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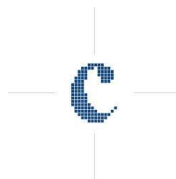
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Conference Programme

Strengthening Cooperation Between Europe and Africa on Democratic Reform

Brussels 11 – 12 October 2010



11 October 2010	
8.30 - 9.00	Registration of Participants
9.00 – 9.15	Introductory Remarks <i>Amb. Marc Trenteseau (Egmont Institute)</i> <i>Mr. Henri Boshoff (Institute for Security Studies / Observatoire de l’Afrique)</i> <i>Mr. Roel von Meijenfeldt (EPD)</i>
9:15 – 11:00	Challenges and politics of supporting democratisation processes in Africa: Setting the scene <u>Moderator:</u> <i>Amb. Renier Nijksens (Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs)</i> <u>Panel:</u> <i>Mr. Roel von Meijenfeldt (EPD)</i> <i>Mr. Paul Graham (IDASA)</i> <i>Amb. Koen Vervaeke (EU Special Representative to the African Union)</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	Domestic processes and conflicting values and interests in EU’s foreign policy : An African Perspective <u>Moderator:</u> <i>Mr. Lucien Toulou (EISA)</i> <u>Panel:</u> <i>Amb. Yaya Sow (ECOWAS)</i> <i>Amb. Mohammed Ibn Chambas (ACP)</i> <i>Mr. Pamphile Sebahara (GRIP)</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:30	An assessment of the Cotonou instruments: best cases and practices <u>Moderator:</u> <i>Dr. Oladiran W. Bello (FRIDE)</i> <u>Panel:</u> <i>Mr. Geert Laporte (ECDPM)</i> <i>Prof. Mirijam van Reisen (University of Tilburg / EEPA)</i>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30	<p>Contradictions in the relationship Democracy - Governance - Stability? <u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Hans Hoebeker (Egmont Institute) <u>Panel:</u> Amb. Andebrhan Welde Giorgis (Revival Africa Initiative) Prof. Richard Banégas (University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne) Mr. Jeremy Lester (Head of Unit at European Commission, DG DEV/E/2) Dr. Nic Cheeseman (Oxford University)</p>
18.00 -	Reception for Conference Participants - Hosted by the Belgian Presidency of the European Union
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8:45 – 9:00	Presentation of conclusions of day one
9:00 – 10:30	<p>Supporting difficult transitions <u>Moderator:</u> Mrs. Marieke Van Doorn (EPD) <u>Panel:</u> Dr. Knox Chitiyo (Royal United Services Institute) Mr. Willy Nindorera (Burundi based analyst) Prof. Bob Kabamba (Liège University)</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Support for elections and democratic consolidation – Lessons from recent experiences in support for elections in Africa <u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Frank Balme (NEEDS) <u>Panel:</u> Mr. Lucien Toulou (EISA) Mr. Patrice Lenormand (European Commission EuropeAid) Mr. Joao Pereira (Director of MASC, Mecanismo de Appuio à Sociedade Civil, Mozambique)</p>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break

13:30 – 15:00	<p><i>Building political consensus and inclusiveness around policy and constitutional reform</i> <u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Luc van de Goor (Clingendael) <u>Panel:</u> Dr. Stefan Lindemann (London School of Economics) Prof. Reginald Austin (University of Zimbabwe) Mr. Ohene Ntow (Institute of Economic Affairs – Ghana) Prof. David Anderson (Oxford University)</p>
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 17:00	<p><i>Are policy instruments attuned to work with underlying structures of power and domestic agendas?</i> <u>Moderator:</u> Prof. Koen Vlassenroot (Egmont Institute – Ghent University) <u>Panel:</u> Prof. William Gumede (University of the Witwatersrand) Dr. Denis Tull (SWP)</p>
17:00 – 17:30	<i>Meeting of the moderators and rapporteurs to consolidate the conclusions of the different panel sessions</i>
17:30 – 18:00	<p><i>Concluding panel Supporting democratisation process in Africa in changing global environment: Where do we stand?</i> <u>Moderator:</u> Amb. Renier Nijskens (Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs) <i>Presentations of the conclusions of the conference</i></p>
18:00 -	<p><i>Cocktail :</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Intervention on the Observatoire</i> • <i>Intervention on the EU Presidency</i>