



Fridays of the Commission

“The Africa-EU cooperation: Achievements, challenges and future perspectives”

24 November 2017 in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire

Venue: Caisse de stabilisation Auditorium (Near Ivotel Hotel)

FRIDAY, 24 November, 2017

08:30 – 09:00	ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS
09:00 – 09:20	OPENING SESSION: Welcome Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Rene Kouassi, Director of Economic Affairs, African Union Commission• Geert Laporte, Deputy Director, European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM)• Florian Koch, Director, AU Cooperation, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung
09:20 – 11:00	Session 1: A critical assessment (“bilan”) of 10 years of Joint Africa-EU Strategy (JAES) Moderator: Dr. René Kouassi, Director, Economic Affairs Department, AUC Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geert Laporte, Deputy Director, European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM)• Vijay Makhan, Former and last Secretary General, OAU (TBC)• Birgitte Markussen, Deputy Managing Director for Africa, European External Action Service (TBC)• Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, Director, South African Institute of International Affairs (TBC)• Ulf Engel, Professor, University of Leipzig (TBC)
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee/Tea Break
11:15 – 1:00pm	Session 2: Building a stronger and more coherent partnership between Africa and the EU for the coming 10 years Moderator: Geert Laporte, Deputy Director, ECDPM Panelists:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Raheemat Momodu, ECOWAS Liaison Officer to the African Union (TBC) ● Linda McAvan, , Member of the European Parliament, Chair, Committee on Development (TBC) ● Cheikh Tidiane Dieye, Executive Director at African Centre for Trade, Integration and Development (CACID), Senegal (TBC) ● Julie Vaille, Senior Research Fellow, IDDRI, France (TBC)
1:00 – 2:30pm	LUNCH
2:30- 4:00pm	<p>Session 3. Africa and Europe in the global world</p> <p>Moderator: Anne-Cecile Robert, Journalist, Monde Diplomatique and director of international relations and editions (tbc)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mohamed Yahya, Regional Programme Coordinator, UNDP Africa (<i>at his own expenses- he has his own budget</i>) (TBC) ● Georg Schmidt, Regional Director for Sub-Saharan Africa and the Sahel, German Federal Foreign Office (TBC) ● Carlos Lopes, former Secretary General, UNECA and Professor at Graduate School of Development Policy and Practice, University of Cape Town (TBC) ● Christine Hackenesch, Senior Researcher, German Development Institute (DIE)
4:00- 4:15pm	Coffee/Tea Break
4:15- 6:00pm	<p>Session 4. Investing in a people-centered partnership</p> <p>Moderator: Florian Koch, Director African Union Cooperation, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gerald Abila, founder of BarefootLaw (tbc) ● Jessica Ilunga, young columnist on Francafrique (tbc) ● Greg Mills, Brenthurst Foundation and author of “Making Africa Work” (tbc) ● Abouchatou Kady Fofana, Jeune Chambre International (tbc)