

# Future Africa-Europe

## High-Level Forum 2024

PROGRAMME AGENDA

6 NOVEMBER 2024

TownHall Europe, Square de Meeûs 5- 6, Brussels



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The #FutureAfricaEurope High-Level Forum 2024 will bring in focus strategic areas of action which hold the most promise for a transformative, forward-looking partnership between our neighbouring continents – built on equal footing, mutual learning, and shared opportunities.

The High-Level Forum is an initiative of the Africa-Europe Foundation (AEF) in partnership with its co-founders Friends of Europe and the Mo Ibrahim Foundation. The Forum builds on the back of a far-reaching, year-long process, from the work of the AEF multi-stakeholder Strategy Groups to the #FutureAfricaEurope Roundtable of July 2024 to Friends of Europe's Global Europe programme and the Ibrahim Forum Annual Report on Financing Africa.

The #FutureAfricaEurope Forum has also been timed to take place as an immediate follow-up to the adoption of the 'Pact for the Future' and ahead of a series of interconnected strategic milestones in 2025, anchored by the Financing for Development International Conference.

## FORMAT

This High-Level Forum will bring together African and European experts and leaders for an intimate series of strategic panels and "in conversation withs". The Forum will be broadcast live and engage AEF partners and networks across Africa and Europe and internationally.

## Programme Agenda

Wednesday, 6 November



**08.30 – 09.00 CET**

### Registration

Coffee, tea, and pastries will be served.

**09.00 – 09.30 CET**

### Time For A Paradigm Shift

'Future Africa-Europe Forum' hosted by **Mo Ibrahim**, Co-Founder of the Africa-Europe Foundation.

Perspectives on 'Future Africa-Europe' from **Maryam Bukar Hassan**, Nigerian poet, artist and social entrepreneur.

Keynote introductory remarks by **President Macky Sall**, Co-Chair of the 6th EU-AU Summit, former President of Senegal and first Special Envoy for the Paris Pact for People and the Planet (4P).

**09.30 – 10.20 CET**

### Financing our Future: Reimagining Global Financing Frameworks and Enhancing Cooperation for Sustainable Development

Perspectives by **Dr Donald Kaberuka**, Co-Chair of the Council on State Fragility and Former President of the African Development Bank, **Arancha González Laya**, Dean of the Paris School of International Affairs at Sciences Po and former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Spain, **Simon Mordue**, Deputy Secretary General of the European External Action Service (EEAS), **Myriam Ferran**, Deputy Director General, European Commission Directorate-General for International Partnerships, with **Ndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli**, President and CEO of the ONE Campaign.

The discussion will be framed by next year's Financing for Development International Conference, to be hosted in Spain, and focus on how domestic resource mobilisation can underpin a different model of cooperation between Africa and Europe.

**10.20 – 10.40 CET**

### Long-View Leadership

An intergenerational conversation with **President Mary Robinson**, Co-President of the Africa-Europe Foundation and Chair of The Elders and **Bora Kamwanya**, Vice president of PanAfrican Youth Union and member of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation Now Generation Network.



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**10.40 – 11.00 CET**

### Coffee Break

**11.00 – 11.50 CET**

### The Future of Industrialisation – Reconciling Climate, Development & Global Trade

Perspectives by **Dr Ibrahim Mayaki**, African Union Special Envoy for Food Systems, former Prime Minister of Niger and former CEO of AUDA-NEPAD, **Pedro Manuel Moreno**, Deputy Secretary-General of UN Trade and Development with **Carlijn Nouwen**, Co-Founder of the Climate Action Platform for Africa (CAP-A) and Co-Lead for the forthcoming Africa-Europe Action Report on Green Industrialisation ('The Grand Bargain').

The discussion will put in focus how to reconcile EU interests and Africa's 2063 development goals when it comes to new programming across climate, economic development and global trade including drawing on recent industrialisation initiatives.

**11.50 – 12.40 CET**

### Investing In Resilient Health Systems – At the Nexus of Pandemics, Conflict & Climate

Perspectives by **Dr Jean Kaseya**, Director-General of the Centre of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa-CDC), **Marta Temido**, Member of the European Parliament and former Portuguese Minister of Health, and **Dr Heidy Rombouts**, Director General Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid for the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The discussion will bring Health into central focus within the renewed AU-EU Dialogue including leveraging new action research on climate-health financing and providing insights on the increasing intersection of pandemics, conflict and climate.

**12.40 – 13.40 CET**

### Networking Lunch

**13.40 – 14.30 CET**

### Our Infrastructure of Tomorrow – Digital Transformation & Artificial Intelligence

Perspectives by **Dr Seydina Moussa Ndiaye**, Program Director FORCE-N and member of the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Advisory Body on Artificial Intelligence, and **Kate Kallot**, Founder and CEO of Amini, with **Samir Abdelkrim**, Founder of EMERGING Valley and StartupBRICS, Friends of Europe European Young Leader.

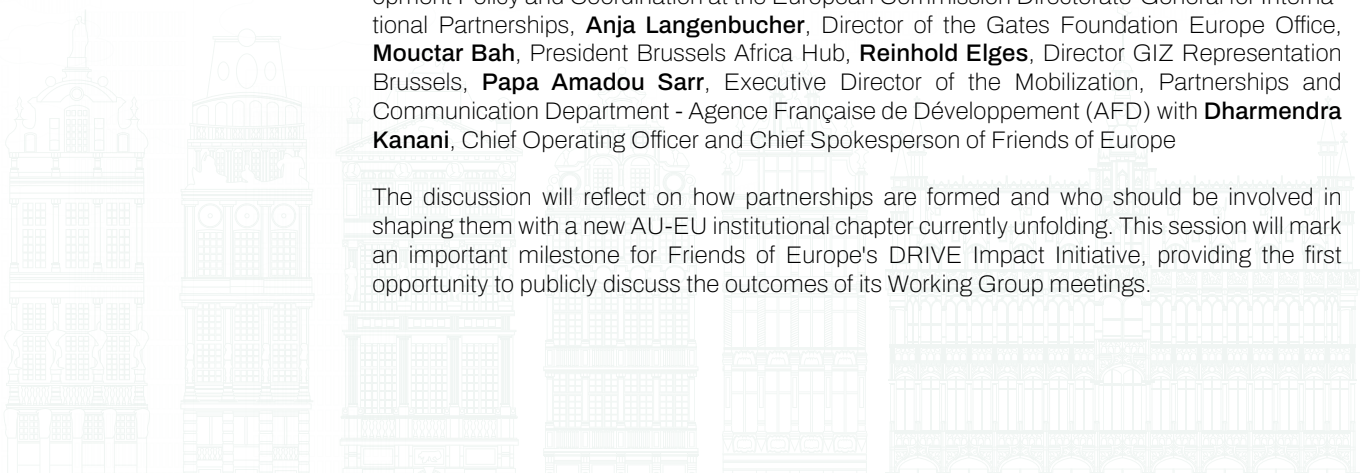
The discussion will focus on the potential for Africa and Europe to leapfrog the world in sustainable and responsible digital infrastructure development as well as the way digitalisation is already shaping the future of key sectors from global health to energy and agriculture. It will address the need for governance frameworks that promote the responsible use of AI and emerging technologies relevant for both continents, and the investment required for implementation.

**14.30 - 15.30 CET**

### Rethinking Global Partnerships – Moving from an Aid to an Investment Mindset

Perspectives by **Jean van Wetter**, CEO of Enabel, **Luc Bagur**, Director for Sustainable Development Policy and Coordination at the European Commission Directorate-General for International Partnerships, **Anja Langenbacher**, Director of the Gates Foundation Europe Office, **Mouctar Bah**, President Brussels Africa Hub, **Reinhold Elges**, Director GIZ Representation Brussels, **Papa Amadou Sarr**, Executive Director of the Mobilization, Partnerships and Communication Department - Agence Française de Développement (AFD) with **Dharmendra Kanani**, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Spokesperson of Friends of Europe

The discussion will reflect on how partnerships are formed and who should be involved in shaping them with a new AU-EU institutional chapter currently unfolding. This session will mark an important milestone for Friends of Europe's DRIVE Impact Initiative, providing the first opportunity to publicly discuss the outcomes of its Working Group meetings.





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