

Two sneakers, one blue and one white, both featuring the European Union flag (a circle of twelve yellow stars on a blue background). The blue sneaker has text in white: "Fred", "König", "Ghajous", "OPOLOUCHEUR", "Eggenmatt", "König", "HUMAN RIGHTS", "ÜBERGANG ZUR DEMOKRATIE". The white sneaker has text in blue: "AKCIO", "Mulieres", "Zena Paix", "ECONOMIA-GLOBAL", "ZARZETZENIE", "Nasabromfond", "UNWIKONZERT", "ENTWICKELUNG", "GROWING", "CUNHAN". The sneakers are placed on a white, circular, grid-like pattern.

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Priorities

- ensure democracy through support to democratic governance and human rights
- ensure development through support to sustainable and inclusive growth, education, health, energy, infrastructure, regional integration etc. (through trade, investments and development aid)
- ensure peace and security through our CSDP missions and support to African Union peace-keeping capacities and missions (financial support through the African Peace Facility)
- pursue joint objectives and adopt closer positions in international fora and negotiations

The African Union celebrates in 2013 its 50th anniversary. The Organisation of African Unity (OAU) was established on 25 May 1963 and morphed in 2001/02 into the African Union. The last African state to join the AU is South Sudan (in 2011).

The African Union adopted an institutional structure very similar to the one of the EU (Commission, Council, continental Parliament). The current president of the AU Commission is **Ms. Dlamini-Zuma** from South Africa.

Top 3 Facts

The EU is Africa's first trade, investment and development partner. In 2012, 28.2% of Africa's trade was made with the EU.

In 2012, and despite adverse economic developments in Europe, EU **Member States** collectively sustained their commitment to African development disbursing 18,5 € billion of ODA.

In 2011, the EU disbursed nearly 2 billion euros of development aid to Sub-Saharan Africa (1.924 billion euros under EDF, EU budget is not included).

Since 2004, the EU has channelled more than 1.2 billion euros through the African Peace facility to support African Peace Operations, enhance African Peace and Security capacities and support mediation. For instance, EU supports African Union (AU) Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) to the extent of €579.3M€ committed to date, including allowances of 22,100 troops and civilian component.

The EU also supports the African-led International Support Mission in the Central African Republic (MISCA or AFISM-CAR) with 50M€ committed to date and 75 more M€ approved.

The EU Strategy for Security and Development in the Sahel, launched in 2011, and the EU Horn of Africa Strategic Framework, adopted the same year, provide the framework for a global approach to regional crisis, linking security and development and building on complementarities between all European actions. EU Special representatives for the Sahel and for the Horn of Africa play an active role in the implementation of these strategies.

The European Union adopted a Strategy on the Gulf of Guinea in March 2014, taking an integrated approach linking security, governance and development challenges offshore and onshore, and drawing from the lessons learned in the Horn of Africa.





EU-Africa summit 2014:
Family photo.



**EU-Africa Summit
2-3 April :**
Europe and Africa are neighbours: continents bound together by a shared history, culture, geography, and by the close exchanges between our peoples.

People, Prosperity & Peace:
We believe a photo is worth a thousand words.



Horn of Africa:
The EU needs to deal with maritime threats and challenges so that we have safe and open seas. We have already seen real results of the EU's efforts in the Horn of Africa - pirate attacks there dropped by 95% over the past year.

9th May Europe Day

Main links:

EEAS Africa page:

http://eeas.europa.eu/africa/index_en.htm

Website of the delegation to the African Union:

http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/african_union/index_en.htm

Joint Website of the Strategic Partnership Africa-EU:

<http://www.africa-eu-partnership.org/>