



PROSPECTS FOR AFRICA –
EUROPE'S POLICIES
The EU Presidency Project of VENRO

Civil Society and the Joint EU-Africa Strategy

Bad Honnef, 23-24 April 2007

Venue: Katholisch Soziales Institut
Selhofer Strasse 11, D-53604 Bad Honnef, Germany

Hosted by:
ECDPM (European Centre for Development Policy Management)
VENRO (Association of German Development NGOs)

Draft Programme

Day I Shared vision and the overall process of the Joint Strategy

09.45–10.30 Arrival and registration of participants

Session 1: Opening

Chair: Paul Engel, director of ECDPM

10.30–11:30
(Forum III)

Plenary: opening remarks

- Brief welcome and introduction to conference by Paul Engel
- Opening remarks by Michael Steeb, VENRO Steering Group of the EU Presidency Project Prospects for Africa – Europe's Policies
- Intervention by Ewah Eleri, International Centre for Energy, Environment & Development

Plenary: progress of the official negotiations

- EU Presidency: Klaus Zillikens, Federal Foreign Office / Juergen Schmid, Federal Ministry for Development
- AU Presidency: H.E. Nena Berna Kumi, Ambassador of Ghana

Discussion and reactions from the floor

11:30–11:45 Coffee break

Session 2: Added value of the Joint Strategy

Chair: Geert Laporte, ECDPM

**11:45–13:30
(Forum III)**

Outcomes of the internet consultation

by Marie-Laure de Bergh (ECDPM)

Outcomes of the African Civil Society Forum organised on 26-28 March, Accra, Ghana

by Prof. Adebayo Alukoshi (CODESRIA) on behalf of the Accra Steering Committee

Plenary discussion: Why do we need a Joint Strategy? What are the limitations of the present EU-Africa relationship? How should the EU-Africa relationship be improved?

- H.E. Mr. Mahamet Annadif
African Union Commission
- Philippe Darmuzey
European Commission
- Wolfram Vetter (tbc)
Council Secretariat
- CONCORD representative
- Taoufik Ben Abdallah
Environmental Development Action in the Third World

Plenary: introduction to the afternoon working groups

13.30–15:00

Lunch

Session 3: Civil Society and the Joint Strategy

**15.00–17:00
(Forum I
and III,
Seminar
rooms 4
and 5)**

4 Parallel working groups (WG) all discuss:

- **The role of Civil Society in the preparation of the Joint Strategy**
- **Implementation and monitoring of the future Joint Strategy : what place for Civil Society**

17:00–17:30

Coffee break

Chair: Jean Bossuyt, ECDPM

**17.30–18.30
(Forum III)**

Plenary: interactive panel discussion with WG rapporteurs

19.00

Reception (Forum IV) / dinner at the restaurant

Day II Content and implementation of the Joint Strategy

Session 4: The content of the Joint Strategy

Chair: Prof. Dr. h.c. Christa Randzio-Plath, VENRO

09.00–09:15
(Forum III)

Plenary: introduction to the working groups

09.15–12.00
(Forum I
and III,
seminar
rooms 4
and 5)

4 Parallel working groups (WG) facilitated:

- WG I *Governance, democracy and human rights*
- WG II *Key development issues*
- WG III *Trade and regional integration*
- WG IV *Peace and security*

Coffee break to be taken at working groups' discretion

12.00–13:00
(Forum III)

Plenary: interactive panel discussion with WG rapporteurs

13.00–14.30

Lunch

Session 5: The road to Lisbon and beyond

Chair: James Mackie, ECDPM

14:30–16:00
(Forum III)

Presentation of the overall conference conclusions by conference rapporteurs:

- Hussaini Abdu
Action Aid Africa
- European CSO

Plenary discussion: What are the key messages from the conference for the Joint EU-Africa Strategy? What role for Civil Society in the implementation and monitoring of the Joint Strategy?

Discussion and reactions from the floor

16:00–16:30

Coffee break

Chair: Geert Laporte, ECDPM

16:30–18:00
(Forum III)

Presentation of the Conference key messages by civil society representatives:

- Joseph Ssuuna
PELUM Association
- Prof. Dr. h.c. Christa Randzio-Plath
Vice-chair, VENRO
- Prof. Adebayo Olukoshi
CODESRIA, on behalf of the Accra Steering Committee

Plenary: interactive panel discussion with political leaders

- H.E. Mr. Mahamet Annadif
Ambassador of the African Union
- Prof. Dr. João Gomes Cravinho
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs & Cooperation of Portugal
- Dr. Michael Hofmann

- Head of Department, Federal Ministry for Development (tbc)
- Klaus Rudischhauser
Director for General Affairs, DG Development, European Commission
 - Koen Vervaeke
Head of the Africa Task Force, Council Secretariat

**18.00–18:15
(Forum III)**

Plenary: closing comments

- ECDPM and VENRO conclude conference and explain follow-up



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