

# Africa-European Union Strategic Partnership

**“Meeting current and future  
challenges together”**

*Africa and Europe are bound together by history, culture and geography. As well as sharing a common past and present, we also share a common future.*

*It was in this spirit that in Lisbon in December 2007, 80 African and European Heads of State and Government decided to launch the Joint Africa-EU Strategy.*

*The Lisbon Summit marked a turning point in relations between our continents. Both sides agreed to work together to pursue common interests and strategic objectives, beyond the traditional focus of development aid.*

*Since 2007, Africa and Europe have cooperated as equal partners across a range of key areas of common concern : Peace and Security, Democratic Governance and Human Rights, Trade, Regional Integration and Infrastructure, the Millennium Development Goals, Energy, Climate Change, Migration, Mobility and Employment, and Science, Information Technology and Space.*

*The third Africa-EU Summit, held in Tripoli in November 2010, provided an opportunity to reaffirm our ambitions and commitments. While the Joint Strategy remains the right framework for conducting our partnerships, we agreed that our efforts must be redoubled to address issues of continental and global concern. Thus, the Tripoli Declaration emphasises our shared desire to combat climate change, to promote peace and security, and to attain the Millennium Development Goals.*

*And this is not just a partnership of Governments and Institutions. The Africa-EU Partnership is a “people centred” partnership, with strong participation by civil society, non-state actors and the private sector, as well as the European and Pan-African Parliaments.*

*For more information, please visit: <http://www.africa-eu-partnership.org>  
[http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/african\\_union/index\\_en.htm](http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/african_union/index_en.htm)*

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