

Regional Integration Dynamics in Africa

PERIA lunch seminar series



Few will contest the importance of regional integration in Africa. Yet the reality on the ground does not match the ambitious policies and political declarations. Building on its long-time work on regional integration, ECDPM took a closer look at the drivers and hurdles of the integration process and what role the regional organisations play. This work on the Political Economy of Regional Organisations in Africa (PERIA) includes five African Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and the African Union (AU). See more at <http://ecdpm.org/peria>.

To stimulate an open discussion on the dynamics of regional integration in Africa, and the implications for key stakeholders, ECDPM is organising the following series of lunch seminars at its Brussels office (Address: Rue Archimede 5, 1000, Brussels):

Date & Time	Seminar topic	Keynote speaker	Panellists
14 April 2016 (12:30-14:00)	Understanding the Political Economy of Regional Organisations in Africa	Dr Bruce Byiers, ECDPM	H.E. Bramdeo, African Union Ambassador to the EU H.E Chifamba, Ambassador of Zimbabwe to Belgium
19 April 2016 (12:30-14:00)	Regionalism in Africa: Genealogies, institutions and trans-state networks (Book Launch)	Prof. Daniel C. Bach, CNRS Director of Research at the Emile Durkheim Centre for Comparative Policy and Sociology, Sciences Po Bordeaux	Walter Kennes, ECDPM Programme Associate Dr Leena Koni Hoffman, Researcher and Chatham House Africa Programme Associate Fellow
10 May 2016 (12:30-14:00)	External Support to African Integration: What Works and Why?	Prof. Fredrik Soderbaum, School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg UNU-CRIS	Alisa Herrero Cangas, ECDPM Policy Officer Hans Stausboll, Head of Unit, Development Coordination East Africa & Regional Cooperation in Eastern & Southern Africa, EC
14 June 2016 (12:30-14:00)	Cautious Optimism about Regional Integration in Sub-Saharan Africa. Lessons and way forward	Paul Brenton, World Bank	H.E. Amb. Johnson Weru, Kenyan Ambassador to Belgium (TBC) Catherine Grant Makokera, Director Tutwa Consulting Ramesh Chaitoo, Trade & Development Expert