



Africa-Europe Foundation at the 2025 Ibrahim Governance Weekend

PROGRAMME

1-3 June 2025
Marrakech, Morocco



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The Ibrahim Governance Weekend (IGW), the flagship event of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation, will be held in Marrakech, Morocco from 1-3 June 2025.

This annual event brings together top leaders from across Africa and beyond to engage in critical discussions on the continent's progress. With a focus on committed leadership and sound governance, the IGW is a crucial platform for tackling pressing issues facing Africa.

The 2025 edition will take a strategic focus on finance, acting as an important milestone directly ahead of the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development, taking place from 30 June to 3 July in Sevilla, Spain.

From the reform of the global financial architecture and global tax to combatting illicit financial flows and strengthening carbon markets, sustainable finance has emerged as a cross-cutting theme for the Africa-Europe Foundation and its multistakeholder Strategy Groups, analysing the best bets for both resource mobilisation and allocation.

Programme

The Africa-Europe Foundation's proposed programme combines meetings of high-level personalities from Africa and Europe, with dedicated sessions on areas of cooperation that hold promise.

Sunday 1 June



9.00 – 10.30

Co-driving international tax cooperation with South Africa's G20 presidency

Together with South Africa's National Treasury, the Tax Justice Network Africa and members of the Africa-Europe Working Group on Illicit Financial Flows, this strategic dialogue **will look to define the future of international tax cooperation, streamlining conversations to strengthen domestic resource mobilisation and bridge SDG financing gaps.**

With 2025 marking the 10-year anniversary of the Mbeki Report on illicit financial flows from Africa, it serves as a reminder that growing conversations at the UN and G20 on internal revenue collection and the reform of international financial frameworks must also be complemented by coordinated efforts to counteract illicit flows.

12.00 – 13.30

High-Level Group of Personalities Meeting

The bi-annual meeting of AEF's High-Level Group brings together personalities from Africa and Europe, in addition to the co-chairs of AEF's strategy groups and the CEOs of partners affiliated with AEF's multi-annual programming (i.e. global foundations and regional institutions). It offers an opportunity to officially launch the second edition of the State of Africa-Europe Report 2025 and to present key findings on sustainable financing and investment strategies of particular relevance to the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development taking place in Sevilla, Spain from 30 June to 3 July.



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13.30 – 15.00

Strategising African-European Investment

A closed-door AEF- Dalberg strategy meeting with key network members and institutional partners. The gathering will be the second in a series of consultations to finetune a proposal on the development of an African-European Investment Bank.

Together with key network members and institutional partners, this strategy meeting will fine-tune proposals for Africa-Europe investment priorities and solutions.

19.00 – 21.30

Opening of the Ibrahim Governance Weekend and the African Leadership Ceremony

Monday 2 June



All day

Ibrahim Forum

AEF will participate in the Ibrahim Forum via engagement in strategic sessions and working meetings with partners.

Tuesday 3 June



7.30 – 9.00

Women Leaders Network Meeting

This in-person meeting of the Women Leaders Network will present the State of Africa-Europe 2025 report in view of the 7th AU-EU Summit. Recognising the mutual benefits of collaboration for a transformative Africa-Europe innovative finance partnership, the session will advance ongoing discussions on how to achieve the Baku to Belém Roadmap to 1.3T in climate finance, in particular diving into the topic of domestic resource mobilisation from the point of view of solidarity levies and carbon markets.

9.30 – 11.00

Africa-Europe High-level dialogue on Critical Transition Minerals

The roundtable will focus on revamping Africa-Europe cooperation on transition minerals, focusing on unlocking new opportunities, including lessons from the EU's existing strategic partnerships with African countries. The meeting will lay the foundation for a renewed approach to cooperation and related investment in sustainable mining and processing projects on the African continent. As such, it will focus on how Africa's vast reserves can be harnessed to build local value chains and manufacture clean technologies for Africa's own demand and export needs. It will explore how fostering private investments can support value creation goals and in what ways the European Union could contribute.





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