

AU and EU welcome Africa-Europe Foundation role in catalysing renewed partnership into action

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The Africa-Europe Foundation (AEF) welcomes the conclusions of the 6th AU-EU Summit, to which its leadership has been actively participating. Joining the proceedings were co-founder of the AEF, Chairman & Founder of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation, **Mo Ibrahim**, and co-chairs of the AEF Strategy Groups, **Louise Mushikiwabo**, Secretary General of l'Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF) and **Chrysoula Zacharopoulou**, MEP and co-chair of the COVAX Shareholders Council.

Member states of the African Union and European Union have taken key commitments, grounded on strong will, expressed at the highest political level, to renew the partnership to be “the driving force in promoting our common priorities, shared values, international law, and preserving together our interests and common public goods” and to address both the immediate opportunities and challenges, as well as the long-term potential offered by a strengthened partnership.

The work of the Africa-Europe Foundation (AEF) was underlined by both leaderships of the African and European Union. **Charles Michel, President of the European Council**, reinforced that the “Africa-Europe Foundation, has quickly become a powerful catalyst for new ideas and promising projects”.

The **Chairperson of the African Union, H.E. Macky Sall**, welcomed the engagement of the AEF, emphasising the importance of ensuring this is a Summit which delivers. The Africa-Europe Partnership has historically faced the challenge of delivering on its significant potential, with limited

mechanisms in place to trace how high-level commitments made at summits translate into tangible change. The importance of monitoring the implementation of these commitments is essential to ensure the trust of the citizens of both our continents. Through its Charter, launched on December 2nd 2021, the AEF has emphasised the importance of monitoring the effective implementation of political commitments.

Following the 6th AU-EU Summit, the AEF is therefore delighted to complement existing mechanisms to monitor the commitments made at the summits and make sure tangible results drive the partnership forward, in close collaboration with the relevant institutions and other stakeholders.