



Informal Africa-Europe Climate Convening
Africa-Europe Policymakers Dinner on
Fostering Africa-Europe Climate Diplomacy and Cooperation
in the New Geopolitical Era

24th June 2025, AMERON Hotel, Bonn, Germany
From 18:30pm CEST.

Context:

With this second informal Africa-Europe climate convening, we aim to create a space for European and African climate policymakers, technocrats and associated actors to identify ways to establish common ground and build stronger bridges between Europe and Africa on the climate front.

This in-person working meeting, building on a first convening in June 2024, will be co-hosted by the Africa-Europe Foundation (AEF), jointly with the African Union Commission (AUC) and the Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance (PAJCA). The meeting will take place in the sidelines of the UNFCCC Bonn Climate Change Conference on June 24th, 2025.

This meeting will take the shape of an informal roundtable discussion convening a selected group of EU and African climate experts, aimed at aligning on priorities and expectations in preparation of COP30 and the 7th AU-EU Heads of State Summit.

The meeting will focus on: (1) EU-Africa climate diplomacy in a new geopolitical world; (2) Climate finance and the delivery of the Baku to Belem Roadmap and tripling of climate finance in an era of both reduced ODA and financial capacity; (3) Mainstreaming adaptation action and finance in preparation of COP30 and the 7th AU-EU Heads of State Summit.

Programme:

The Africa-Europe climate partnership is valued but under strain due to slow visible progress in implementation and restricted access to finance, despite the EU being a leader in the space. By elevating climate diplomacy and action within the AU-EU partnership, both continents can strengthen cooperation to address the urgent challenges posed by climate risks while driving socio-economic development and unlocking mutual benefit across both continents.

As such, 2025 marks a pivotal year for global climate action with the 10-year anniversary of the Paris Agreement and the SDGs, the deadline for submitting the next round of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPS), finalising and operationalising the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA), and peaking emissions to maintain the 1.5°C target.

However, this year has begun amidst geopolitical turbulence, including widespread cuts in Official Development Aid (ODA) from the developed community, and the US signal to



withdraw from the Paris Agreement and global climate funds. These developments pose significant challenges for scaling up conventional public finance and achieving the targets set at COP29, including the Baku to Belem Roadmap and the tripling of climate finance from 2025 and towards 2035, as well as the doubling of adaptation finance by 2025 compared to 2019.

For Africa, COP29 resulted in a disappointing outcome, where developed nations committed to increasing annual climate finance to \$300 billion by 2035—a figure that falls short of Africa's estimated climate finance needs of \$1.6–\$1.9 trillion by 2030, as outlined in the last round of NDC submissions. The African Group of Negotiators (AGN) emphasized that \$1.5 trillion is required to meet its climate goals effectively.

On the road to COP30 and the 7th AU-EU Summit, to build the trust and deliver on the latest COPs' promises, it will be important for the two continents to work jointly on implementation of commitments, shared leadership for pulling actors together and realising the 'Baku to Belem' \$1.3T Roadmap, work towards an ambitious Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA) with indicators able to reflect the needs of communities while attracting private investments, advance ambitious and predictable NDCs and NAPs to feed in the synthesis report of the UNFCCC, and champion adaptation action through facilitated access to climate finance.

COP30 will likely serve as a critical test for whether the international climate regime can deliver and adapt to current geo-political circumstances. No single issue will signal a 'successful 2025' outcome and formal negotiations at COP30 may form just a portion of the critical benchmarks for success.

Jointly, Africa and Europe can set a new course for a decisive era of climate action and reaffirm cross-continental progressive climate leadership at the multilateral level.

Agenda:

18:30-19:00	Arrival of participants
19:00	Seated dinner
5 minutes	Setting the stage by the convenors
10 minutes	Continental Perspectives on the SBs and the road to COP30
45 minutes	Theme 1 – EU-Africa climate diplomacy and action in a new geopolitical world: Moving towards implementation
45 minutes	Theme 2 - Climate finance and the delivery of the Baku to Belem Roadmap and tripling of climate finance: Jointly navigating a new era of both reduced ODA and financial capacity
45 minutes	Theme 3 - Mainstreaming adaptation action and finance in preparation of COP30 and the 7th AU-EU Summit



Guiding questions:

- What are the most promising pathways to build Africa-Europe alliances in the run-up to COP30 and the 7th AU-EU Summit?
- What immediate actions should we pursue?

21:30

End of convening

Useful resource links:

- AEF *Revitalising Africa-Europe Cooperation on Climate Adaptation* (published in February 2025), providing a stocktake of adaptation progress and calls on leaders from both continents, now entering a new institutional cycle to champion adaptation action in the lead up to the 7th AU-EU Summit, set to take place in 2025.
- [The State of Africa-Europe: The Africa Europe Foundation Report 2024](#)
- [Policy briefs: Bridging the Africa-Europe Adaptation Agendas](#)
- [Fostering Africa-Europe knowledge sharing and co-development of climate services on adaptation](#)
- [Adapting to Climate Change in Africa and Europe — AEF Report](#)
- First [Informal Africa-Europe Climate Convening at the UNFCCC 60th SBs](#)

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