



## Africa and Europe in Partnership RUN UP TO THE 3rd SUMMIT NEWSLETTER

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### Responding together

Africa has been through major transformations in the last years. International awareness of the situation in Africa is increasing and the continent is living its momentum of change. It is [the continent that continues to grow despite the current economic downturn](#). With its young population, natural resources, biodiversity and economic potential, Africa has opportunities ahead that cannot be ignored.

Europe's relationship with Africa is not new. Geographical proximity, historic ties, evolving mutual recognition and accountability helps to address common interests, would it be green growth or reforms of institutional and social systems. It is a two-way process between equal partners that share common challenges and have complementary interests.

The dialogue between two partners continues beyond the official Summits. One week after the 3rd Africa EU Summit, the President of the African Union, H.E. Mr Bingu Wa Mutharika and the Deputy Chairperson, Erastus Mwencha, will be taking part in [the 5th edition of European Development Days](#), a flagship event, which brings together all interested development actors for informal sparkling debates, innovative ideas and networking opportunities.



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### Development in and through ICT in Africa – bridging the double divide



Modern technologies are a powerful tool for African development. From information exchange and knowledge transfer over management information systems to frontier research and

international trade, they hold potential for creating prosperity and improving the overall living conditions. However, these opportunities cannot be grasped without levelling up in terms of infrastructures. Narrowing the scientific and digital gap is among the major development challenges for the years to come, and a number of projects are underway to get there.

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### Entrepreneurs of the Diaspora, Major Players in African Development

The African diaspora has been named the sixth region of Africa by the AU. Its active contribution to the EU-Africa Partnership is critical in terms of its special role on issues of migration, mobility and employment. Its participation in the continent's development is also significant. Flows of funds from the diaspora to countries of origin sometimes exceed other forms of outside financing such as official development assistance and foreign direct investment (FDI).



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### Learning from experience



A continental institution capable of rising to the challenges of the 21st century, this was the vision laid out by African leaders at the setting up of the African Union in 2002.

Through good governance, closer integration and lasting peace, this vision would and has now become a reality. Keen to support the efforts of the young institution, the EU entered a joint strategy with Africa, which defines the long-term policy objectives

### Interview with Mrs. Mary Robinson

In September 2010, Mrs. Mary Robinson was in Addis Ababa in the context of her collaboration with the Mo Ibrahim Foundation. The former President of Ireland and former UN High Commissioner for Human



Rights presented her views on the tenth anniversary of Security Council Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security as well as on the concept of "climate justice". This interview was given to the LINK! Newsletter,

between the two continents, based on a shared vision and common principles. The Joint Africa-EU Strategy and its Action Plan, together with solid political objectives, also enable practical and financial help.

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managed by the EU delegation to the African Union.

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## Success story: Regional Institutes for global competitiveness – the Pan-African University



Science and technology are key to Africa's future development. In January 2007, the AU Heads of State and Government declared 2007 as the launching year for building constituencies and champions for science, technology and innovation in Africa. The Pan-African University (PAU) was set up by the AU Commission in response to this growing political momentum.

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## Success story: Green light for EU training mission to Somalia



Following a Council Decision adopted in February 2010, the EUTM Somalia military training mission in support of the Somali security forces and in cooperation with the African Union was launched in April 2010, with the aim of providing military training to strengthen the Somali Transitional Federal Government (TFG) as a functioning government serving the Somali citizens.

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