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High level panel

Assessing the implications of COVID-19 and the war in Ukraine for Africa and Europe-Africa relations

November, 30 2022

Venue: Swedish Permanent Representation, Square de Meeus 30, 1000 Brussels

18:00 - 18:05 Welcome by **Mikael Lindvall**, Swedish Representative to the Political and Security Committee

18:05 - 18:10 **Camilla Brückner**, Director of the UN/UNDP Office in Brussels and Representative of the UN System in the EU

18:10 - 19:15 Panel discussion

- **Irina Schoulgin-Nyoni** Director of Africa Department, Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **Baye Moctar Diop**, Ambassador of the Republic of Senegal to the Kingdom of Belgium
- **Birgitte Nygaard Markussen**, Ambassador and Head of the European Union Delegation to the African Union
- **Oleksandr Khrebet**, Journalist, Kyiv Independent
- **Jacques Mukwende**, Director, Partnerships Management & Resource Mobilisation, African Union Commission (*tbc*)

Moderator: **Geert Laporte**, Director, ETTG

19:15 - 19:45 Q&A session

20:00 - 21:30 Cocktail reception

Hybrid event

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December 1 2022

Venue: Thon Hotel EU, Rue de la Loi 75, 1000 Brussels
and online via Webex

<https://ecdpm.webex.com/ecdpm/j.php?MTID=m2c62c5e7262afc7bcfb822ab2cfa48ea>

09.00 - 09.30: Welcome coffee - Participants' registration

09.30 - 11.00: Africa and Europe in the aftermath of COP27: How to deliver results in times of crisis?

- **Ayman Cherkaoui**, Coordinator and Chargé of Strategic Development, Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection - *remotely*
- **Kerstin Opfer**, Policy Advisor - Energy Policy and Civil Society - Africa and MENA, German Watch (*tbc*)
- **Representative of DG CLIMA**

Moderator: **Elisabeth Hege**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)

11.00 - 11: 15: Coffee Break

11.15 - 12.45: Growing food insecurity in Africa: How to avoid a new food crisis?

- **Elizabeth Nsimadala**, President, Pan Africa Farmers Organisation; President Eastern Africa Farmers Federation
- **Bettina Rudloff**, Senior Associate, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, *remotely*
- **Evelien Van Roemburg**, Head of EU office, Oxfam International,
- **Leonard Mizzi**, Head of Unit, Sustainable Agri-Food systems and Fisheries (INTPA.F.3), DG INTPA

Moderator: **Ainhoa Marín**, Senior Analyst, Elcano Royal Institute

12.45 - 13.30: Lunch break

13.30 - 15.00: Rising authoritarian rule and conflicts: How to turn the tide?

- **Jide Okeke**, Coordinator of the Regional Programme for Africa, UNDP
- **Paul-Simon Handy**, Regional Director East Africa and Representative to the AU, Institute for Security Studies
- **Ola Bello**, Executive Director, Good Governance Africa-Nigeria
- **Rita Laranjinha**, Director Africa department, European External Action Service EEAS

Moderator: **Philomena Apiko**, Head of AU-EU relations team, European Centre for Development Policy Management

15:00 - 15:15: Coffee break

15.15 - 16.45: Financing sustainability: How to mobilise more and better development finance in times of scarcity?

- **Anzetse Were**, Senior Economist, Financial Sector Deepening Kenya, *remotely*
- **Jean Saldanha**, Director, EURODAD (*tbc*)
- **Diederick Zambon**, Head of the Public Sector and Sovereign Operations Division for Sub-Saharan Africa, European Investment bank (*tbc*)

Moderator: **Iliana Olivié**, Senior Analyst, Elcano Royal Institute

16:45: End of the meeting and next steps: Geert Laporte, Director, ETTG