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High level hybrid panel event

**Assessing the implications of COVID-19 and the war in Ukraine
for Africa and Europe-Africa relations**

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November, 30 2022

Venue: Swedish Permanent Representation, Square de Meeus 30, 1000 Brussels

18:00 - 18:05 Welcome by **Mikael Lindvall**, Swedish Representative to the Political and Security Committee

18:05 - 18:10 **Camilla Brückner**, Director of the UN/UNDP Office in Brussels and Representative of the UN System in the EU

18:10 - 19:15 Panel discussion

- **Irina Schoulgin-Nyoni** Director of Africa Department, Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **Baye Moctar Diop**, Ambassador of the Republic of Senegal to the EU and the Kingdom of Belgium
- **Birgitte Nygaard Markussen**, Ambassador and Head of the European Union Delegation to the African Union
- **Aleksandr Khrebet**, Journalist, Kyiv Independent (tbc)

Moderator: **Geert Laporte**, Director, European Think Tanks Group

19:15 - 19:45 Q&A session

20:00 - 21:30 Cocktail reception

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December 1 2022

**Venue: Thon Hotel EU, Rue de la Loi 75, 1000 Brussels
and online via Webex**

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09.00 - 09.30: Welcome coffee - Participants' registration

09.30 - 11.00: Africa and Europe in the aftermath of COP27: How to deliver results in times of crisis?

- **Ayman Cherkaoui**, Director, Hassan II International Center for Environmental Training - *remotely*
- **Tundu Lissu**, Tanzanian politician and former staff member of World Resource Institute
- **Rachel Simon**, Climate & Development Policy Coordinator, Climate Action Network Europe
- **Hanne Knaepen**, Head of the climate action and green transition, European Centre for Development Policy Management

Moderator: **Elisabeth Hege**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)

11.00 - 11: 15: Coffee Break

11.15 - 12.45: Growing food insecurity in Africa: How to avoid a new food crisis?

- **Elizabeth Nsimadala**, Director, Women Affairs and immediate past president Pan Africa Farmers Organisation (PAFO) and President, Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF)
- **Bettina Rudloff**, Senior Associate, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, *remotely*
- **Evelien Van Roemburg**, Head of EU office, Oxfam International
- **Leonard Mizzi**, Head of Unit, Sustainable Agri-Food systems and Fisheries (INTPA.F.3), DG INTPA

Moderator: **Ainhoa Marín**, Senior Analyst, Elcano Royal Institute

12.45 - 13.30: Lunch break

13.30 - 15.00: Rising authoritarian rule and conflicts: How to turn the tide?

- **Georges Van Montfort**, Deputy Director, of the UN/UNDP Office in Brussels and Representative of the UN System in the EU
- **Paul-Simon Handy**, Regional Director East Africa and Representative to the AU, Institute for Security Studies
- **Ola Bello**, Executive Director, Good Governance Africa-Nigeria
- **Rita Laranjinha**, Director Africa department, European External Action Service

Moderator: **Philomena Apiko**, Head of AU-EU relations team, European Centre for Development Policy Management

15:00 - 15:15: Coffee break

15.15 - 16.45: Financing sustainability: How to mobilise more and better development finance in times of scarcity?

- **Anzette Were**, Senior Economist, Financial Sector Deepening Kenya, *remotely*
- **Farwa Sial**, Senior Policy & Advocacy Officer, EURODAD
- **Diederick Zambon**, Head of the Public Sector and Sovereign Operations Division for Sub-Saharan Africa, European Investment Bank

Moderator: **Iliana Olivié**, Senior Analyst, Elcano Royal Institute

16:45: End of the meeting and next steps: Geert Laporte, Director, European Think Tanks Group