri-Bernard Solignac-Lecomte**, Head of Unit, Africa & Middle-East, OECD
Obadiah Mailafia, Director, NBL-Heineken International (Nigeria)
Former Chef de Cabinet, ACP Group (Brussels)
Françoise Moreau, Head of Unit, Africa-EU Partnership and African Peace Facility, DG DEVCO

10:15-10:30 Coffee break

10:30-12:00 The Southern corridor: migrants and smugglers ashore

Moderator **Roderick Parkes**, Senior Analyst, EUISS

Panellists **Ahmed Driss**, Director, Centre of Mediterranean & International Studies
Mattia Toaldo, Policy Fellow, MENA programme, ECFR
Ralph Genetzke, Head of Mission, ICMPD Brussels
Catherine Wihtol de Wenden, Research Director, CNRS Sciences-Po

12:00-12:45 Concluding remarks

- **Angel Losada**, EU Special Representative for the Sahel
- **Jalal Abdel-Latif**, Head of the Governance and Human Security Cluster, Capacity Development Division, UNECA
- **Felix Fernandez-Shaw**, Cabinet Member and Expert, HR/VP Federica Mogherini, European Commission
- **Koen Vervaeke**, Managing Director for Africa, EEAS

13:00

End of Conference