

Media Note - Brussels Conference for the Central African Republic

Invitations for the press

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High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy / Vice-President of the Commission Federica Mogherini and the President of the Central African Republic, Professor Faustin Archange Touadéra, will jointly chair the conference, which will be attended by ministers and high-level representatives from international organizations.

Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development Neven Mimica and Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management Christos Stylianides will also participate.

The conference aims at mobilising the international community in order to generate political support and concrete commitments to support the Central African Republic's authorities' ambitious agenda to achieve peace, security and reconciliation across the country, as well as to promote development and economic recovery.

Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva, Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development Neven Mimica and Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management Christos Stylianides will also take the floor.

When: 17 November 2016

Where: the Council of the European Union - Justus Lipsius building (175 rue de la Loi, Brussels).

1. Media accreditation

Journalists holding a European Council 6-month badge do not need to register.

For other journalists, applications for accreditation can only be made on-line:

<http://centralafrica.onetec.eu/>

Please select "Media/Press" in the drop down menu in the "Name of Delegation" option. Moreover, you are requested to send a letter from your Chief Editor to Mr. Tom O'Connell -oc.pr.eu@gmail.com in order to complete your accreditation application.

Application deadline:

14 November 2016

Badge collection

Accreditation badges must be collected at the reception of the EEAS Building, 9A Rond-Point Schuman 1046.

- Tuesday 15 November 14h00 until 19h00
- Wednesday 16 November 08h30 until 19h00
- Thursday 17 November 08h00 until the end of the press conference

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

The programme is indicative and subject to changes.

Livestreaming: The opening of the Conference, as well as the press conference, will be live streamed by the host broadcaster : <http://video.consilium.europa.eu/en/>

<i>From 08:00</i>	Arrival and welcome of participants <i>Access for accredited press:</i>
<i>08:45</i>	- <i>Doorsteps</i>
Morning Session: <i>Strategic interventions (9:00 - 12:30)</i>	
<i>09:00</i>	Morning session - Speeches of HRVP Mogherini and other keynote speakers to be made available on EBS
<i>12:00</i>	Family Photo
<i>12:15-13:30</i>	Social lunch
<i>13:30-14:00</i>	Joint press conference by HRVP Mogherini, President of the Central African Republic H.E. Professor Touadéra, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations M. Eliasson and Vice President of the World Bank M. Walliser
Afternoon Session: <i>Pledging session (14:00 – 17:30)</i>	
14:00-14:10 Opening of the afternoon session by Commissioner Mimica : to be made available on EBS	
17:15 - 17:30 Closing speech by Commissioner Georgieva: to be made available on EBS	

2. Photo/TV opportunities

Arrivals/Departures and press conference are accessible to all accredited media.

Due to limited space, media wishing to participate in photo/TV opportunities should send a request to press.centre@consilium.europa.eu. Group cards will be attributed on a first come, first served basis and to ensure an appropriate geographical coverage.

3. Press centre

A press centre will be installed in the Justus Lipsius building (JL).

The Opening hours will be:

- 17 November : from 7.30. The closing time will be announced depending on the proceedings of the meeting (minimum three hours after the end of the press conference). Access to VIP entrance and to press room on 17 November will be possible only with a special "Brussels Conference for the Central African Republic " badge or a European Council 6-month badge.

The press centre facilities will include:

- Press areas for images and doorsteps at the VIP entrance (VIP entrance 02);
- Workstations equipped with Wifi internet connection (network "Consilium" - no password required) and power supply;
- A limited number of telephone and ISDN connections;
- Closed-circuit television carrying host broadcaster pictures and press information will be in operation throughout the press centre;
- A main press conference room (level 00) for the final press conference;
- Meals, refreshments and light cold meals can be bought at self-service restaurant on level 01 or the press bar on level 00.

Delivery and removal of technical equipment

- **Delivery and installation of technical equipment**

Delivery and installation of technical equipment must be carried out via the main entrance (175, rue de la Loi) on Wednesday 16, between 8.00 and 18.00, **for equipment not exceeding the dimension of the x-ray machines (tunnel 77,5 x 58,3 cm, max. weight of baggage 165 kg).**

In case your technical equipment exceeds the above-mentioned dimensions, please send an email to presse.dechargement@consilium.europa.eu, **before Friday 11 November at 12.00.**

- **Removal of technical equipment**

The equipment must be removed, depending on the end of the meeting:

- on Thursday 17 November, after the end of the Conference; or
- on Friday 18 November between 08.00 and 18.00.

4. Audiovisual facilities

The press centre will include:

- TV editing rooms with telephones and ISDN connections, equipped for reception of the host broadcaster's TV signal.
- Each radio booth is equipped with a telephone (analogue connection), an ISDN connection and Wifi internet access.

Booking: presse.standup@consilium.europa.eu by **17.00 on Friday 11 November at the latest**

- **Satellite vehicle parking/booking of stand-up positions**

Satellite TV and radio broadcasting vehicles can be parked on Rondpoint Schuman in face of the Council building. Fibre connections with the matrix room in the Justus Lipsius building will be available.

A limited number of live stand-up positions will be located in the Atrium (mezzanine). Advanced booking is essential.

Deadline: **17.00 on Friday 11 November 2016.**

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- **Dedicated internet line/ISDN**

To book your dedicated internet line, contact Belgacom, Ms Anita Moelans, (tel. +32 (0)2 202 18 47).

- **Radio and TV studios**

The Council radio and TV studios can be reserved for interviews with members of the delegations participating in the meeting. Conditions of use and contacts can be found online: <http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/tv-radio-studios/>

5. Host broadcaster

The Council audiovisual service will be the host broadcaster of the conference.

All host broadcaster footage can be downloaded in broadcast quality (MPEG-4 - 16/9 format) on <http://tvnewsroom.consilium.europa.eu> (arrivals, opening and closing remarks and press conferences).

A selection of photographs taken by Council photographers will be published on <http://tvnewsroom.consilium.europa.eu/photos> . The high-resolution photographs can be downloaded and used free of charge for non-commercial use (provided the copyright "European Union" is mentioned).

Europe by satellite may also broadcast part or all the conference proceedings. For more information, check the [Ebs schedule](#).

6. Contacts

Spokespersons Service – media enquiries and interviews

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In addition, Mr. Tom O'Connell (oc.pr.eu@gmail.com) will be at a media desk during the day for other questions.

For questions on press centre/accreditation/other practical issues for the Conference:
Press centre of the General Secretariat of the Council: Tel. +32 (0)2 281 90 00; email press.centre@consilium.europa.eu

www.eeas.europa.eu/rcaconf.