



**Programme**

***The Dynamics of Decision-Making in Africa***

**EGMONT Institute, Institute for Global Dialogue, Institute for Security Studies**

**Leriba Lodge**

**Centurion**

**Conference Date: 8 - 9 November 2010**

**DAY 1**

**08:30 – 09:00** Arrival and registration

**09:00 – 09:30** Opening and Welcome:

H.E. Jan Mutton, Belgian Ambassador to South Africa

Dr. Siphamandla Zondi, Institute for Global Dialogue

Dr. Paul-Simon Handy, Institute for Security Studies

Jean-Christophe Hoste, EGMONT Institute

**9:30 – 12:00 Session 1**

*Setting the scene: Africa in the changing global order*

This session will consider the role that Africa is assuming on the international stage and sets out to address the question of what shapes decisions in defining an African position. This focuses particularly on the internal dynamics of decision making within the AU (challenges, strengths and weaknesses), before moving on to consider the case study of the Africa Group at the climate change negotiations. The political dynamics behind the 'African position' will be discussed further in a case study on the dynamics in the Nile Basin and South Sudan. This case study will give us more insight in the decision making within the relevant multilateral institutions and how member states work with – or against – each other to address these issues.

**Chair: Dr. Paul-Simon Handy (ISS)**

**Speakers:**

**9:30 – 9:40 Introduction by chair**

**9:40 – 10:00 Francis Ikome (ISS)**

*The AU in international relations: the dynamics of decision-making*

**10:00 – 10:20 Maurizio Di Lullo (European Council)**

*Observations on the climate change negotiations*

**10:20 – 10:40 Dr. Lesley Masters (IGD)**

*Case Study: The Africa Group and climate change*

**10:40 – 11:00 Jean-Christophe Hoste (EGMONT)**

*African decision making processes: from climate change to the case of the Nile Basin and South Sudan*

**11:00 – 12:00 DISCUSSION**

**12:00 – 13:00 LUNCH**

The two sessions after lunch will consider the regional organisations in decision-making relating to guiding regional socio-economic development and peace and security initiatives.

**13:00 – 15:15 Session 2**

*Regional Economic Organisations (RECs) and the AU*

This session addresses the question of economic integration and the challenge presented by the ‘spaghetti bowl’ of overlapping regional institutions on coherent decision-making. This session will also address the relations between the RECs and the AU, given the fact that RECs are considered ‘pillars’ of the continental governance architecture.

**Chair: Dr. Brendan Vickers (DTI)**

**13:00 – 13:10 Introduction by chair**

**13:10 – 13:30 Dr. David Monyae (DBSA)**

*The role of secretariats*

**13:30 – 13:50 Dr. Paul-Simon Handy (ISS)**

*An African G5?*

**13:50 – 14:10 Dr. Francis Nwonwu (UNECA)**

*Intra- and extra-regional trade and regional integration*

**14:10 – 14:30 Dr. Siphamandla Zondi (IGD)**

*Regional Economic Organisations (RECs) and the AU*

14:30 – 15:15 DISCUSSION

**15:15 – 15:30 TEA BREAK**

**15:30 – 18:00 Session 3**

*Understanding the economic development-security nexus*

The third session will analyse the role of the RECs with regard to the African peace and security architecture. Africa currently has the highest number of UN peacekeeping operations in the world. Yet there has been a tendency to view the continent’s complex conflicts and peace-keeping on the continent through a single lens. As such there is a need to understand the different elements (political, economic, social) that shape these conflict and impact on the decisions taken within African peace and security structures, and specifically on regional organisations. During this session, there will be ample opportunity to illustrate these dynamics with case studies, in particular from the Horn of Africa. With the recent negotiations surrounding a new Nile treaty and the expected referendum on Southern Sudan's independence in 2011, these two issues are very topical.

**Chair:** Roger Middleton (Chatham House)

**Speakers:**

**15:30 – 15:40** Introduction by chair

**15:40 – 16:00** Dawn Nagar (CCR)

*The challenges facing regional organisations in shaping peace and security*

**16:00 – 16:20** Andebrhan Giorgis (Revival Africa Initiative)

*African RECs, APSA and UN peacekeeping missions in the context of the Horn of Africa*

**16:20 – 16:40** Richard Cornwell (FRIDE, ISS)

*RECs and Sudan*

**16:40 – 17:00** Henri Boshoff (ISS)

*RECs and Somalia*

**17:00 – 18:00** DISCUSSION

**19:00** Reception

**DINNER**

<b>DAY 2</b>
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**9:00 – 11:30** **Session 4**

*Dynamics of Africa-EU relations*

The final session will look at the development of EU-Africa relations and at the policy implications of the lack of attention for and understanding of the dynamics of the African political context for the EU-Africa Partnership. This session will focus on the complex challenge of multilateral relations between these international organisations as they face transboundary challenges in a globalized world. The EU has taken on board the idea of the AU as the counterpart organisation on the African continent, with which it has developed a significant commitment, but the EU has difficulty implementing its policies towards Africa. Can we consider the EU and AU as each other's counterparts? Are the EU and the AU facing similar issues in terms of balancing national and regional interests? What lessons can be learned from the dynamics of African decision making for the upcoming Africa-EU Summit? With the summit taking

place at the end of November, this focus is very topical and will provide considerations for the Africa-EU summit.

**Chair:**            **Dr. Francis Ikome (ISS)**

**Speakers:**

**9:00 – 9:10**        **Introduction by chair**

**9:10 – 9:30**        **Andrew Sherriff (ECDPM)**

*The dynamics of formal and informal EU decision-making processes on Africa*

**9:30 – 9:50**        **Catherine Grant (SAIIA)**

*EPAs and the impact on Africa EU relations*

**9:50 – 10:10**     **Axel Pougin de la Maisonneuve (European Commission)**

*EU-Africa Relations*

**10:10 – 11:30**    **DISCUSSION**

**11:30**    **Vote of thanks**