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### **MEETING DOCUMENT**

From: To:	General Secretariat of the Council Working Party on Development cooperation and international partnerships
Subject:	7th EABF EU-Africa Business Forum 2022 - Presentation

Please find enclosed the draft programme of the 7th session of the EU-Africa Business Forum (EABF) that will take place on 14-18 February 2022, to be presented to WP CODEV-PI under AOB on 13 January 2022.

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# EABF 2022 DRAFT PROGRAMME

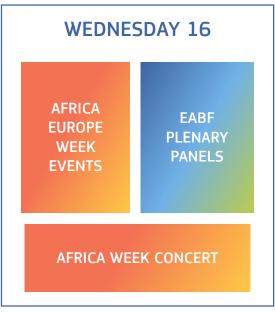


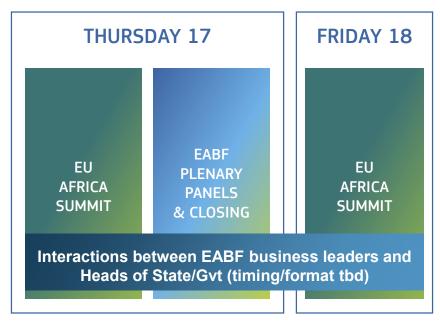


## AGENDA

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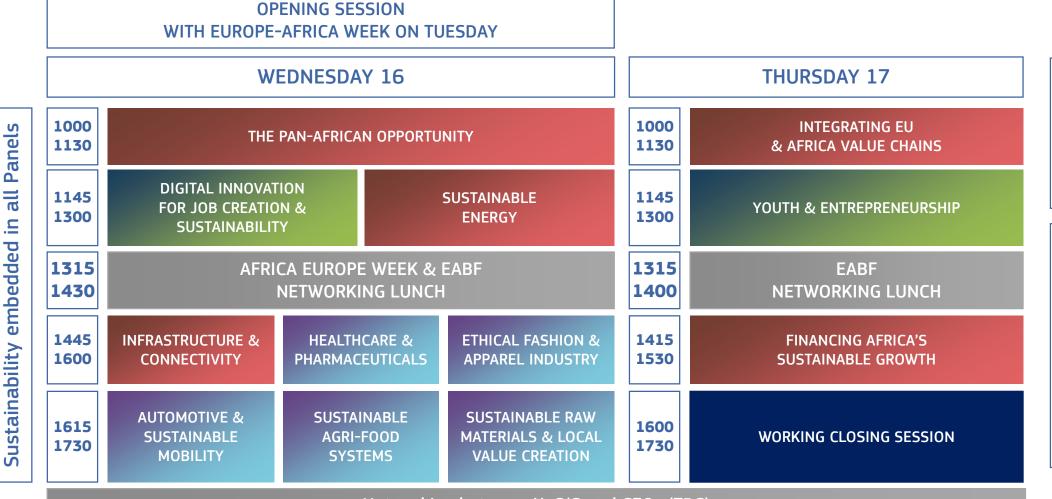
ONLINE

## ONLINE PLATFORM OPEN 24/7 FULL FIVE DAYS OF THE WEEK

Final format of the event to be defined in the week of 10<sup>th</sup> January depending on COVID restrictions. Participants who register for the physical event will be informed of developments in due time. The online event will not be impacted by COVID measures.

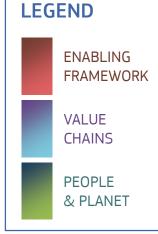


## AGENDA FOR THE HIGH LEVEL PANELS



## INTERPRETATION IN 4 LANGUAGES

- ARABIC
- ENGLISH
- FRENCH
- PORTUGUESE



European Commission

Networking between HoS/G and CEOs (TBC)

## **EABF 2022 PROGRAMME**

### DAY 1: 16th February 2022

### 10h00-11h30: High Level Introductory Panel: The road to economic recovery: fostering the Pan-African Opportunity

Elaborating on opportunities for a sustainable African economic recovery, by fostering the regional integration process and looking at the respective roles of the private and public sector.

### 11h45-13h00: Parallel High Level Panels

Digital Innovation for Job Creation & Sustainability: Covering the need for a multi-stakeholder approach for a human-centric digital transformation in the aftermath of COVID-19.

**Sustainable Energy:** Covering lessons learned and opportunities in investing in sustainable energy and energy efficiency solutions for Africa, with a focus on providing power for industrial and productive purposes both for large and small entrepreneurs.

#### 14h45-16h00: Parallel High Level Panels

Infrastructure and Connectivity: Covering bottlenecks, business opportunities and transformative changes needed to build sustainable, efficient, reliable and safe infrastructures to intensify intra-African and Africa-Europe exchanges.

Healthcare and Pharmaceuticals: Covering new, better and resilient health systems, increasing local manufacturing capacities and global value chains for health products and technologies.

Ethical Fashion and Apparel Industry: Discussing how to attract investments, raise competitiveness and manufacturing capacities in Africa, and bring about sustainable value chains for the fashion and apparel industries.

#### 16h30-17h45: Parallel High Level Panels

**Automotive and Sustainable Mobility:** Covering the deepening of EU-Africa trade in the area of automotive, the factors driving the growth of the automotive sector in Africa, the integration of the African automotive sector into the global and European value chains, and the sustainability and standards dimension, including the development of alternative transport solutions adapted to the African urbanisation process and creating local manufacturing capacities on the African continent.

**Sustainable Agri-Food Systems:** Covering the development of more resilient and sustainable agri-food system and value chains in Africa through enhanced African and European public-private partnerships.

Sustainable Raw Materials and local value creation: Focusing on how to enable African countries to extract and add value locally to their raw materials resources and integrate into regional and European sustainable industrial value chains.

#### DAY 2: 17th February 2022

#### 10h00-11h30: High Level Panel: Integrating EU and Africa Value Chains

Covering the existing trade framework existing between the EU and African countries, the conditions needed to attract further investments, including the existing regulatory impediments as well as a review of existing business cases.

### 11h45-13h00: High Level Panel: Youth and Entrepreneurship

Covering support and opportunities available for African Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises s in the post-COVID recovery, and how to make economic growth inclusive for youth.

#### 14h15-15h30: High Level Panel: Financing Africa's Sustainable Growth

Covering improvements to the investment climate and how to promote sustainable investments in Africa achieve the SDGs, in light of the COVID-19 experience and the rise of youth entrepreneurship.

### 16h-17h30: Closing Session

To wrap up of all sessions, draft the EABF conclusions and to convey them to the EU and AU leaders.



### EABF WORKING GROUPS

### **List of working groups:**

- 1. The Pan-African Opportunity
- 2. Integrating EU and Africa Value Chains
- 3. Infrastructure and Connectivity
- 4. Financing Africa's Sustainable Growth
- 5. Sustainable Energy
- 6. Automotive and Sustainable Mobility
- 7. Sustainable Raw Materials and Local Value Creation
- 8. Ethical Fashion and Apparel Industry
- 9. Sustainable Agri-Food Systems
- 10. Healthcare and Pharmaceuticals
- 11. Digital Innovation for Job Creation and Sustainability
- 12. Youth and Entrepreneurship

Working groups have gathered for the first time at the beginning of December 2021, and their work is well underway. They decide on the topic and speakers of their related High Level Panel, and associated side events. Their membership aim to reflect a balance of European and African, and institutional and business chairs and members.

1 AU and 1 EU Commissions representative

1 African and 1 EU
Business Organisations
representative

African and European Union Member States

Official institutions (EIB, AfDB, EDFIs...)

African and European Union Commissions (various DGs)

Supported by INTPA and external consultants



# SIDE EVENTS



Selection of all side events is based on objective criteria and done together with the AU



## SIDE HIGH LEVEL EVENTS ORGANISED BY PARTNERS

Title/topic of the session	Date/time	Organiser
Business and Taxation	15/02/2022 14:00-17:30 CET	European Commission, DG INTPA E1
Circularity (TBC)	TBC	European Commission, DG ENV
Special Economic Zones	ТВС	AEZO
AfCFTA, A Game Changer (TBC)	ТВС	AfCFTA Secretariat General, DG INTPA A1 & E2
The EU Opportunity for Africa-Based Businesses (TBC)	ТВС	European Commission, DG TRADE
Women Economic Empowerment	TBC	Tony Elumelu Foundation, GiZ, OACPS
Alliance for Entrepreneurship	ТВС	Direction Générale du Trésor, France



## **WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS PROPOSED SELECTION**

### 135 applications, 17 selected for now, around 60 times slots to fill

Organization name	Pays	Project in a few lines
Alliance for Rural Electrification	Belgium	Creating jobs and empowering women and youth via renewable electrification in Africa
UNICEF	Belgium	Reimagining education in Sub-Saharan Africa means bringing digital technologies for learning to every child
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)	Germany	Presentation of the Women Entrepreneurship for Africa (WE4A) programme
Direction générale du Trésor	France	Dedicated event to support the launch of the Alliance for Entrepreneurship in Africa
EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation	EU/Japan	EU-Japan business cooperation in/with Africa.
European Commission - DG GROW	Belgium	Sustainable investment: What does it mean for companies?
African Circular Economy Network	South Africa	Presentation of the African Circular Economy Network (ACEN)
BUSINESSMED	Tunisia	Presentation of BusinessMed's activities
Federation of European Publishers	Belgium	Business dialogues between European publishers and African publishers on how best to promote translation rights between the two continents, how can we improve the sharing of experiences, what is the state of digital publishing in Europe and in Africa.
Women in Africa Initiative	Nigeria	Presentation of the Women in Africa Initiative
3D Netinfo ' DigiArt Living Lab	Tunisia	Presentation of 3D Netinfo
RES4Africa	Italy	Presentation of the RES4Africa (Renewable Energy Solutions for Africa) Foundation
Innovea Hubs & Innovea Development Foundation	nNigeria	Presentation of the Energy Transfer Hub for Efficiency and Renewables
EU Africa RISE	Belgium	Presentation of Africa RISE (Reform for Investment and Sustainable Economies)
Global Young Leaders Organization	Tunisia	How women entrepreneurs in Africa can access finance
LA VERTICALE AME	France	Projet ZESS : vers un modèle africain de zones économiques spéciales et sécurisées (ZESS) en partenariat avec l'Europe
Université Paris-Dauphine PSL	France	Through a collaboration approach between African and European academia and professionals, co-designing curricula, conceiving hybrid methodology (on-line and face-to-face) for the various types of training delivered (certificate, high-level seminars). A

## **BOOTHS IN THE DIGITAL TRADE FAIR**

60 applications, 40 selected for now, 200 slots available

ORGANISATION NAME				
Africa Economic Zones Organization (AEZO)	European Business and Innovation Centre Network (EBN)			
Africa Energy Services Group	European Business Summits			
Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP)	European Commission - DG GROW			
African Circular Economy Network	Footprints Africa Limited			
African Energy Commission (AFREC)	German-African Business Association (Afrika-Verein)			
AfrIPI	BRIZ SAS			
Afroskills	Innovea Hubs & Innovea Development Foundation			
Alliance for Rural Electrification	KING OF KINGS MULTI-INVESTMENTS & CONSULTANCY FIRM LTD			
ANG CAPITAL GAMBIA LTD	Malta Business			
BE Kollective Consulting Limited	Office of Valorization and Relation with the industry at the Ministry of High School and Scientific Research)			
BUSINESSMED	Pan African Chamber of Commerce and Industry			
Delegation of German Industry and Commerce EA	PEEP - Policy Experimentation & Evaluation Platform			
DIFFA	Reseau femmes africaines pour le developpement durable			
Direction générale du Trésor	Rockland Energy			
Europan Commission - DG-INTPA.E2 (VET)	Spiefabrique 360° UG			
E-ACTIV	Trans Africa Rail Corperation (TARC)			
ECO Capacity Exchange	United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)			
Elétric Mobility Cape verde	Vodafone			
Entreprise sotransproma de l'Aïr	Women in Africa Initiative			
EU Africa RISE	//			



## **B2B/B2G REQUESTS**

### 57 applications, 13 selected for now, no limit of slots

Туре	Organization name	Country	Subject B2B / B2G
B2B	AFRUIBANA	France	Promotion en Europe de la production de fruits africains.
	Commonwealth Alliance of Young Entrepreneurs-West Africa	Ghana	Equity or Debt Investors
	Cuanu Resources & Technical Services Ltd	Nigeria	Technology Entrepreneurship Ngozi Okonjo Iweala
	FAEDA	Senegal	Possibilité de parler de business avec des entrepreneurs et des investissements, présentation de possibilité d'investissement
	E-Tech Resources Inc.	Namibia	How can dedicated sustainable value chain partners for the supply of critical materials be detected? (For investors, off-takers and public stakeholders)
	EUD in Gambia (EEAS-BANJUL)	Gambia	Invest in Gambia
	Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC)	Kenya	We would be interested in meeting any African Government Authority, including utilities, ministries of energy and regulators to discuss creating an enabling environment for renewables, particularly wind energy.
	Patronat G5 SAHEL	Mauritania	Espoir pour le Sahel - infrastructures - corridor désenclavement - énergie
B2G	Siemens Healthcare Belgium		Policy-makers active in development and healthcare; healthcare providers; development agencies. Topics to be discussed are: digital solutions supporting knowledge-sharing in the healthcare sector; south-south collaboration; importance of training and education to ensure access to healthcare.
	The European Chamber of Commerce in Sudan	Sudan	Senior officials from both private and pubic sectors who are responsible for, or interested in, digital identity as a service.
	Vuka Connect Pty Ltd	South Africa	Economic development, specifically black empowerment. key people in States procurement
	Winwin africa	France	We would propose to discuss about sport /culture and development issues
	AeTrade Group	Pan Africa	Scalable digital innovation from Africa. Cross cutting issues will be covered with 6 AeTrade Group representatives

## **SIGNATURE CEREMONIES**

14 applications, 7 selected for now, no limit of slots

Organisation name	Project description	
Afrochampion/Afrexim Bank	Fashion - MOU between Afrexim bank and the Association of Textile Producers of Portugal to partner on the creation of the industrial parks on manufacturing	
Direction générale du Trésor - France	Dedicated event to support the launch of the Alliance for Entrepreneurship in Africa	
	Signature of the EDFI MSME Guarantee, contracted by EDFI MC under EFSD+ (EUR80 m commitment from the EU)	
EDFI	Official launch of the AgriFI Country Windows (Ghana, ACP, Tanzania and Sri Lanka) (in aggregate, EUR80m commitment from the EU)	
	ElectriFI top-up for Kenya (EUR 23m commitment from the EU)	
	I&M Bank Kenya (USD 10m), a (mock) signing from FMO as part of the Nasira EFSD facility. This is Nasira's third transaction in Kenya, which sum up to USD 75m in total.	



## **PARTNERS**





## **PARTNERS APPLICATIONS**

Already partners	Partners applications to validate					
AeTrade Group	Africa Economic Zones Organization (AEZO)	Direction générale du Trésor	Afroskills	3D Netinfo ' DigiArt Living Lab		
AfroChampions	Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP)	Global Young Leaders Organization	Alliance for Rural Electrification	Trans Africa Rail Corperation (TARC)		
Pan African Chamber of Commerce and Industry	AFRUIBANA	Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP)	Inferastructure Support Mechanism		
East African Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture	ANIMA Investment Network	BUSINESSMED	PharmAccess Fondation (Group)	TradeMalta		
African Business Council	Commonwealth Alliance of Young Entrepreneurs-West Africa	Federation of European Publishers	Reseau femmes africaines pour le developpement durable	Université Paris-Dauphine PSL		
	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH	Patronat G5 SAHEL	Women in Africa Initiative	Innovea Hubs & Innovea Development Foundation		
	AfrIPI	PEEP - Policy Experimentation & Evaluation Platform	Youth Action Hub Guinea - UNCTAD	EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation		
	MEDEF International	ENRICH in Africa	United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)	German-African Business Association (Afrika- Verein)		
	African Circular Economy Network	EU Africa RISE	UNICEF			

A number of other applications need to be further examined



# REGISTRATION





## **REGISTRATION PLATFORM**



## 940 registrations since 16<sup>th</sup> December

**Invitation and flyer have been sent** to 8,500+ contacts in our database. The registration platform is now open.





Link to register as a participant: <a href="https://eu.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=200234866">https://eu.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=200234866</a>&

Link to apply as a partner and for side events:

https://eu.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=200234985&



### APPLICATION PROCESS FOR SIDE EVENTS

### WHO CAN APPLY?

- **Qualified participants:** Individual companies or organisations registered in the African or European Unions can apply to participate to the Trade Fair, set-up a booth and organise B2B / B2G events as well as organise a trade or investment deal signature.
- **Partners:** Business Organisation / Institutions / Think Tank / Academia registered in the European the African Unions as well as International Institutions can become partners of the event.
- All applications are subject to approval.

### **HOW TO APPLY?**

- Access to the registration process via the online platform: https://eu.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=200234985&
- For **Qualified Participants**, this platform will allow you to apply to:
  - Have a booth on the Digital Trade Fair
  - Organise B2B or B2G Meeting
  - Organise a Signature Ceremony
- In addition to this, **Partners** will also have the opportunity to
  - Organise a Workshop or a Seminar

### WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS AFTER YOU HAVE APPLIED?

- Your will receive information whether your application has been approved within 7 days
- The Organisation Team will contact you to organise your participation
- You'll receive the guidelines to implement your participation



