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Message by the Head of the Delegation of the European Union in South Africa

The sixth Summit between South Africa and the European Union will take place in Pretoria on Mandela Day, 18 July 2013, the day on which the world hopes to celebrate Madiba's 95th birthday.

The Summit is the annual focal event of the European Union – South Africa Strategic Partnership, which unites South Africa and the European Union in working towards peace and stability, economic development and social justice and enables us to jointly address global challenges such as energy and climate change. Our Partnership seeks to deliver concrete results for our citizens, with this year's specific emphasis on employment creation through expanded investment and deepening trade relations.

The sixth Summit will be preceded by the second South Africa - European Union Business Forum and additional side events that will take place before, alongside and after the Summit, in Pretoria, Johannesburg and Cape Town.

This booklet provides an overview of these events and gives the reader basic facts on the EU-SA Strategic Partnership.

All over the European Union, citizens are expressing their solidarity with the South African people, as former President Mandela remains in hospital.

In the spirit of Mandela Day, this year's sixth SA-EU Summit will continue our joint efforts to change the world into a better place for all.

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EU-SA Strategic Partnership

A People-to-People Partnership

EU relations with South Africa were first established with the *Special Programme for the Victims of Apartheid* in 1986. This programme channelled resources to NGOs active in education and training, legal aid, as well as in humanitarian and social programmes.

With the arrival of democracy in South Africa in 1994, the new partners signed a first *Cooperation Agreement* to support the new democratic government's *Reconstruction and Development Programme* (RDP) including the promotion of investments from the European Investment Bank (EIB).

Today, contact between the people of Europe and South Africa is intensive. Europe is a major source of tourism with some 1.3 million Europeans having visited South Africa in 2012. The EU, in turn, is a favoured study destination – just over 40% of all South Africans studying abroad do so in Europe. Between 2011 and 2013 these educational ties have strengthened through the EU's academic exchange programme, Erasmus Mundus, which involves 16 South African and 32 European universities.

Political Partners

The EU's relations with South Africa take place against the backdrop of Africa-EU relations. These emphasise respect for democracy, human rights, freedom, equality, justice and the rule of law as well as a commitment to support African countries to eradicate poverty and achieve the Millennium Development Goals. Priorities of the EU-SA Strategic Partnership such as peace and security, good governance, employment, migration, social cohesion, gender equality and environmental protection align with the 2007 Joint EU-Africa Strategy. Annual presidential summits and regular ministerial meetings provide the forum at which policies are formulated and decisions agreed upon.

Trade Partners

The EU, a single market and customs union of 28 Member States, is South Africa's largest trading and investment partner. In 2012, the EU accounted for 25% of South African trade flows. The EU is South Africa's main destination for exports, accounting for some 20% of total South African exports in 2012. The EU is also the main source of South Africa's imports, with a share of 28.8% of total South African imports in 2012. More than 50% of South Africa's exports to the EU in 2012 comprised semi-manufactured goods and agricultural products and were therefore notably beneficial to job creation and skills transfer in South Africa. Bilateral foreign direct investment (FDI) has grown five-fold since 2004, with the EU providing over 75% of all FDI into South Africa. Today, more than 2,000 European companies operate in South Africa, providing in excess of 350,000 sustainable jobs.

Development Partners

The EU, through its European Commission, the 28 Member States and the EIB, is by far South Africa's largest development partner which, according to SA government figures, provides around 70% of cooperation funds received by South Africa. The European Commission's grant support to South Africa for the period 2007-2013 is €980 million. The EIB provides a further €900 million in long-term loan finance for the same period. Development cooperation helps bolster and sustain the Strategic Partnership; it helps ensure that the partnership is one that has impact. Through a range of programmes, the EU has helped to create growth and reduce poverty in South Africa. A few examples:

The €100 million *Risk Capital Facility* (RCF), managed by the Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa in collaboration with the EIB has provided venture capital to small and medium black economic empowerment (BEE) enterprises. 136 small and medium enterprises (SMEs) have been supported resulting in the creation of some 11,000 sustainable jobs.

Against the backdrop of the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa, the *Youth Development through Football* (YDF) programme, in collaboration with Germany, trained some 162 instructors and over 1,500 youth coaches to provide life skills to an estimated 60,000 South African adolescents.

The *Access to Justice Programme* contributed to the establishment of 55 new Community Advice Offices in rural/township areas as well as to the establishment of 382 new Equality Courts. Approximately 3.5 million people have benefited from these constitutional rights awareness programmes and over 70,000 refugees, asylum seekers and undocumented migrants have benefited from community support services.

Through the €126 million *Primary Health Care Programme* substantial support is being given to the piloting of the National Health Insurance, notably in the area of primary health care re-engineering. In collaboration with the UK close to 600 private sector doctors have been mobilised to work in the primary care sector.

A €123 million *Primary Education Sector Policy Support Programme* has increased from 13 to 20 the number of universities involved in the training of teachers for the early grades. The programme has also helped to develop public primary schools through the provision of revised curriculum and assessment policy statements, workbooks for learners, and a national catalogue of approved textbooks.

In the area of employment a €100 million programme contributes to the *Employment Creation Fund*, where the *Community Works Programme* has been replicated and scaled-up to help 90,000 people in 2010-11 and 170,000 in 2012-13. Assistance with the *Expanded Public Works Programme* created more than 575,000 job opportunities in 2012-13 and is expected to create more than 1.5 million job opportunities by 2014.

In the *science and technology* sector, pilot projects have been launched using innovation to address poverty: over 600 jobs and 48 small businesses have been created in projects ranging from demonstration agronomy to Wireless Mesh Network. In addition, around 200 rural facilities reaching 20,000 school children have been connected to the internet through the *Wireless Mesh Network*. Plans are underway to replicate and draw lessons from these pilot projects. In addition South African researchers are involved in 156 research projects (including in health, environment, aviation, food, biotechnologies and ICT) under FP7 – the EU's Research Framework Programme 2007-2013.

The Sixth South Africa-European Union Summit will provide the platform to announce an innovative new programme to blend grants with loans from the Development Bank of Southern Africa and European development banks to support South Africa's infrastructure programme. It will also provide an opportunity to announce the EU's commitment to work with the Department of Energy on a programme of rural electrification covering some 300,000 households.

Other Areas of Cooperation

Since 2009, dialogues on migration, macroeconomics, space, energy, ICT and maritime transport have been added to existing exchanges on trade, science and technology, environment, sustainable development, political and security matters as well as to inter-parliamentary exchanges. The Sixth South Africa-European Union Summit will provide the platform to expand the dialogues to include human rights and maritime security.

Also, at this year's summit, the EU and South Africa will sign the EURATOM–South Africa Agreement on the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

Monday, 15 July 2013

Activity	Venue	Time
Discussion: National Spatial Cohesion/Integration Policy	OR Tambo Building, DIRCO	10h00 – 13h00
Presentation: Importance of Civil Society in Increasing Employment	EU Delegation, Building 4	15h00 – 17h00

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Discussion: National Spatial Cohesion/Integration Policy

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the policy environment and to share experiences of effective and efficient spatial cohesion policy implementation strategies, in to explore areas for future dialogue between SA and the EU. South Africa's ambitions for inclusive growth and sustainable development are challenged amongst others, by spatial fragmentation and intergovernmental planning and implementation issues. South Africa has a policy architecture, including a Spatial Development Perspective, to address employment, competitiveness and an appropriate balance between rural and urban development and growth. The European Union has gained experience through its Regional and Cohesion Policies and their related funds in the implementation and monitoring of strategies which aim to strengthen economic, social and territorial cohesion, and to invest in people and improve the quality of life within the EU. Graham Meadows will share his experience and views on these issues. He is Special Adviser to Commissioner László Andor, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, as well as a former Director General of DG Regional and Urban Policy.

Presentation: Importance of Civil Society in Increasing Employment



Mr Graham Meadows

The presentation and discussion by Graham Meadows, Special Adviser to Commissioner László Andor, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, will focus on ways in which civil society can help to increase employment. Civil society has an important role to play in this area through skills training, placement services, community-based employment creation, and through the provision of micro-credit. Civil society often also has a particular interest in supporting marginalised and vulnerable groups.

Tuesday, 16 July 2013

Activity	Venue	Time
Discussion: Youth Employment	OR Tambo Building, DIRCO	10h00 – 12h00
Discussion: New Skills for New Jobs	EU Delegation, Building 4	14h00 – 16h00
European Heads of Mission Lunch	OR Tambo Building, DIRCO	11h00 – 14h00

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Discussion: Youth Employment

This discussion will explore the challenges of youth employment in South Africa and Europe. South Africa faces many challenges in reducing youth unemployment. Europe faces a similar challenge which has led to increased pressure to address the problem. Recent measures have been announced in Europe, including a "youth guarantee" to ensure that young Europeans receive a good quality offer of employment, continuing education, an apprenticeship or traineeship within four months of leaving school or becoming unemployed.

Discussion: New Skills for New Jobs

South Africa faces a number of challenges when it comes to having the necessary skills, in the necessary numbers, to implement its large, planned infrastructure investment programme. The European Union has a programme called "New Skills for New Jobs" which aims to anticipate and match labour market and skills needs. In this context the purpose of the discussion, which will include a video link to the EU's DG Employment, will be to exchange experiences on this programme, and to identify further steps that might be taken in two pilot areas – passenger rail, and infrastructure operation and maintenance.

Wednesday, 17 July 2013

Activity	Venue	Time
Business Forum: Building Business Partnerships for Growth and Employment	OR Tambo Building, DIRCO	All Day
Workshop: African-European Radio Astronomy Platform (AERAP)	SA Astronomical Observatory Cape Town	All Day
Business Forum Gala Dinner	CSIR	Evening

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Second South Africa-European Union Business Forum: Building Business Partnerships for Growth and Employment

The Second EU-South Africa Business Forum will provide a unique opportunity for EU and South African companies to exchange views on business developments, partnering possibilities, and to interact with political leaders. Debates will focus on the investment climate in the EU and in South Africa, and on the role of business and the public sector in promoting growth and employment, especially in favour of the youth. Following introductory statements by representatives of the major business organisations, a high-level panel discussion will look at the relationship between business and governments in support of employment. Sector break-away sessions on infrastructure, manufacturing, renewable energy, oil and gas, ICT, and agro-business will follow. Rob Davies, Minister of Trade and Industry, and Karel De Gucht, EU Commissioner for Trade, will address the Forum and exchange views with the audience. The adoption of the EU-SA Joint Business Declaration, to be presented to the EU-South Africa Summit of Heads of States the next day, will complete the programme. The event will reflect the strength of trade and investment relations between the two parties. The EU is South Africa's largest trade partner; total bilateral trade has increased by more than 75% since 2000. Over 2,000 EU companies operate in South Africa; they have invested over R60 Billion, and have created no less than 350,000 direct jobs.

Workshop: African-European Radio Astronomy Platform (AERAP)

*The African-European Radio Astronomy Platform (AERAP) is a new stakeholder forum established in response to the European Parliament's Written Declaration 45 on **'Science Capacity Building in Africa: Promoting European-African Radio Astronomy Partnerships'**. The workshop will be convened to define priorities for radio astronomy cooperation between Africa and Europe.*



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Thursday, 18 July 2013

Activity	Venue	Time
EU Delegation Mandela Day Service Project	Freedom Park	08h00 – 12h00
6 th Summit of the SA-EU Strategic Partnership	Presidential Guesthouse	11h00 – 14h30
Workshop: EDCTP (European-Developing Countries Clinical Trial Partnership) Funded Networks of Excellence for Clinical Trials in Eastern (EACCR) and Southern (TESA) Africa (Day 1)	Southern Sun Hotel in Kempton Park, Johannesburg	All Day
Mrs Geertrui Windels visits EU-funded projects	Pretoria/Soweto/ Johannesburg	All Day

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EU Delegation Mandela Day Service Project

The Delegation of the European Union, in association with Freedom Park, will be showing their support for Mandela Day by packing food parcels for disadvantaged scholars. The Delegation and Freedom Park recognise the importance of good nutrition to stimulate learning. The food parcels, which will cater for 20,000 meals, will be distributed to schools around Pretoria.

6th Summit of the South Africa–European Union Strategic Partnership

11:00 – 14:00 *Summit*

14:00 – 14:30 *Signing of the EURATOM Agreement and Press Conference*

Workshop: EDCTP (European-Developing Countries Clinical Trial Partnership) Funded Networks of Excellence for Clinical Trials in Eastern (EACCR) and Southern (TESA) Africa (Day 1)

The workshop will be a continuation of the consultations between the European and African partners on the next phase of the EDCTP Programme. The workshop will also provide a platform for the Southern African and East African Community clinical trials networks participating in the EDCTP Programme, and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) to generate common strategic research agendas.

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Separate programme for Mrs Geertrui Windels

On 18 July Mrs Windels, spouse of President Van Rompuy, will visit Freedom Park in Pretoria and the EU Delegation Mandela Day Service Project. Mrs Windels will then travel to Soweto to be briefed on childhood education at the Funda UJabule school, followed by a briefing on gender issues and gender-based violence in South Africa. In the afternoon, Mrs Windels will attend a musical performance at the Morris Isaacson High School by, amongst others, children benefiting from the MIAGI early childhood music education programme. Mrs Windels will complete her programme when she is joined by President Van Rompuy for a visit to Meropa Heritage – Uhambo Creations. All projects visited by Mrs Windels benefit from EU funding (for more information on the above mentioned-projects see below.)

Primary Education Sector Policy Support Programme (€123 million)

This far-reaching programme seeks to strengthen the South African Government's efforts to improve the performance of learners in literacy and numeracy at primary school level. The programme provides resources for research and training activities coordinated by the University of Johannesburg's Institute for Childhood Education at the Funda UJabule School in Soweto.

Capegate MIAGI (Music Is A Great Investment) Centre for Music (€ 435,000)

Based at the Morris Isaacson High School in Soweto, the Capegate MIAGI Centre for Music is a unique community-based facility targeting disadvantaged children in its vicinity. The MIAGI project, 'Uniting the power of classical, indigenous and jazz' is funded by the European Commission under the Youth Empowerment Programme with the Department of Arts and Culture.

Meropa Heritage – Uhambo Creations

Meropa Heritage - Uhambo Creations is a Johannesburg-based business / project producing design textiles, clothing, crafts and cultural products based on traditional designs. The project received financial support from the European Commission through the EU-SA Sector-Wide Enterprise, Employment and Equity Programme (SWEEP) with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI).

Friday, 19 July 2013

Activity	Venue	Time
Workshop: EDCTP Funded Networks of Excellence for Clinical Trials in Eastern (EACCR) and Southern (TESA) Africa (Day 2)	Southern Sun Hotel in Kempton Park, Johannesburg	All Day
European-South African Science and Technology Advancement Programme (ESASTAP) Plus Event	Innovation Hub, Pretoria	All Day
Meeting of Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu and President Barroso	Cape Town	Morning
Public Address by President Barroso	Cape Town	10h00 – 12h00
Mandela Tribute Visit	Robben Island	Afternoon
Western Cape Roundtable Discussion with Premier Helen Zille and Representatives of Western Cape Universities	Cape Town	Evening

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ESASTAP Plus Event

ESASTAP Plus Event will explore opportunities for greater cooperation and synergy in research and innovation partnerships between South Africa and Europe. The focus will be on ensuring greater impact and efficiency in addressing major societal challenges such as sustainable food security; competitive low-carbon economy; water innovation; blue growth, unlocking the potential of oceans and waste. The ESASTAP Plus is a project supported by the European Commission aimed at strengthening technology, research and innovation cooperation between Europe and South Africa. . Marcus Cornaro, Deputy Director General, Directorate General for Development and Cooperation, will give an opening address.

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