



Africa-Europe cooperation on climate and energy: where to from here?

A Joint Hybrid Event by the European Union Delegation to the African Union, the Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Addis Ababa and Permanent Mission to the AU, the African Centre for Economic Transformation (ACET), the European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM), the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) and the Policy Center for the New South (PCNS)

25 January 2023 at 16:00-18:00, Radisson Blu Hotel, Addis Ababa and online

Climate has been on the agenda of the AU-EU partnership since the 2007 Joint Africa-EU Strategy. Although both the EU and Africa have a joint interest in accelerating mitigation, adaptation and resilience-building, a clear common agenda has yet to be achieved.

COP27 hosted by Egypt in November 2022 saw progress in meeting African priorities. The EU, together with other developed nations, accepted the least developed countries' demand for a loss and damage facility and backed the call for reforming the multilateral financial architecture. Building on these recent developments and looking forward towards COP28, it will be important to identify how the AU-EU partnership can be shaped and mobilised to drive the negotiations and build momentum for an ambitious outcome in all tracks of negotiations.

Similarly, the AU-EU partnership will play a key role in the realisation of an African just energy transition. The 2022 EU-AU summit called for an energy transition that is fair, just and equitable, and the EU and its member states are major supporters of existing Just Energy Transition Partnerships. Yet there remain some disagreements on what a just energy transition entails in different African contexts, particularly in relation to fossil fuels.

European and African interests in both climate resilience and reducing greenhouse gas emissions are very much intertwined, but Europe and Africa are also at the heart of continued tensions between large emitting countries and the Global South. This event takes stock of recent advances and continued challenges in Africa-Europe climate and energy diplomacy and seeks to identify ways in which the partnership can:

- (1) move forward from the 2022 EU-AU summit and COP27, and
- (2) work together to deliver common agenda items at COP28.



Programme

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16.00 – 19.00 (including cocktail reception)

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Format: in person and live streamed

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| 16:00 – 16:05 | Welcome |
| 16:05 – 16:15 | H.E. Amb. Birgitte Markussen , EU Ambassador to the AU and UNECA |
| 16:15 – 16:25 | H.E. Amb. Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko , AU Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment (tbc) |
| 16:25 – 16:35 | H.E. Amb. Mohamed Gad , Ambassador of Egypt to Ethiopia & the AU |
| 16:35 – 16:50 | Alfonso Medinilla , Head climate action and green transition, European Centre for Development Policy Management

Presentation of key messages from expert workshop on Africa-Europe cooperation on climate and energy |
| 16:50 – 17:50 | Panel discussion and Q&A moderated by John Asafu Adjaye , Senior Fellow, African Centre for Economic Transformation
Panellists:
Dr Sebastian Sterl , Senior Research Associate on Clean Energy Transition, WRI Africa
Professor Larabi Jaïdi , Senior Fellow, Policy Centre for the New South
Jean-Paul Adam , Director for Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resources Management, UNECA (tbc)
Elisabeth Hege , Senior Research Fellow, IDDRI |
| 17:50 – 18:00 | Conclusions by John Asafu Adjaye |
| 18:00 – 19:00 | Cocktail reception |