



Presentation

African Directions: Towards an Equitable Partnership in Peace Operations.

Draft Programme

April 5th 2017
13h00-14h30 (Registration from 12h30)

Venue:

Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung
EU Office
38, Rue du Taciturne
1000 Brussels

The EU office of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) and the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) have the pleasure of inviting you to a Panel Discussion on the final report of the initiative “The New Geopolitics of Peace Operations II”.

The “New Geopolitics of Peace Operations II” initiative is conducted by SIPRI in partnership with FES, with support from the Foreign Ministries of Finland and the Netherlands. The overall objective of this initiative is to provide insights into the diverse African perspectives on peace operations in Africa and the views of African and external actors on their required cooperation, as well as stimulate international debate on the main challenges. The findings of the final report are largely based on five regional dialogues in Africa and a global dialogue meeting in which also external actors participated. It aspires to contribute to ongoing initiatives to strengthening the global-regional partnership between the UN and Africa.

At the panel discussion, findings of the initiative, and particularly the pathways to improve future collaboration between African and external actors, and to strengthen their mutual understanding will be presented. It is addressed at representatives of the EU institutions, diplomatic missions and Brussels based think tanks. For further information on the initiative, its [final report](#) and workshop reports of the regional dialogue meetings please refer to the [initiative’s website](#).

Programme

- 12h30 Registration and light lunch
- 13h00 Welcome
Elisabeth Braune, Africa Department, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung
Introduction to the SIPRI Project
Sofie From-Emmesberger, Ambassador, Permanent Representative to the Political and Security Committee of the EU, Finland
- 13h15 Presentation
Jair van der Lijn, Head of the Peace Operations and Conflict Management Team, SIPRI
African Directions. Towards an Equitable Partnership in Peace Operations
- 13h30 Discussion with amongst others:
Ajay Bramdeo, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the African Union to the European Union (tbc)
Jean-Marc Pisani, Head of Division, Crisis Response Planning and Operations EEAS
Erik de Feijter, Deputy Permanent Representative to the PSC of the EU, The Netherlands
- Discussion chaired by
Sidonie Wetzig, FES EU Office
- 14h30 End of Roundtable