



Africa-EU Strategic Partnership

Everything you always wanted to know about... the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership!

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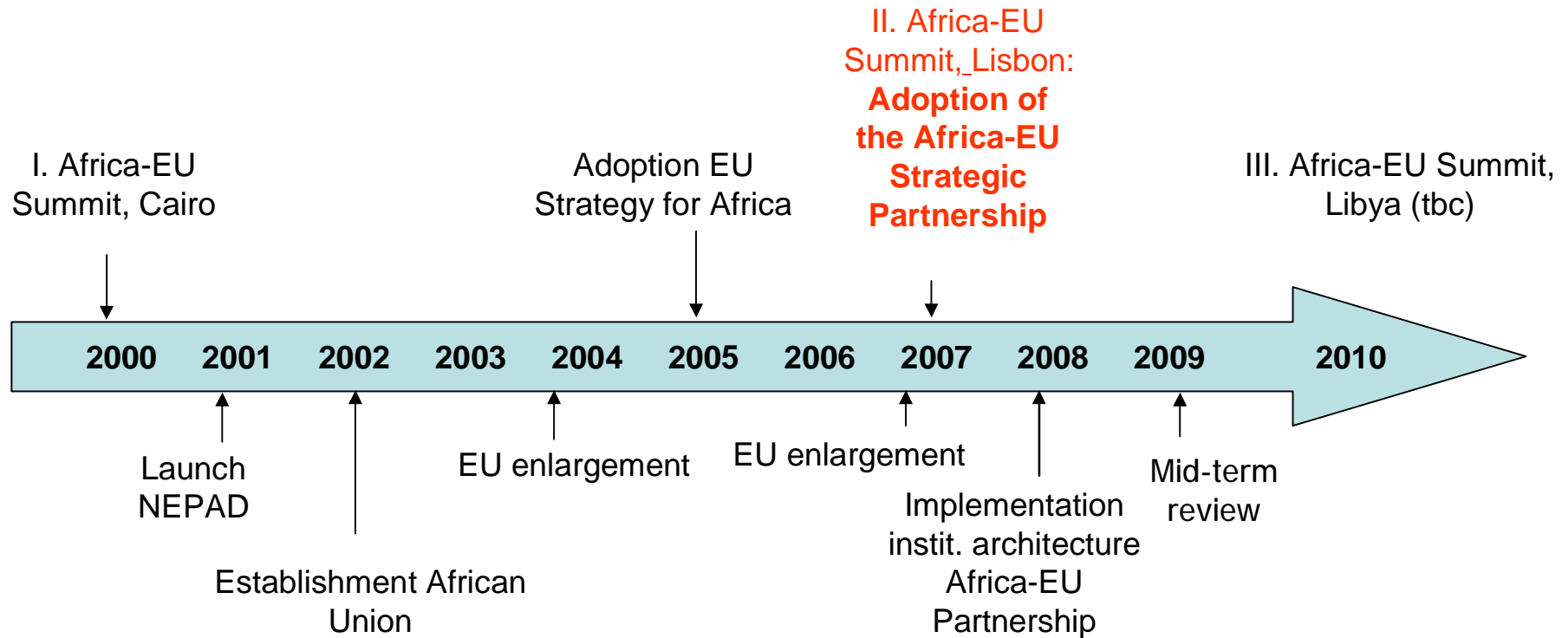
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1. What is it?

Africa-EU relations in a changing environment





1. What is it?

A new strategic framework

The new face of actors & changing geopolitical agenda

Africa:

2001: NEPAD

2002: OAU => AU

Multiple international partnerships (China, India, Latin America, etc)

World fora: represented at the G-8, G-20, UN conferences

EU:

15 => 27 Member States (12 MS new re. relations with Africa)

Geopolitical context: new emerging powers and reshuffled balance of power in international relations



1. What is it?

A new strategic framework

A strategic partnership of equals:

- ü **Beyond development:** political dialogue
- ü **Beyond Africa:** global partnership
- ü **Beyond institutions:** people-centred
- ü **Beyond fragmentation:** treating Africa as one



1. What is it?

A new strategic framework

- ⇒ **Complementary policy frameworks**
(Cotonou Partnership Agreement - Sub-Saharan Africa; European Neighborhood Policy - North Africa; Agreement on Trade, Development and Cooperation with South Africa)

- ⇒ **A Partnership of Action** (Action Plan 2008-2010 on 8 areas of cooperation)



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2. How does it work?

A complex, multilayered institutional architecture with multiple actors

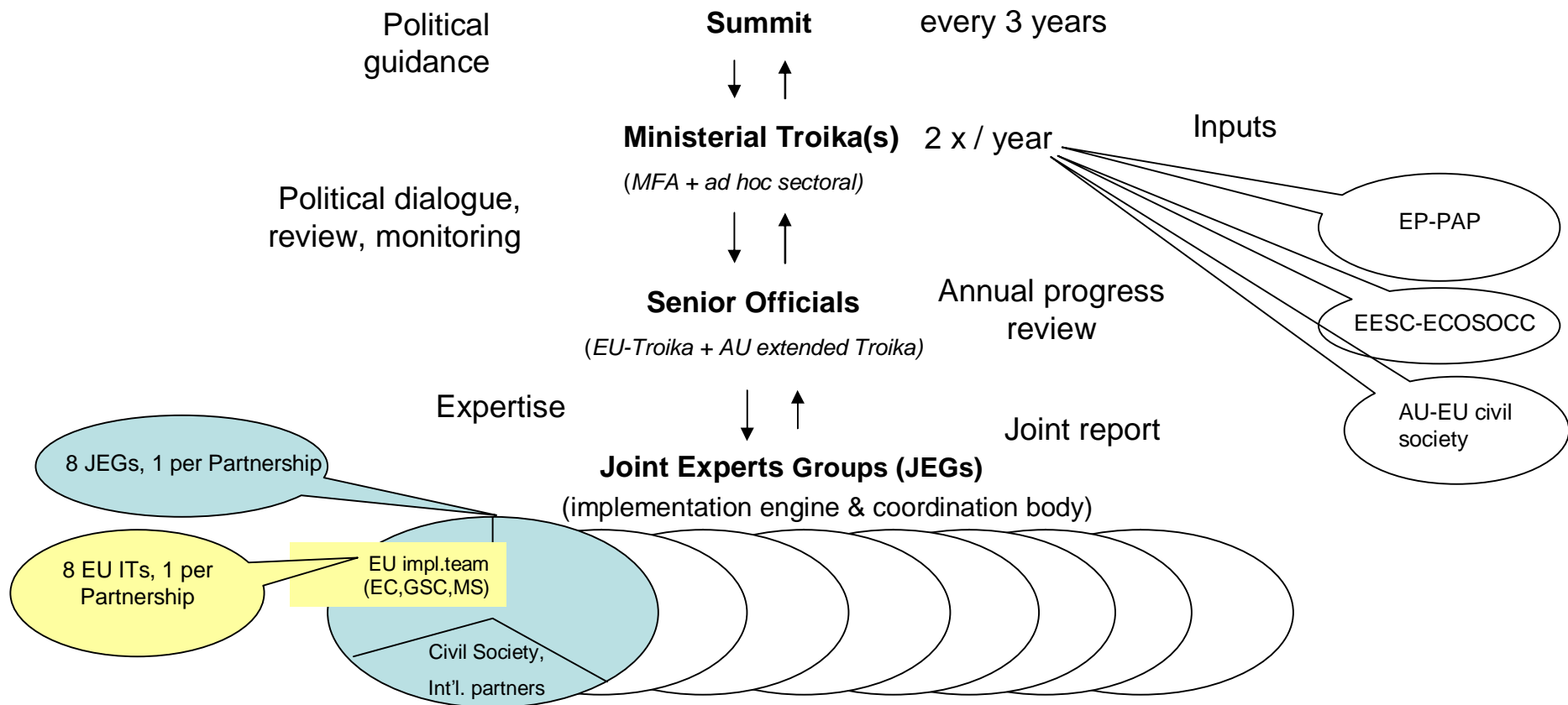
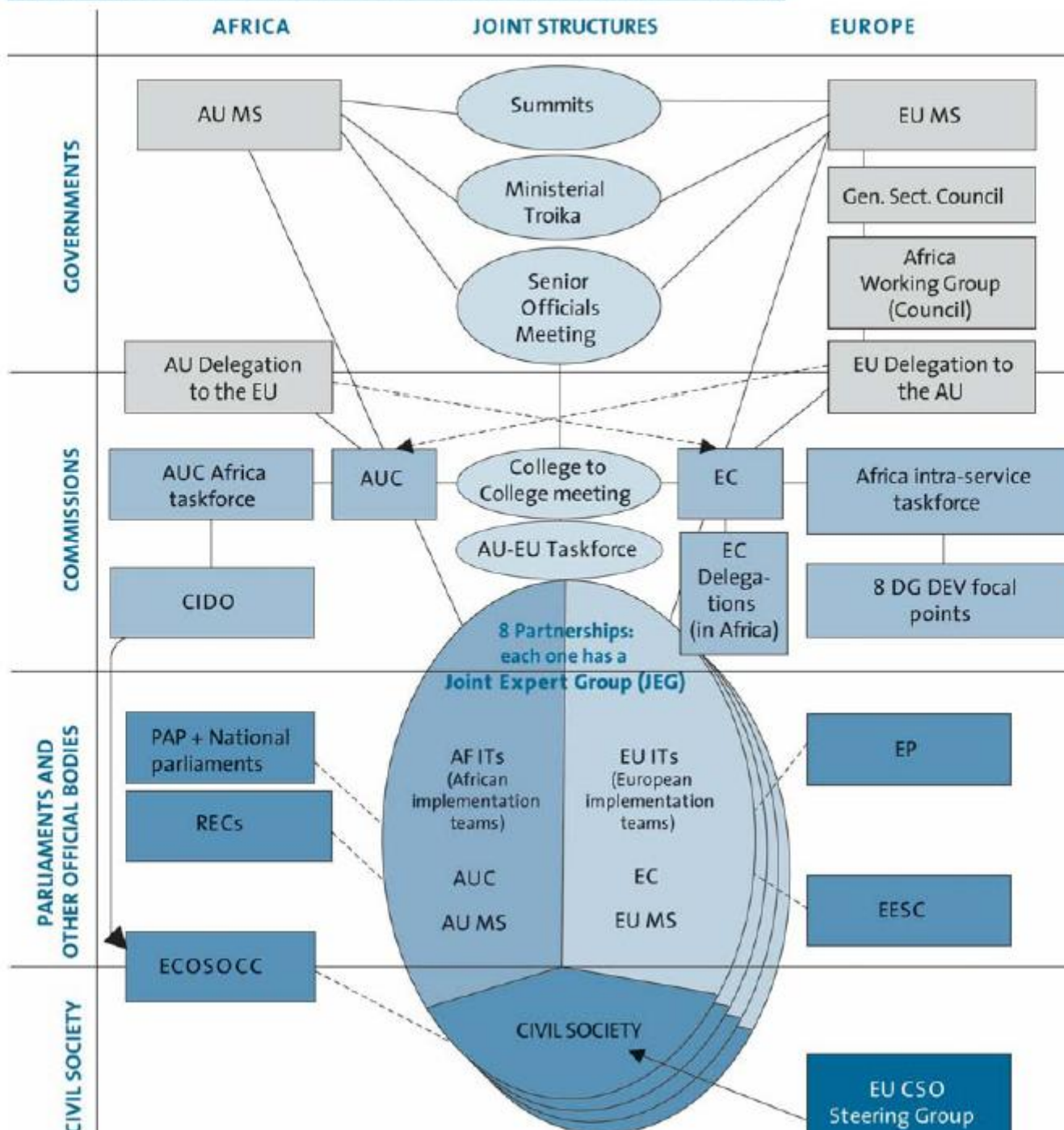


Diagram 1: Institutional architecture of the Joint Africa-EU Strategy





3. What is the thematic focus?

Action Plan (2008-2010): 8 thematic Africa-EU partnerships for concrete action with tangible results :

1. Peace & Security
2. Democratic Governance and Human Rights
3. Trade, Regional integration & Infrastructure
4. MDGs
5. Energy
6. Climate Change
7. Migration, Mobility & Employment
8. Science, Information Society & Space



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3. What is the thematic focus?

1. Peace & Security

Priority Actions:

- Enhance dialogue on challenges to peace & security (P&S)
- Full operationalisation of the Africa P&S Architecture (APSA)
- Predictable funding for Africa-led peace support operations





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3. What is the thematic focus?

2. Democratic Governance & HR

Priority Actions:

- Enhance dialogue at global level /international fora
- Promote the African Peer Review Mechanism and support the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance;
- Strengthen cooperation in the area of cultural goods.





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3. What is the thematic focus?

3. Trade, Regional Integration & Infrastructure

Priority Actions:

- Support Africa's socio-economic and political integration agenda
- Strengthen regulatory framework (standards, quality control)
- Improve and sustain infrastructure and services



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3. What is the thematic focus?

4. Millennium Development Goals

Priority Actions:

- Ensure the finance and policy base for achieving the MDGs
- Accelerate the achievement of the food security targets (MDGs)
- Accelerate the achievement of the health targets (MDGs)
- Accelerate the achievement of the education targets (MDGs)





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3. What is the thematic focus?

5. Energy

Priority Actions:

- Strengthen Africa-EU dialogue on energy access & security
- Improve access to energy services
- Increased investment in infrastructure & promotion of renewable energy and efficiency





3. What is the thematic focus?

6. Climate change

Priority Actions:

- Build a common agenda on climate change policies & cooperation
- Cooperate to address land degradation and aridity





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3. What is the thematic focus?

7. Migration, Mobility & Employment

Priority Actions:

- Creating more & better jobs in Africa & better manage migration flows, building upon:
- EU-Africa Tripoli Declaration on Migration & Development
- EU-Africa PoA on trafficking of human beings
- Ouagadougou Declaration, PoA & Follow-up Mechanism on Employment Promotion & Poverty Alleviation





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3. What is the thematic focus?

8. Science, Information Society & Space

Priority Actions:

- Support development of inclusive Information Society in Africa & implement African Regional Action Plan for the Knowledge Economy (ARAPKE)
- Support S&T capacity building in Africa & implement Africa's S&T Consolidated Plan of Action (CPA)
- Enhance cooperation on Space applications & Technology



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4. Overview of progress achieved

- ü Extended Africa-EU political dialogue + cooperation
- ü Set up of an innovative institutional architecture (incl. EU Delegation to the AU, Addis)
- ü Working arrangements facilitating a multistakeholder dialogue (Impl.Teams and JEGs) = the biggest ever division of labour endeavour
- ü Initial progress on substance in each of the 8 thematic partnerships (*see annex for details*).



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5. Main challenges ahead: treating Africa as one

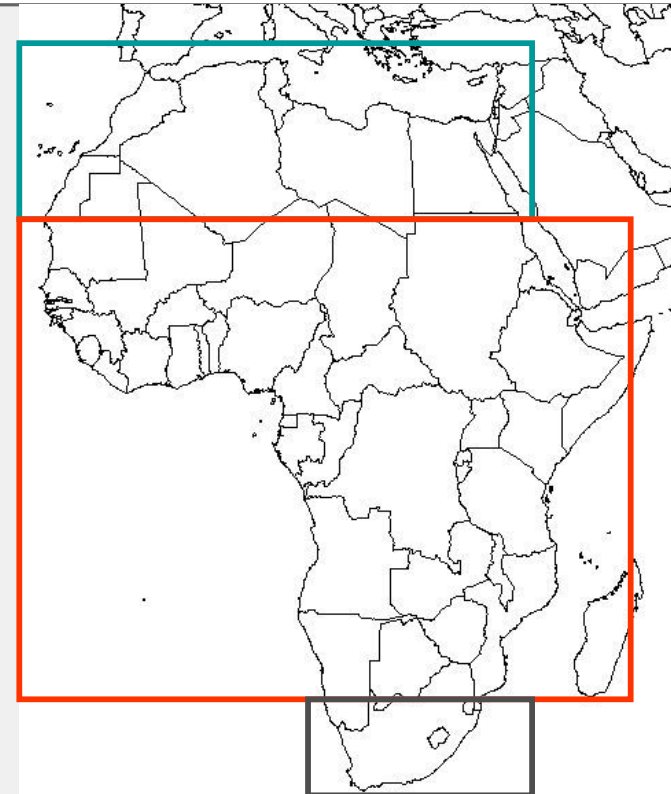
Euro-Mediterranean Partnership
with North Africa

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Neighbourhood Policy

Cotonou
Agreement with
sub-Saharan Africa

Agreement on Trade,
Development and Cooperation
with South Africa





5. Main challenges ahead

Joint Expert Groups invited by the Ministerial Troika meetings to...

Ø **better integrate and mobilise contributions from:**

- Member States (AU/EU)
- Regional Economic Communities (RECs)
- European and Panafrican Parliaments
- Economic and social committees (EESC, AU ECOSOCC)
- Civil society (AU/EU)
- Private sector (Africa-EU Business Forum)
- Other international partners (UN, AfDB, World Bank, EIB..)

Ø **Speed up implementation ahead of the 3rd Africa-EU Summit (2010)**



5. Main challenges ahead

Funding

- No specific / new 'pan-African' financial instrument (..yet)
- But => better / coordinated use of existing instruments:
- EDF (intra-ACP; regional + national programming)
 - ENPI and Others : DCI (thematic programmes), IfS, EIDHR, etc.
 - Complementarity with MS bilateral cooperation
- ⇒ 5-7 Oct. 09: **workshop on resources** for the Strategy, with all actors concerned - overview EU + AU contributions
- ⇒ **Fresh News from Addis** => “Ministers made the following recommendations...” (see Ministerial Communiqué 14.Oct 2009)



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Partnerships

Africa and EU working on :

- Peace and security
- Democratic governance and human rights
- Trade, regional integration and infrastructure
- Millennium development goals
- Energy
- Climate change
- Migration, mobility and employment
- Science, information society and space

Joint Expert Groups

A collaborative site allows the experts to exchange and share their working documents.

[Join the collaborative site](#)

FOCUS

On the road to new win-win partnerships



The EU-Africa Business Forum will meet in Nairobi (Kenya) on September 28-29, 2009, for a discussion on the theme "Africa and Europe: On the road to new win-win partnerships".

[> read more](#)

Partners

- African Union
- European Union
- Role of the African Union's Permanent Mission in Brussels
- Role of the EU delegation to the African Union

Your voice

- Blog (civil society role)
- Policy consultation

Multimedia

Video galleries | Photo galleries | Audio galleries

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Recent updates

- 06/08/2009 : Photo gallery
- 04/06/09 : Focus
- 23/06/09 : GGWSSI - overview
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Annex:

Detailed progress by thematic partnership



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1. Africa-EU Partnership on Peace & Security

Progress so far?

- **2 meetings** btw **AU Peace & Security Council + EU Political & Security Committee (PSC-PSC)**
- **€1 billion financial envelope** including establishment of the 2nd African Peace Facility, for Africa-led Peace Support Operations (additional € 15 under 10th EDF)
- EU support for the **African Peace and Security Architecture (€65 earmarked)**:
 - **operationalisation of Continental Early Warning System** (eg. € 4 ECCAS' EWM & mediation activities)
 - & the African Standby Force**
 - **MIVAC** initiative common interactive watch and anticipation mechanism
 - support to **AMISOM**
 - cooperation on disarmament: **joint conference on SALW**
- G-8 and UN-context: enhancing predictability, flexibility and sustainability of funding of Africa led Peace Support Operations (follow-up AU-UN Panel Report led by Romano Prodi)

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2. Partnership on Democratic Governance & HR

Progress so far?

- **Election observation:** EOMs' consultations; AU observers' training; support to the AU's Electoral Assistance Fund (€ 1m); AU observers' participation in EU Parliamentary elections in June 2009 and Germany elections September 2009.
- **Governance/APMR:** increase Governance Incentive Tranche (€ 2.7 billion); contribution to UNDP-managed Trust Fund to support secretariat (€ 2m); Joint workshop (EC funded): "Platform on democratic governance and human rights" to be organised (with African and EU experts and 30 CSOs).
- **Better cooperation in international fora: Africa-EU Civil Society Human Rights dialogue** (Apr.09) tackled critical issues such as torture and freedom of association; **Joint Africa-EU roundtable on women and conflict (UNSCR 1325 and 1820) (Feb.09)**; and Sep. 2009 in the margins of the UNGA.
- Inventory of ongoing **cultural cooperation** activities to be launched in 2009. Enhanced cooperation between museums in Africa and the EU

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3. Partnership on Trade, Regional Integration & Infrastructure

Progress so far?

- **Regional integration:** commitment **COMESA-EAC-SADC** to harmonise **integration agendas** through tri-partite process; 3 regional programmes signed in Nov. 2008 (€1.5 bn. support 2008-2013); **African Charter for Statistics** adopted by AU (Feb.09); **AU Border Programme Regional Workshop in Ouagadougou** (23/24 April); (*other workshops in Libreville and Windhoek.*)
- Financial contributions to **Infrastructure Trust Fund:** by 2010, **€500 mio. in the form of grants => will leverage +/- 2.5 bn. in soft loans.**
- **Harmonization of SPS measures:**
 - **high level conference** launched by AU Commissioner for Rural Economy & Agriculture and European Commissioner for Health,
 - 4-days **intensive training course on "Better Training for Safer Food Africa"** (ongoing implementation – €10m until end 2010)

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4. Partnership on the MDGs

Progress so far?

- **EC Food Facility of €1 billion (€560 m for Africa) and EDF envelope food crisis (€200)**
- **The Food Security thematic programme (annual allocation +/- €220 m, >40% to Africa)** (eg. Activities: Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa; Comprehensive Africa Agricultural Development Programme; regional farmers's organisations strengthening)
- **Health**: 4 project proposals for regional cooperation on harmonisation of drug registration; contribution to the **Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria** and for **Vaccines and Immunization** ; Health Research activities.
- **Education**: contribution to the Fund of the Education for All Fast Track Initiative (4.5m 2009) (21/30 African countries); support conference in Africa on Teacher policy with African Ministers for Education mid-2010

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5. Partnership on Energy

Progress so far?

- **Renewable energy cooperation programme for Africa** (consultations 2009, launch in 2010). Intensifying work with African countries on a **Mediterranean Solar Plan**
- **Energy Access**: "Energising Development", financed by NL, and carried out by GTZ. **Actions in 13 African countries impacted 3 million people** (additional support expanded to 2.5 million people).
- **Integration of energy systems and markets**: Caprivi interconnector under construction, (Namibia and SAPP, Infrastructure Trust Fund); sub-regional support to integration electricity markets in Maghreb countries
- **Africa-EU Interconnections**: Trans-Sahara Gas pipeline
- **Scaling up investments**, mobilising private capital: Emerging Africa Infrastructure Fund will be supported by KfW, DFID and SIDA.
- New ACP-EU energy facility to focus on renewable energy for access at the local level.

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6. Partnership on Climate change

Progress so far?

- **Joint EU-Africa Declaration on Climate Change** ahead of the Poznan Conference in Dec. 2008 => shared determination to work for successful Copenhagen outcome
- 7 African countries - **Mali, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles** - identified for enhanced cooperation under the **Global Climate Change Alliance (GCCA, Sept 07)**:
- A pre-feasibility study for the **Great Green Wall of the Sahara and Sahel** initiative (cross-sectoral actions for sustainable management of natural resources), to be finalised in June 2009.
- Further development of **Clean Development Mechanisms (CDMs)**
- Disaster Risk Reduction programming Sub-Saharan Africa (180m 10th EDF)

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AU: MOR, ALG, BF, EGY, MOR, RSA, SEN, ZIM, AUC



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7. Migration, Mobility & Employment

Progress so far?

- Funding for the **African Remittances Institute** made available.
- Project '**Link emigrant communities for more development: inventory of national practices**' launched in June 2009. Proposal for **EU African Diaspora Network**
- Further progress towards (joint) compilation, updating, dissemination and utilisation of **migration profiles** on African countries.
- Network of **migration observatories** across Africa launched in 2009 / operational end of 2010.
- Preparations for a **workshop on employment and decent work** issues, to share best practices with particular focus on informal economy.
- The AUC has launched Initiative Against Trafficking of Human Beings and Organised Crime - EC support to country projects)

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8. Partnership on Science, Information Society & Space

Progress so far?

- **Science: African Research Grants** (€ 15 M), Water and Food Security and better health in Africa (€ 63 M); 1st year of **Popularisation of Science and Technology and Promotion of Public Participation** funded with €1 M from the AUC. 1st *African Women Scientist Award* held on *Africa Day*, 9th September 2009
- **Space: African Global Monitoring for Environment and Security** (€3 m made available in support of implementation of the action plan); progress on geo-information observatory & satellite applications.
- **InfoSoc: Africa Connect** (€ 12 m) and **African Internet Exchange System** (€ 3 M); **African Virtual Campus** initial phase partially funded by Spain in col.UNESCO. National virtual campuses will be established in 11 countries in West Africa; alignment of HIPSSA (ICTs) with the Partnerships' objects.; EASSy (10 000 km submarine fibre-optic multi-point cable system under construction); support to African interconnection African research systems GEANT (EU pc network for research & edu); support to Telemedicine initiative. (WHO led).

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Thanks for your attention!

