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SOUND OF AFRICA

EU-AFRICA STRATEGY - A WAY OUT OF POVERTY?

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BAWAG P.S.K. VERANSTALTUNGSZENTRUM HOCHHOLZERHOF,

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HEINZ FISCHER

FEDERAL PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA



DRAFT AGENDA 22 JUNE, 15:00-22:00

SPEAKERS TO BE CONFIRMED

CONFERENCE LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

14:30-15:00 *Arrival of participants*

15:00-17:00

OPENING

Heinz Fischer, Federal President of the Republic of Austria

Ursula Plassnik, Austrian Foreign Minister

Johannes Trimmel, Chair Austrian EU-Platform
President CONCORD

BACKGROUND OF THE EU-AFRICA STRATEGY

Background of the EU-Africa Strategy & the Strategy in the light of the European Consensus

Status of implementation of the EU-Africa Strategy

Response from East Africa – HORIZONT 3000 seminar in Uganda

Response from Central Africa – EURAC seminar in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Response from West Africa – CARE seminar in Mali

Response from Southern Africa – GGLN-OSI seminar in South Africa

Response from Europe – CONCORD seminar in Brussels, Belgium and VENRO, DIE, EADI seminar Bonn, Germany

Response from Central Europe – EU-PLATFORM seminar in Bratislava, Slovakia

Cecilia Thorfinn

DG DEV, European Commission

Caroline Gudenus

Section 2, Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mary Mwingira

Executive Director TANGO, Tanzania

Immaculée Ingabire

President, Dynamique des Sociétés civiles du Burundi de la R.D.Congo et du Rwanda

Ely Dembele

Coordinator FONGEM, NGO network Mali

Jaap de Visser

Co-ordinator and Senior Researcher Local Government Project, Community Law Centre University of the Western Cape

Mikaela Gavas

Vice Chair Policy Working Group CONCORD, Policy officer BOND UK

Peter Hulený

Former Head of Development Cooperation, Slovakia

18:00-20:00

PANEL DISCUSSION - THE IMPACT OF THE EU AFRICA STRATEGY

The importance of involving NGOs

The role of Parliaments in the EU-Africa Strategy

Moderation:

Alexandra Förderl-Schmid

The impact of the EU-Africa Strategy on the Development Policy of the European Commission

Der Standard

Next steps in the implementation of the EU Africa Strategy

How will the EU-Africa Strategy change the Development Policy of the Member States?

Mary Wandia

Regional Women's Rights Coordinator-Africa
Action Aid International Kenya

Abubakar Bawa-Bwari

Parliamentarian, Nigeria

Karin Scheele

Parliamentarian, European Parliament

Athassios Theodorakis

Deputy Director General DG DEV, European Commission

Jinmi Addissa

Principal Coordinator CIDO, Africa Union

Hans Winkler

State Secretary, Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

from 20:00

Informal Get together

DRAFT AGENDA 23 JUNE 06, 09:00-16:00

SPEAKERS TO BE CONFIRMED

CONFERENCE LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

8:30-9:00 *Arrival of participants*

9:00-9:30 Summary of the first day

Johannes Trimmel
Chair of the Austrian EU-Platform

Explanation of the Working Groups

9:30-9:45 *Break*

9:45-12:30 **SEMINARS - ROLE MODELS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION FOR CIVIL
SOCIETY PARTICIPATION AND OWNERSHIP**

1. Peace and security

Resourceperson and Rapporteur
Arnaud Gorgemans, EURAC
Florent Sebban, Eurostep

2. Human Rights and Governance

Resourceperson and Rapporteur
Jaap de Visser, Community Law Centre
University of the Western Cape, Good
Governance Learning Network
nn, AWEPA

3. Trade and Integration

Resourceperson and Rapporteur
Christoph Bail, Global Marshall Plan
Initiative, former European Commission,
DG Environment
Karin Küblböck, ÖFSE

4. Key Development Issues

Resourceperson and Rapporteur
Mary Mwingira, TANGO Tanzania
Americo Chaquisse, Salesian Delegation
of Mozambique

12:30-14:00 *Lunch*

14:00-15:45 **VIENNA DECLARATION - RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE
IMPLEMENTATION AND PLENARY DISCUSSION**

Presentation of results in the plenary

Rapporteurs

15:45-16:00 **CLOSING WORDS**

17:00- open end *Informal Get together Heuriger*

Africa is the continent with the poorest countries in the world.

In 2005 the political leaders of the European Union committed themselves to strengthen the fight against poverty in Africa. In December 2005 the European Council adopted the EU-Africa Strategy. This Strategy is meant to provide a framework for the development programmes of the Commission and the 25 member states concerning Africa over the next ten years. Therefore the way it is implemented, is essential. In order to guarantee a successful implementation the Strategy should reinforce, not weaken, the participation of NGOs and other civil society actors and ensure the involvement of Parliaments in the policy process.

At the international conference „**Sound of Africa. EU-Africa Strategy – a way out of poverty**“ for the first time, all stakeholders of development cooperation will discuss the impact, opportunities and challenges of the EU-Africa strategy and develop recommendations for making this strategy work for all of the people in Africa.

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