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Europe and Africa - two continents, one partnership

As **the 3rd Africa-EU Summit** is approaching, we look forward to building on the successes of the first ever Joint EU-Africa Strategy adopted three years ago. This strategy is taking relations between the two continents beyond traditional development to forge a genuine partnership of equals. It goes beyond Institutions and emphasise the people centered partnership.

In November Heads of States and Governments from Europe and Africa will meet in Libya to redefine the relations between the two continents in the framework of a Strategic Partnership to tackle together global challenges:

- peace and security,
- · climate change,
- · regional integration,
- · private sector development,
- infrastructure and energy,
- agriculture and food security,
- migration.

The second action plan will be adopted and it will build up on the experience gained from the initial phase.

Several side events are organized by stakeholders to provide further impetus to the Joint Africa-EU Strategy as a "people-centred partnership" and inviting to contribute actively to its implementation.



Taking Africa-EU space cooperation to new heights



The future of space cooperation between the European Union (EU) and the African continent was explored at a 'Space for the African citizen' event in Brussels on 16 September hosted by the EU's

current Belgian presidency. "We must be in the driving seat of the eight AU-EU partnerships", says Jean-Pierre Ezin, AU Commissioner for Human resources, Science and Technology.

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A new era in EU relations with Africa

On the eve of the of the third Africa-European Union (EU) Summit in Tripoli the EU's Commissioner for Development, Andris Pielbags speaks about the new AU-EU strategy put on place over the last



three years by the two parties. He highlights the importance of the Tripoli Summit to address the adaptation of the strategy to meet crucial challenges relating to peace in conflict zones and tackling climate change.

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ACCES dialogue forum



ACCES stands for Africa, Climate Change, Environment and Security. Link! Newsletter team from EU Delegation to African Union presented few questions to Gyorgy TATAR, Head of Task Force, Policy

Unit, Council of the European Union, on the occasion of Access Dialogue Forum, which took place on the 11th October 2010.

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Three questions to...

The recent Seventh African
Development Forum (ADF VII) from
10–15 October 2010 focused on the
theme "Acting on Climate Change
for Sustainable Development in
Africa" and brought together over



700 climate change practitioners. It presents a unique opportunity to connect African decision-makers with the best policy advice, informed by credible analytical work and relevant experiences. On this occasion, several interviews were carried out for LINK! Newsletter,

occasion of Access Dialogue Forum.

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managed by EU delegation to African Union.

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Success story: HIPSSA - harmonising telecommunications



The Support for the Harmonisation of the ICT Policies in Sub-Saharan Africa project (HIPSSA) promotes the use of harmonised ICT policies and regulatory frameworks. It also provides human and institutional

capacity building in this vital sector.

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Success story: Fighting the sands of time

A number of cross-sectoral actions are underway to address desertification/land degradation and other pressing environmental issues in the circum Sahara and Sahel zones, such as climate change



adaptation, water shortages and biodiversity loss. This African regional framework programme, entitled the Great Green Wall of the Sahara and Sahel initiative (GGWSSI), aims to tackle both environmental and poverty-related challenges.

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