

## **Tripartite Administrative Arrangement between EU and the African Union signed strengthening staff exchange**

During the 8th College to College meeting, which took place in Addis Ababa on 7 April 2016, the EU High Representative / Vice President of the European Commission Federica Mogherini signed an Administrative Arrangement representing the European External Action Service and the European Commission with Erastus Mwencha, Deputy Chairman of on the African Union Commission.

Cooperation in the administrative field between the European Commission and the EEAS on the one hand and the African Union Commission on the other hand has evolved throughout the years with increasing number of staff exchanges and exchanges of expertise. The exchange programme also encourage exchange of experts and best practices in relation to the Africa – EU Partnership priority fields. In order to streamline European administrative cooperation with the African Union Commission, and at the request of the HRVP Cabinet, discussions have taken place between European Commission services and the European External Action Service to replace the existing administrative arrangements with an Administrative Arrangement between the European Commission and the European External Action Service on the one hand and the African Union Commission on the other hand.

The first round of signature between the EU Commission and the African Union was signed on February 2016 on the margins of the African Union Summit in Addis Ababa.

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