

## **'2018: A chance to get it right'**

**Seminar | Monday 5 February 2018 | 4:30-7:30pm**  
**Avenue de Cortenbergh 75, 1000 Brussels**

The Permanent Representation of Luxembourg to the European Union and the European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM) have the pleasure to invite you to the seminar '2018: A chance to get it right' to launch ECDPM's Challenges Paper on Africa-Europe relations in 2018.

This seminar will bring together policymakers and experts to debate key issues and policy processes that will shape Africa-Europe relations this year. As a scene setter and to kick-off the discussion, ECDPM's **James Mackie** will present the [Challenges Paper for Africa-Europe relations in 2018](#). A panel discussion will follow with: **Ambassador Baso Sangqu** (Ambassador of South Africa to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Mission to the European Union), **Barbara Pesce-Monteiro** (Director of UNDP's Representation Office in Brussels), **Felix Fernandez-Shaw** (Cabinet HRVP Mogherini) and **Shada Islam** (Director of Policy at Friends of Europe).

After the seminar, we invite you to join us for a drinks reception.

Please use [this form](#) to register by **Thursday 1 February**. Registration is on a first come, first served basis as space is limited.

### **Background**

The year 2018 presents a unique opportunity for Europe and Africa to arrive at a more coherent partnership between the ACP-EU Cotonou Agreement and the AU-EU Joint Africa-EU Strategy. Policymakers on both continents will also make a number of key decisions on Brexit, migration, security, the next EU budget and the institutional and financial reforms of the African Union. A window of opportunity opens for Africa and Europe to build a new type of interest driven partnership that is capable of tackling the major new challenges in Africa, Europe and the global world. Will the different parties seize this momentum?

### **For further information**

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Looking forward to your participation in this seminar.

Kind regards,

Ambassador Georges Friden and ECDPM's Deputy Director Geert Laporte