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Lisbon, 7-8 June 2010
Tivoli Oriente Hotel

Agenda:

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Public Conference: Perspectives for Europe-Africa Relations

Since the last EU-Africa Summit in 2007, a new framework has been established to jointly address common concerns and global challenges, including on peace and security, governance, trade, energy, climate change, amongst others. Looking ahead to the III EU-Africa Summit, to be held in November 2010, it is time to debate what are the main achievements, difficulties and challenges ahead in implementing this partnership.

14h30 Opening

Manuel Correia (President, IPAD)

Fernando Jorge Cardoso (Research Director, IEEI)

Geert Laporte (Head of Institutional Relations, ECDPM)

15h00-16h30

EU-Africa Relations in a Changing World

The financial crisis has demonstrated that economic problems are also development problems and that global interdependencies require global approaches and responses. The challenges to global development and to the achievement of the MDGs are complex and multidimensional, including addressing security and conflict issues, coping with climate change, answering to food security challenges, working towards energy sustainability, analysing migration issues, or reforming global governance structures. Furthermore, the recent changes in the global aid architecture, with the emergence of new development partners in Africa and a reinforcement of South-South Cooperation, requires a reflection on the added-value and role of the EU-Africa partnership in the global context.

What is the role of EU-Africa relations in addressing these global challenges? What are the main shortfalls and opportunities for Europe and Africa in the context of global interdependence and the emergence of new governance and aid players?

Elizabeth Sidiropoulos (South African Institute for International Affairs - SAIIA, South Africa)

Gordon Crawford (University of Leeds, UK)

Elisio Macamo (University of Basel, Switzerland)

Yemane Kidane (Center for Policy Research and Dialogue - CPRD, Ethiopia)

Corsino Tolentino (West Africa Institute, Cape Verde)

16h30 Coffee-Break

17h00-18h30

Perspectives for the Joint Africa-EU Strategy and the next Summit

The Joint Africa-EU Strategy (JAES), signed in 2007, has established an innovative framework, aiming at overcoming the traditional donor-recipient relationship and fundamentally driving Africa-EU relations towards to a new, strategic level with a strengthened political partnership and enhanced cooperation at all levels. Currently, despite the progress achieved in some of the thematic partnerships and in the institutional set-up, many stakeholders on both sides argue that the JAES is not moving in the right direction -or not fast enough- in terms of modifying substantially the nature and quality of EU-Africa relations as originally intended. Policy-makers from both continents will decide in the next months about the future of the JAES and the issues that need stronger outputs from the III EU-Africa Summit, to be held in November 2010.

In what measure are the goals of the JAES being achieved? How to put in place an enabling environment for the JAES to gradually fulfil its full potential and added value? In which issues should the next EU-Africa Summit focus its attention?

Oladiran Bello (Fundación para las Relaciones Internacionales y el Diálogo Exterior - FRIDE, Spain)

João Gomes Porto (University of Bradford, UK)

Andrew Sheriff (European Centre for Development Policy Management - ECDPM, The Netherlands)

Representative of **UNECA**, Ethiopia

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EARN Working Groups' Meetings

The WGs meetings intent to debate some of the issues that are considered crucial for some of the thematic areas (Governance / Trade & Development), having as basis the outlines of the papers produced for the EARN Political Dialogue Report. This report will be published in late 2010, at the initiative of IEEI, SAIIA and ECDPM, the institutes in charge of the EARN Working Group on Global Issues. The PDR aims at discussing global issues of common concern, fostering strategic and working partnerships between African and European experts and institutions and promoting dialogue between the public and the policy spheres in Europe and Africa beyond the traditional areas of EU-Africa relations.

9h30-11h00 Governance and Human Rights

Papers' writers:

Adebayo Olukoshi (African Institute for Economic Development and Planning - UNIDEP, Senegal)

Alex Vines (Royal Institute of International Affairs - Chatham House, UK) - presentation **Thomas**

Cargill

Moderator: SAIIA/IEEI

Comments:

Faten Aggad, ECDPM, The Netherlands

Gordon Crawford, University of Leeds, UK

Issues to discuss:

- Is it viable a common EU-AU agenda for global governance and, if so, what common positions and specific initiatives could be pursued regarding the reform of multilateral institutions (UN, IMF, WB, G20)?
- How does the new global aid environment (new and emerging donors, complexity and diversity of actors) impact on the EU-Africa political dialogue?
- What common approaches can and should be opened by the governance assessment instruments (EU Governance Initiative versus African Peer Review Mechanism)?

11h00 Coffee-Break

11h30-13h00 Trade & Development

Papers' writers:

Sanoussi Bilal (ECDPM, The Netherlands) - presentation **Kathleen Van Hove**

Peter Draper (SAIIA, South Africa) - presentation **Talitha Bertelsmann Scott**

Moderator: ECDPM

Comments:

Peter Kiuluku, Trade Policy Training Centre in Africa (TRAPCA), Tanzania

Davina Makhan and Julia Leininger, German Development Institute (DIE), Germany

Issues to discuss:

- What new challenges for the Partnership arise with the current world economic and financial crisis?
- Is the set of diverse European policies towards regional groupings in Africa (Maghreb, Sub-Saharan, South Africa) coherent with the “one Africa approach”?
- How do the Economic Partnership Agreements impact on the perspectives and on the (re)configuration of African regional integration?

13h00 Lunch (at the Hotel)

14h30 - 16h00 Other Issues

- Discussion around the PDR structure and the other papers of the PDR:
 - Peace & Security** (Tim Murithi - ISS, Stefan Mair/Kerstin Petretto - SWP)
 - Background Paper** (Andrew Sheriff, Patricia Magalhães Ferreira, Romy Chevalier)
- Seminar to be held in Africa (October) and other forthcoming activities
- New Members
- Other issues of interest