

<b>Event title</b>	<b>High Level Opening and Introductory Panel – The road to economic recovery: fostering the Pan-African Opportunity</b> Covering the road to a resilient economic recovery and how the dynamics in Africa, such as the regional integration drive, represent an opportunity
<b>Date and time</b>	16 February 2022, 9:30 to 11:30 CET
<b>Panel description</b>	This high level panel will cover the road to a resilient economic recovery and how the dynamics in Africa, such as the regional integration drive, represent an opportunity.
<b>Speakers</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Tamsin Rose, Senior Fellow, Africa-Europe Foundation</li> <li>- Ms Afolake Oyinloye, Journalist, Africanews</li> </ul>
<b>Keynote speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission</li> <li>- Mr. Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the African Union Commission</li> <li>- Dr. Amany Asfour, President, Africa Business Council</li> <li>- Mr. Pierre Gattaz, President, Business Europe</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Albert Muchanga, AU Commissioner for Economic Development, Industry, Trade and Mining</li> <li>- Ms. Jutta Urpilainen, EU Commissioner for International Partnerships</li> <li>- Mr. Wamkele Mene, Secretary General, AfCFTA Secretariat</li> <li>- Prof. Maurizio Casasco, President, European Entrepreneurs CEA-PME</li> <li>- Mr. Ahmed Elsewedy, President and CEO, Elsewedy Electric</li> <li>- Mr. Bruno Bensasson, Executive director, renewable energy, EDF</li> <li>- Ms. Pamela Coke-Hamilton, Executive-Director, ITC</li> </ul>

<b>Event title</b>	<b>Digital Innovation for Job Creation &amp; Sustainability:</b> Covering the need for a multi-stakeholder approach for a human centric digital transformation in the aftermath of COVID-19.
<b>Date and time</b>	16 February 2022, 11:45 to 13:00 CET
<b>Panel description</b>	This high level panel will look into opportunities of using digital innovation to spur job creation and support sustainability. Furthermore, it will explore how to turn these opportunities into real tangible actions for impact. Topics of discussions will range from sustainable connectivity to digital entrepreneurship, from access to finance to digital skills.
<b>Speakers</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Uzoamaka Madu, Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Consultant, Africa-Europe relations specialist</li> </ul>
<b>Keynote speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Margrethe Vestager, Executive Vice-President of the European Commission</li> <li>- Dr. Monique Nsanzabaganwa, Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission</li> <li>- Dr. Bärbel Kofler, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Thomas Ostros, Vice-President, European Investment Bank (EIB)</li> <li>- Mr. Muluaem Syoum, CEO, AETrade Group</li> <li>- Ms. Eve Peeterson, Head of Startup Estonia, and member of European Start-up Network</li> <li>- Mr. Hisham Ezz El Arab, Managing Partners, HE Advisory</li> <li>- Ms. Lacina Kone, Director General, Smart Africa</li> <li>- Mr. Marc Vancoppenolle, Global Head of Government Affairs, Nokia</li> </ul>

<b>Event title</b>	<p><b>Energy for Industry and Productive Use: from Large to Small Enterprises:</b>          Covering lessons learned and opportunities in investing in sustainable energy and energy efficiency solutions for Africa.</p>
<b>Date and time</b>	16 February 2022, 11:45 to 13:00 CET
<b>Panel description</b>	<p>This high level panel will explore what is needed for the continent to levy the required investments to develop the energy systems fit for inclusive development. To cover this, the panel will give the floor to a range of speakers from the public and private sector representing both the African and European continent.</p> <p>The discussion will cover lessons learned and opportunities to invest in sustainable energy and energy efficiency solutions for Africa, with a focus on providing power for industrial and productive purposes both for large and small entrepreneurs.</p>
<b>Speakers</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Kandeh Yumkella, Co-Chair, Africa-Europe Foundation Strategy Group on Energy</li> </ul>
<b>Keynote speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Kadri Simson, EU Commissioner for Energy</li> <li>- Dr Amani Abou-Zeid, AU Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Kevin Kanina Kariuki, Vice President for Power, Energy, Climate &amp; Green Growth, African Development Bank (AfDB)</li> <li>- Mr. Salvatore Bernabei, President of RES4Africa Foundation, CEO of Enel Green Power &amp; Head of Enel Green Power and Thermal Generation</li> <li>- Ms. Nadja Haakansson, CEO Africa, Siemens Energy</li> <li>- Ms. Jennifer Boca, Head of Responsible Investment, Lekela Power</li> <li>- Mr. Prosper Magali, Prosper Magali, Board Member, Alliance for Rural Electrification</li> <li>- Ms. Heike Harmgart, Managing Director, Southern &amp; Eastern Mediterranean region (SEMED), European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)</li> </ul>

<b>Event title</b>	<b>Infrastructure and Connectivity:</b> Covering bottlenecks, business opportunities and transformative changes needed for building sustainable, efficient, reliable and safe infrastructure to intensify intra-African and Africa-Europe trade in the spirit of the Global Gateway Communication.
<b>Date and time</b>	16 February 2022, 14:45 to 16:00 CET
<b>Panel description</b>	<p>The main objective of this high level panel is the exchange of views between private and public stakeholders from AU and EU. Topics covered will include issues such as how to close the infrastructure gap through development of synergies on connectivity and quality infrastructure under the strong partnership between the two continents.</p> <p>The discussion will revolve around the AU and EU policy flagships such as the AUC PIDA PAP2 and new EU Global Gateway initiative and its contribution to the full implementation of AfCTA.</p> <p>The discussion will be framed within the current financial instruments and the efforts of finding a way to leverage the investments in infrastructure. There will be emphasis on new innovative approach such as the EU development of strategic corridors complementing the PIDA PAP2 corridors in synergy with developing efficient and affordable last mile access to infrastructure services achieving sustainable and smart cities in Africa.</p>
<b>Speakers</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Angeline Simana, Interim General Secretary, African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC)</li> </ul>
<b>Keynote speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Jutta Urpilainen, EU Commissioner for International Partnerships</li> <li>- Dr. Amani Abou-Zeid, AU Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Eduardo Rangel, Founder and Chairman of the Board, Rangel Logistics Solutions</li> <li>- Mr. Ahmed Bennis, Secretary General, Africa Economic Zones Organization (AEZO)</li> <li>- Ms Makgola Makololo, Managing Director and Sales Executive, Bombardier Transportation South Africa (Alstom JV), UNIFE</li> <li>- Mrs Messina Guikoume, CEO, Messibat International</li> <li>- Mr. Benoît Chauvin, President, European International Contractors (EIC)</li> <li>- Mr. Ahmed Mekky, Chair and CEO, Benya Capital</li> <li>- Mr. Telwolde Gebremariam, CEO, Ethiopian Airlines (TBC)</li> </ul>

<p><b>Event title</b></p>	<p><b>Health Security, Access to Medicines, Economic Growth – Enhancing Africa’s Pharmaceutical Value Chains in the Post Pandemic Era:</b> Covering new, better, and resilient health systems and increasing local manufacturing capacities and global value chains for health products and technologies.</p>
<p><b>Date and time</b></p>	<p>16 February 2022, 14:45 to 16:00 CET</p>
<p><b>Panel description</b></p>	<p>The COVID19 pandemic has provided an opportunity to redouble efforts to strengthen Africa’s pharmaceutical industry to increase health security, expand access to medical products and contribute to economic growth. The AU has established the objective of strengthening pharmaceutical value chains in Africa and Team Europe has launched its MAV+ initiative to support this undertaking.</p> <p>The High-Level Panel will describe the opportunities that are emerging, detail the needs of different private sector actors and identify the tools that policy makers can utilise to drive pharmaceutical industry development in Africa.</p> <p>Furthermore, it will emphasise the close collaboration between Africa and Europe on this vital agenda, identify key challenges that remain, and explore how these can be resolved. It will also consider issues such as empowering the private sector through market-based solutions, resolving finance barriers to pharma industry development, and promoting voluntary licensing and technology transfer as a means to accelerate access to innovation.</p>
<p><b>Speakers</b></p>	
<p><b>Moderator</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Greg Perry, ADG, International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Keynote speakers</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Stella Kyriakides, EU Commissioner for Health and Food Safety</li> <li>- Ms. Cessouma Minata Samate, AU Commissioner for Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development (TBC)</li> <li>- Ms Vera Songwe, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa (TBC)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Speakers</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Thomas Östros, Vice-President, European Investment Bank</li> <li>- Dr. Skhumbuzo Ngozwana, CEO of Kiara Health, Board of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (FAPMA) and Chairman of the Board of Biovac</li> <li>- Ms. Nathalie Moll, Director General, European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA)</li> </ul>

<p><b>Event title</b></p>	<p><b>Accelerating Towards Sustainability in the African Textile, Apparel and Fashion Industry:</b> Covering more sustainable value chains for the fashion and apparel industries, creating decent jobs and bringing back manufacturing capacities to Africa</p>
<p><b>Date and time</b></p>	<p>16 February 2022, 14:45 to 16:00 CET</p>
<p><b>Panel description</b></p>	<p>African apparel and fashion industry are witnessing increased global competition around sustainability issues, partly driven by forthcoming EU legislation on human rights/environmental due diligence and sustainability reporting.</p> <p>How can the African textile, apparel and fashion sectors have the opportunity to re-align with the European industry, thus favouring the creation of a regional dimension of the global apparel and fashion accessories value chain? And how can the required level of investment (in capital expenditure and human resources) be secured, to expand production and make it more efficient and sustainable, for instance via technology transfer, protection of intellectual property rights, and quality infrastructure provision?</p> <p>This panel discussion will explore environmental, social and governance (ESG), due diligence, and sustainability reporting, along with innovative financial instruments and impact investment, as bridges between normative requirements in Europe and investor discipline and mobilization in the African continent</p>
<p><b>Speakers</b></p>	
<p><b>Moderator</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Arthur Minsat, Head of Unit for Africa, Middle East and Europe and Senior Economist, OECD</li> </ul>
<p><b>Keynote speakers</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Virginijus Sinkevicius, EU Commissioner for the Environment, Oceans and Fisheries</li> <li>- Mr. Albert M. Muchanga, AU Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Industry and Mining</li> </ul>
<p><b>Speakers</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Laureen Kouassi-Olsson, Founder and CEO, Birimian Ventures</li> <li>- Dr. Abisade Adenubi, Founder and CEO, Heritage Apparels</li> <li>- Mr. Jaswinder Bedi, Vice-Chair, Kenya Export Promotion and Branding Agency (BrandKE)</li> <li>- Mr. Temwa Gondwe, Head of Creative Industries, African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank)</li> <li>- Mr. Sergio Tamborini, CEO of RATTI Textiles, President of the Italian Fashion System (TBC)</li> <li>- Ms. Salma Salifu, Managing Director, Do The Right Thing Apparel</li> </ul>

<b>Event title</b>	<b>Automotive and Sustainable Mobility:</b> Covering alternative transport solution adapted to the African urbanization and creating local manufacturing capacities on the African continent
<b>Date and time</b>	16 February 2022, 16:30 to 17:45 CET
<b>Panel description</b>	<p>The high-level panel takes stock of current developments in the automotive sector in Africa and possibilities, which evolve by driving sustainability and green transition. Looking forward, the panellists will discuss pressing issues of how to grow the African automotive sector and EU-African automotive trade with the goal of generating jobs, driving industrialization, greening the automotive value chain, and improving road safety.</p> <p>In line with the spirit of the Forum, the high-level panel will talk about how the EU and AU as well as other European and African private stakeholders can cooperate and learn from each other to address the challenges ahead, including attracting investment, car affordability, and promoting intelligent mobility solutions to reduce transport externalities.</p>
<b>Speakers</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Michaëlla Rugwizangoga, Technology Partners Lead, Tony Blair Institute for Global Change</li> </ul>
<b>Keynote speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Adina Valean, EU Commissioner for Transport</li> <li>- Dr. Amani Abou-Zeid, AU Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Jean Todt, United Nations Secretary General Special Envoy for Road Safety</li> <li>- Dr. Gainmore Zanamwe, Head of Trade Facilitation, African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank)</li> <li>- Dr. Ahmed Fikry Abdel Wahab, CEO of Egyptian National Company for Railroad Industries (NERIC) &amp; Managing Director, Egyptian German Automotive Co. (EGA)</li> <li>- Ms Nancy Karigithu, Principal Secretary Maritime Authority, Kenya</li> <li>- Mr. Thomas Schäfer, CEO, Skoda</li> <li>- Mr Badreiddine Mansouri, Managing Director Sub-Sahara Africa, Stellantis</li> <li>- Ms. Ana Beatriz Jordao, Head of Coordination for Sustainable Cities, Agencia Espanola de Cooperacion Internacional para el Desarrollo (AECID)</li> <li>- Ms. Myriam Elloumi, Second Vice President of the Tunisia Automotive Association (TAA), and Director of Corporate Affairs and Business Development at COFICAB</li> </ul>

<b>Event title</b>	<b>Sustainable Agri-Food Systems:</b> Covering how to build a resilient agri-food system and value chains in Africa in light of the COVID-19 experience.
<b>Date and time</b>	16 February 2022, 16:30 to 17:45 CET
<b>Panel description</b>	<p>Recent and current events have shown the importance of developing agri-food systems, which are resilient against crises and sustainable in the long term.</p> <p>In line with AU and EU relevant policies, this high-level panel will allow speakers from the public and the private sectors of both continents to explore avenues for building resilient African agri-food systems, based on sustainable productive capacity and diversified agricultural value chains.</p> <p>Sharing of experiences and best practices will raise attention on the type of supports, and future public-private partnerships, which are needed to increase attractiveness of agriculture as business, especially for youth and women.</p> <p>The speakers will discuss about the role of domestic and international agri-food trade in enhancing sustainability of value-chains and increasing food security, also in the framework of the just established AfCFTA.</p>
<b>Speakers</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>	- Ms. Marina Diboma, Director, 2Scale
<b>Keynote speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Janusz Wojciechowski, EU Commissioner for Agriculture</li> <li>- Ms. Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko, AU Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development and Blue Economy</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Kolyang Palebele, President, Pan-African Farmers Organisation (PAFO)</li> <li>- Ms. Irene Quist Mortensen, Head of CSR and Sustainability, Arla Foods</li> <li>- Mr. Celestino Alvarez-Neira, Chairman, European Business Organisation Ghana</li> <li>- Mr. Ben Leyka, CEO, African Agriculture Council</li> <li>- Mr. Fokko Wientjes, Vice-President Malnutrition Programs and Partnerships, DSM, Member of FoodDrinkEurope</li> <li>- Ms. Joke Oudelaar, Head of Program Management AGR13 Fund, Rabobank</li> <li>- Mr. Samuel Rigu, CEO, Safi Organics</li> <li>- Mr. Elijah Mwashayenyi, Regional Director, Head of Knowledge Transfer, East-West Seed (EWS)</li> </ul>



<b>Event title</b>	<b>Building Sustainable Raw Materials Value Chains in Africa:</b> Covering sustainable raw materials value chains and local value creation.
<b>Date and time</b>	16 February 2022, 16:30 to 17:45 CET
<b>Panel description</b>	<p>The transition to climate neutrality will drive an unprecedented demand of raw materials that are needed to the renewable energy, e-mobility and to many other strategic industries. Africa is rich in these raw materials, but is not yet using their full potential to underpin a sustainable, clean and inclusive economic growth and development, enable transformation and economic diversification.</p> <p>Developing partnerships on sustainable raw materials with the EU offers to African countries the possibility to meet their ambition to achieve a sustainable economic development and to make use of local productive capacities and inputs, adding value through local processing of the abundant natural resources of the countries.</p> <p>This panel will discuss what new business strategies we need to develop, which will promote at the same time local value addition and value chains integration between African countries and the EU.</p>
<b>Speakers</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>	- Ms. Frannie Léautier, CEO, Southbridge Investment
<b>Keynote speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Thierry Breton, EU Commissioner for the Internal Market</li> <li>- Mr. Albert M. Muchanga, AU Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Industry and Mining</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Jan Tytgat, Director Government Affairs EU, UMICORE</li> <li>- Ms. Georgette Barnes Sakyi-Addo, President, Association of Women in Mining in Africa (AWIMA)</li> <li>- Mr. Ruli Diseko, CEO, Thakadu Battery Materials</li> <li>- Mr. Imad Toumi, CEO, Managem SA (TBC)</li> <li>- Mr. Diego Pavia, CEO of InnoEnergy, Member of the European Battery Alliance</li> </ul>

<b>Event title</b>	<b>Integrating EU and Africa Value Chains:</b> Covering opportunities of integration between European and African value chains in light of the COVID-19 experience and the African business case.
<b>Date and time</b>	17 February 2022, 10:00 to 11:30 CET
<b>Panel description</b>	<p>The high-level panel takes stock of current EU-African trade and gauges the opportunity of deepening and advancing EU-Africa value chains.</p> <p>The panelist’s discourse will not only revolve around the question of whether current trade and investment framework is fit for purpose, but also will analyse key sectoral challenges such as investment impediments and regulatory frameworks. To ground the discussion, successful entrepreneurs will provide insights into their endeavour to build EU-African value chains.</p>
<b>Speakers</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>	- Ms. Amanda Sunassee, Advisor, Indian Ocean Commission
<b>Keynote speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Thierry Breton, EU Commissioner for the Internal Market</li> <li>- Mr. Albert M. Muchanga, AU Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Industry and Mining</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Ahmed Mansur, President, Pan-African Manufacturers Association</li> <li>- Mr. Carl Heinrich Bruhn, CEO, Amatheon Agri Holding NV</li> <li>- Ms. Yacine Fal, Acting Vice-President Regional Development, Integration and Business Delivery, African Development Bank (AfDB)</li> <li>- Mr. Luc Frieden, President, Eurochambres</li> <li>- Mr. Jean-Marie Ackah, President, Confédération Générale des Entreprises de Côte d’Ivoire (CGECI)</li> <li>- Mr. Roland Siller, CEO, Deutsche Investitions und Entwicklungsgesellschaft mbH (DEG)</li> <li>- Mr. Rémy Rioux, Chief Executive Officer, Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and Chairman International Development Finance Club (IDFC)</li> <li>- Dr. Patrick Ndzana Olomo, Policy Officer, African Union Commission</li> </ul>

<b>Event title</b>	<b>Bridging the Finance, Investment and Skill Gaps and Developing Youth Entrepreneurship:</b> Covering support and opportunities available for African MSMEs in the recovery post-COVID, and how to make economic growth inclusive for youth.
<b>Date and time</b>	17 February 2022, 11:45 to 13:00 CET
<b>Panel description</b>	This high level panel will cover support and opportunities available for African Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises in the post-COVID recovery, and how to make economic growth inclusive for youth.
<b>Speakers</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>	- Ms. Treasure Maphanga, Director, AETrade Group
<b>Keynote speakers</b>	- Ms. Jutta Urpilainen, EU Commissioner for International Partnerships - Dr. Mohamed Belhocine, AU Commissioner for Education, Science, Technology and Innovation
<b>Speakers</b>	- Prince Randy Koussou Alam-Sogan, CEO, The Black Lion Fund - Ms. Nyama Gusona Marvel, UNICEF Youth Representative and member of the Youth Sounding Board for International Partnerships - Ms. Cynthia Aïssy, Managing Director, Keyops - Ms. Hilda Kragha, Managing Director, ROAM Africa - Mr. Markus Jerger, Federal Executive Director, German Mittelstand (BVMW) - Mr. Gregory Clemente, CEO, Proparco - Mr. Pablo Ruiz Múzquiz, CEO and co-founder, Kaleidos, EU Youth Representative - Mr. Robert Sanders, Team leader, BIC Africa Programme (EBN)

<b>Event title</b>	<b>Financing Africa’s Sustainable Growth</b> Covering improvement to the investment climate and promotion of sustainable investments in Africa to achieve the SDGs, in light of the COVID 19 experience and the rise of youth entrepreneurship.
<b>Date and time</b>	17 February 2022, 14:15 to 15:30 CET
<b>Panel description</b>	<p>The keynote speakers from the African Union Commission and the European Commission will set the scene by addressing how the AU and EU work as partners to improve the investment climate in Africa to increase sustainable investments in support of the SDGs and climate goals.</p> <p>Thereafter, a distinguished panel comprising senior representatives of African and European financial institutions and businesses will address the economic recovery after the COVID pandemic and the transformation towards sustainable growth, enhanced access to finance for MSMEs, including young and women entrepreneurs, the scaling up of sustainable investments in Africa, and how to overcome the perception of risks.</p>
<b>Speakers</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Luca Torre, Founder and co-CEO, Gawa Capital</li> </ul>
<b>Keynote speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Albert M. Muchanga, AU Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Industry and Mining</li> <li>- Mr. Diederik Samsom, Chef de Cabinet of the EU’s Executive Vice-President in charge of European Green Deal and Commissioner for Climate Action Policy</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Bruno Wenn, Chairman, European Development Finance Institutions (EDFI)</li> <li>- Mr. Paolo Gomes, Co-Chair, AfroChampions</li> <li>- Ms. Marie-Christine von Hahn, Vice-President Corporate External Affairs, Aurubis AG</li> <li>- Ms. Mary Ellen Iskenderian, President and CEO, Women’s World Banking</li> <li>- Mr. Sebastien N. Ashong Katai, Grou Head, Financial Institutions and International Organisations, EcoBank</li> <li>- Ms. Christiane Laibach, Member of the Executive Board, KfW Group</li> </ul>

<b>Event title</b>	<b>Closing session</b> Covering the wrap up of all sessions to draft the EABF conclusions and to convey them to the EU and AU leaders.
<b>Date and time</b>	17 February 2022, 16:00 to 17:00 CET
<b>Panel description</b>	This important session will wrap up all of the High Level Panels and gather leaders to draft the EABF 2022 business declaration and to convey it to the EU and AU policy makers gathered in the Summit.
<b>Speakers</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Tamsin Rose, Senior Fellow, Africa-Europe Foundation</li> <li>- Ms Afolake Oyinloye, Journalist, Africanews</li> </ul>
<b>Keynote speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Olivér Várhelyi, EU Commissioner for the Neighbourhood and Enlargement</li> <li>- Mr. Albert M. Muchanga, AU Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Industry and Mining</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Benedict Oramah, President, African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank)</li> <li>- Mr. Etienne Giros, President, European Business Council for Africa (EBCAM)</li> <li>- Mr. Youssouf Moussa Dawaleh, President, Pan-African Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PACCI)</li> <li>- Mr. Thomas Östros, Vice-President, European Investment Bank</li> <li>- Ms. Françoise Puene, Founder and CEO, Franco Group</li> </ul>

<b>Event title</b>	<b>Building a resilient agri-food system and value chains in Africa in the light of the COVID-19 experience</b>
<b>Date and time</b>	14 February 2022, 13:00 to 14:30 CET
<b>Panel description</b>	<p><i>Organised by the African Union Commission, African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) and the Federation of West Africa Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FEWACCI)</i></p> <p>What is needed, as part of AU-EU Partnership, to boost sustainable investment in agri-food? Which challenges and opportunities will the AfCFTA bring for the agri-food systems?</p>
<b>Speakers</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Godfrey Bahigwa, Director Agriculture and Rural Development, African Union Commission</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Raymond Adjarpa Abile, Secretary General, Benin Republic Chamber of Commerce and Industry</li> <li>- Mr. Nana Osei Bonsu, Executive Director, Private Enterprise Federation (PEF)</li> <li>- Ms. Providence Mavubi, Director in Charge of Industry and Agriculture Development, COMESA Secretariat</li> <li>- Dr. Ousman Badiane, Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063</li> <li>- Mr. Martin Bwalya, AG Director Knowledge Management and Programme Evaluation, African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD)</li> <li>- Mr. Emanuele Ferrari, Team Leader, Directorate Joint Research Centre – Sustainable Resources, European Commission</li> </ul>

<b>Event title</b>	<b>Hydrogen and green shipping for clean energy: market prerequisites and green energy transition opportunities for Africa-EU partnership</b>
<b>Date and time</b>	14 February 2022, 14:30 to 16:00 CET
<b>Panel description</b>	<p><i>Organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic</i></p> <p>Among the main objectives of the event is to reflect on the possibilities for the greening of the shipping sector, highlighting the political and economic importance of the EU's green energy cooperation with Africa on the one hand and the role that Greece can play through the utilization of its dynamic shipping sector.</p> <p>The presence of speakers from EU and Africa from the sectors of energy and shipping, representing governments, businesses and the science, will help promote the public debate on strengthening EU-Africa green energy cooperation and highlighting African-European synergies that can lead to mutually beneficial results.</p>
<b>Speakers</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Jorgo Chatzimarkakis, CEO Hydrogen Europe</li> </ul>
<b>Keynote speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Mohamed Ould Ghazouani, President of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania</li> <li>- Mr. Nikos Dendias, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece</li> <li>- Mr. Frans Timmermans, Executive Vice-President of the European Commission</li> <li>- Mr. Ioannis Smyrlis, Secretary General for International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<p><i>Setting the scene</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Dolf Gielen, Director of Innovation and Technology Centre, IRENA</li> </ul> <p><i>Aligning perspectives for a global ambition</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Alexandra Sdoukou, Secretary General for Energy &amp; Mineral Resources, Ministry for the Environment and Energy of Greece</li> <li>- Mr. William Todts, Executive Director, T&amp;E Europe's federation of NGOs campaigning for cleaner transport</li> <li>- Ms. Ingrid Sidenvall Jegou, Project Director, Global Maritime Forum</li> </ul> <p><i>Seeking market opportunities:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Kaashifah Beukes, CEO, Saldanha Bay Industrial Zone, Western Cape, South Africa (TBC)</li> </ul>

- Mr. Dimitrios Fafalios, President, Fafalios Shipping SA, and Member of the Board of the Union of Greek Shipowners
- Mr. Alexander Saverys, CEO, Compagnie Maritime Belge and Member of the Board of the Royal Belgian Shipowners Association

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- Mr. Innocent Uwujaren, Chairman, African Hydrogen Partnership
- Mr. Pantelis Capros, Professor of Energy Economics of the School of Electrical Engineering of NTUA, and former President of the Regulatory Authority for Energy, Greece
- Dr. Samir El Kareish, Vice Chairman & Supervisor of the Green Energy activities, Egyptian Natural Gas Holding Company (EGAS), Egypt



<b>Event title</b>	<b>Business opportunities in integrated infrastructure corridor and connectivity development and industrialisation</b>
<b>Date and time</b>	14 February 2022, 16:00 to 17:30 CET
<b>Panel description</b>	<p><i>Organised by the Infrastructure Support Mechanism Technical Assistance to the AU</i></p> <p>Integrated Infrastructure Corridor Development is key to realizing the industrial development and the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) goals in Africa and to contribute to the recovery and resilience after the pandemic. PIDA PAP II provides the framework for infrastructure development on the Continent.</p> <p>The PIDA Portfolio consists of 69 projects from all the four infrastructure sectors (i.e. Transport, Energy, Water and ICT) with an aggregated estimated CAPEX of (160billion USD) and US\$ 8.1 billion required for project development including project preparation over 10 years. There are however large funding gaps to be addressed specially to prepare projects to bankability so that these projects are implemented on time. The focus of this workshop is to identify opportunities for investments in infrastructure within the priority Corridors in Africa.</p>
<b>Speakers</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>	- Mr. Frank Massert, CEO, Trade Mark East Africa (TMEA)
<b>Keynote speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Carla Montesi, Director Green Deal and Digital Agenda, Directorate-General for International Partnerships, European Commission</li> <li>- Dr. Towela Nyirenda-Jere, Head of Economic Integration Division, African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD)</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Tichakunda Simbini, Energy specialist, African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD)</li> <li>- Ms. Emilia Mpuru Ndoria, Director for Trade in Services and Investment, AfCFTA Secretariat</li> <li>- Mr. René Awambeng, Director and Global Head Client Relations, African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank)</li> <li>- Mr. David Ofosu-Dorte, Senior Partner, AB &amp; David</li> <li>- Mr. Eric Melet, CEO, Bolloré Rail</li> <li>- Mr. Kristof Waterschoot, Managing Director, Port of Antwerp International</li> </ul>

<b>Event title</b>	<b>Unlocking opportunities for regional value chain integration under the AfCFTA</b>
<b>Date and time</b>	15 February 2022, 10:00 to 11:30 CET
<b>Panel description</b>	<p><i>Organised by the International Trade Center (ITC)</i></p> <p>ITC, mandated by the European Union, implemented a value chain diagnostic to identify sectors with high potential for sustainable value chain development in Africa and bottlenecks preventing businesses from fully realizing this potential, and developed recommendations on how to overcome obstacles and take advantage of existing opportunities.</p> <p>This high-level event will discuss the approach and preliminary findings of the value chain diagnostic and allow members of the business community and institutions supporting businesses to share their view on what is needed to develop and strengthen regional value chains in Africa.</p>
<b>Speakers</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Richard Baldwin, Professor of International Economics, The Graduate Institute</li> </ul>
<b>Keynote speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Albert Muchanga, AU Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Industry and Mining</li> <li>- Mr. Koen Doens, Director General, DG for International Partnerships, European Commission</li> <li>- Ms. Pamela Coke-Hamilton, Executive Director, International Trade Center (ITC)</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ahmed Fikry Wahab, Managing Director, Egyptian German Automotive Co, and Vice President, African Association of Automotive Manufacturers</li> <li>- Sandra Uwera, CEO, COMESA Business Council</li> <li>- Mondher Mimouni, Chief, Head of Market Intelligence, ITC</li> <li>- Ursula Hermelink, Head, Non-tariff Measures Programme, ITC</li> <li>- Julia Seiermann, Market Analyst – Export Potential Analysis, ITC</li> </ul>

<b>Event title</b>	<b>Towards an Africa-Europe partnership for sustainable infrastructure</b>
<b>Date and time</b>	15 February 2022, 11:30 to 13:00 CET
<b>Panel description</b>	<p><i>Organised by the European International Contractors (EIC)</i></p> <p>Acknowledging slow progress, the EU Commission as well as the African Union have “paved the road” and established a variety of instruments that shall support (public) infrastructure development. Recently, the toolbox was widened with the vision to tap into private sector financing to bridge the infrastructure funding gap.</p> <p>Bringing together esteemed experts representing the African-European Financing Architecture for Development, this roundtable shall investigate in four discussion rounds of about 25 minutes each, how to address infrastructure development needs, how to operationalise financing instruments and how to better leverage private financing and lift-off projects of the ground.</p>
<b>Speakers</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Frank Kehlenbach, Director, European International Contractors (EIC)</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Koen Doens, Director General, DG for International Partnerships, European Commission</li> <li>- African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) (TBC)</li> <li>- Mr Alain Ebobissé, CEO, Africa 50</li> <li>- Ms. Maria Shaw-Barragan, Director of Lending in Africa, Caribbean, Pacific, Asia, and Latin America, European Investment Bank (EIB)</li> <li>- Mr Rob Morson, Partner, Pinsent Masons</li> <li>- Mr. Thibaut Happel, Market Development, Vinci Construction / Sogea-Satom</li> </ul>

<b>Event title</b>	<b>Investment opportunities in African transport corridors</b>
<b>Date and time</b>	15 February 2022, 13:00 to 14:30 CET
<b>Panel description</b>	<p><i>Organised by the East African Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (EACCIA)</i></p> <p><b>Partnerships Approaches key to bridging Africa’s Infrastructure Gap</b></p> <p>The costs of closing Africa’s infrastructure gap are vast. The Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) is estimated to cost around \$360 billion between 2011 and 2040, with some of the investments already achieved by 2021. Such costs are beyond the financing capacities of governments or even donors. Attracting private sector participation through Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) is therefore essential for the delivery of various infrastructure projects envisioned under PIDA.</p> <p>PIDA delivery will depend on effective public-private partnerships (PPPs) and not just on the public sector or donors. A clear and transparent regulatory framework is the foundation for a conducive business environment. For private investors to come on board, governments will need to create the right legislative, regulatory and institutional environment. Demonstrating political commitment by the government is key to attracting investors.</p> <p>The overall objectives are therefore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve on Africa’s low levels of productivity, low share of world exports, and low levels of intra-African trade through potential investments in transport infrastructure;</li> <li>• The side event shall highlight the poor state of transportation and the infrastructure gap.</li> <li>• Additionally, the side event shall improve inaccessibility of many resource rich areas, by ensuring that investments are made to support the poor state of infrastructure in many parts of Africa.</li> <li>• Further, the Side event shall ensure that investments made in transport corridors facilitate the growth of the continent’s gross domestic product (GDP) by about 2 percent every year.</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>	- Mr. Charles Kahuthu, CEO, East Africa Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (EACCIA)

**Speakers**

- Hon. Raila Odinga, Former Prime Minister of Kenya
- Dr. Amany Asfour, President, African Business Council (AfBC)
- Mr. Etienne Giros, President, European Business Council for Africa (EBCAM)
- Hon. Toufiq Salim Turkey, Chairman, EACCIA Board
- Mr. Henry Ogoye, General manager, Kenya Airports Authority (KAA)
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- Mr. Ikua Kariuki, Ag Director General/CEO LAPSSEET Corridor Development Authority
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- Capt. Dieudonne Dukundane, Executive Secretary Central Corridor Transit Transport Facilitation Agency (CCTTFA)
- Mr. Justus Omae Nyarandi, Executive secretary, Northern Corridor Transit Transport Coordination (NCTTCA)

<b>Event title</b>	<b>Building bridges through youth innovation and entrepreneurship</b>
<b>Date and time</b>	15 February 2022, 13:00 to 13:45 CET
<b>Panel description</b>	<p><i>Organised by the African Electronic Trade Group (AeTrade Group)</i></p> <p>Objectives of the event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- High Level Dialogue on building a stronger ecosystem to support Youth Start Ups from Africa with European partners</li> <li>- Showcase the outcomes of a collaboration between EBN and AeTrade Group during the AU Youth Pavilion at the Intra-African Trade Fair in Durban, South Africa – 10 Youth Start Ups shall be awarded for the first round and a further process unveiled leading up to the final two winners.</li> </ul> <p>Advocacy for scaling up programmes and initiatives for Youth Start Ups to access business development services including venture capital finance – win-win outcomes for Europe and Africa partnership.</p>
<b>Speakers</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Laura Atienza, Head of Sector Private Sector Development, DG for International Partnerships, European Commission (TBC)</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Sanda Ojiambo, Secretary General, UN Global Compact</li> <li>- Ms. Laura Lecci, CEO, European Business &amp; Innovation Centre Network</li> <li>- Ms. Treasure Maphanga, Director, African Electronic Trade Group</li> <li>- Ms. Elena Bonnel, AU-EU Youth Hub Business Cluster</li> <li>- Ms. Nosihle Dlamini, Winner AU Youth Pavilion 2021</li> <li>- Mr. Fela Akinse, Winner AU Youth Pavilion 2021</li> </ul>

<b>Event title</b>	<b>Investing in Young Businesses in Africa</b>
<b>Date and time</b>	15 February 2022, 13:45 to 14:30 CET
<b>Panel description</b>	<p><i>Organised by the European Commission, DG for International Partnerships</i></p> <p>The objective of this panel discussion is to exchange views on how to support African young businesses and entrepreneurs through a Team Europe Approach to allow them to safely navigate through the early stages of their growth process until they can consolidate their business models.</p> <p>The panel will bring the voice of a European Member State representative, a Development Financial Institutions, an African Entrepreneur and the European Commission. They will discuss the challenges and opportunities of supporting young and women entrepreneurs in Africa.</p>
<b>Speakers</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Koen Doens, Director General, DG for International Partnerships, European Commission</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Dirk Meyer, DG for Global Health, Private Sector, Trade and Rural Development, German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)</li> <li>- Mr. Huib-Jan de Ruijter, Chief Investment Officer, FMO</li> <li>- Ms. Joan Nalubega, CEO, Uganics Repellents Ltd, Uganda</li> </ul>

<b>Event title</b>	<b>Taxation and business in Africa</b>
<b>Date and time</b>	15 February 2022, 14:00 to 17:30 CET
<b>Panel description</b>	<p><i>Organised by the European Commission, DG for International Partnerships, and the Organisation of Africa, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS)</i></p> <p>Following the Pandora papers leak and the international deal on corporate taxation, the webinar will provide a platform for engagement about current international tax issues for stakeholders from tax authorities and businesses from Europe, Africa, and international organisations ahead of the political exchange. The three panel discussions will be on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- International tax reform: Implications for tax administrations and business (14:30-15:25)</li> <li>- Trade integration and taxation: challenges and opportunities (15:30-16:25)</li> <li>- Tax transparency: making reporting work for the public and the private sector (16:30-17:30)</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Melinda Crane, Journalist</li> </ul>
<b>Opening 14:00-14:30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Paolo Gentiloni, EU Commissioner for Economy, European Commission</li> <li>- Sylvie Baipo Temon, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Central Africa Republic, President of the ACP Council of Ministers</li> <li>- Yeo Dossina, Acting Director of Economic Development, Integration and Trade, African Union Commission</li> <li>- Dr. Amany Asfour, President of the African Business Council</li> <li>- Prof. Christian Kaeser, Global Head of Tax, SIEMENS. Chair of the International Chamber of Commerce Commission on Taxation</li> </ul>
<b>Panel 1 14:40-15:25</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fabrizia Lapecorella, Director General of Finance, Ministry of economy and finance, Italy, Chair of the Inclusive Framework</li> <li>- Moumouni Lougue, Directeur générale des Impôts, Burkina Faso</li> <li>- Logan Wort, Secretary General, African Tax Administration Forum</li> <li>- Christian Kaeser, global head of tax, Siemens, Chair of the ICC Commission on Taxation</li> <li>- Ben Dickinson, Head of the Global Relations and Development, Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, OECD</li> <li>- Bert Zuijndendorp, Head of Unit, Business Taxation Initiatives, Directorate General Taxud, European Commission</li> </ul>



<p><b>Panel 2</b> <b>15:30-16:25</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gregoire Rota-Graziosi, Professor Director, CERDI</li> <li>- Githii Mburu, Commissioner General, Kenya Revenue Authority</li> <li>- Antti Karhunen, Director, Directorate General for International Partnerships, European Commission</li> <li>- Céline Correia, Deputy Tax Group Director of VINCI SA</li> <li>- Abdoulaye Coulibaly, Director of the Governance Department, Africa Development Bank</li> </ul>
<p><b>Panel 3</b> <b>16:30-17:30</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mark Johnson, Head of CBCR, OECD</li> <li>- Juergen Zattler, German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Director General for International Development Policy</li> <li>- Alan McLean, Executive Vice President, Taxation and Controller, Shell International BV</li> <li>- Irma Mosquera Valderrama, Professor, University of Leiden, EUTAXGOV chair</li> </ul>

<b>Event title</b>	<b>Alliance for Entrepreneurship in Africa: presentation of the pipeline of projects</b>
<b>Date and time</b>	15 February 2022, 14:30-16:00 CET
<b>Panel description</b>	<p><i>Organised by the French Direction Générale du Trésor and the International Finance Corporation (IFC)</i></p> <p>The workshop will introduce the objectives the Alliance for Entrepreneurship (AforE) and will highlight projects promoted through the AforE. This event will provide additional context of the Alliance’s scope and operating principles and bring together African partners who could be future members and beneficiaries of AforE.</p>
<b>Speakers</b>	
<b>Moderators</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sérgio Pimenta, Vice President for Africa, International Finance Corporation (IFC)</li> <li>- William Roos, Assistant Secretary for Multilateral, Development and Trade Affairs, Direction Générale du Trésor (France)</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yacine Fal, Acting Regional Vice President, African Development Bank (AfDB)</li> <li>- Esther Dassanou, AFAWA coordinator, African Development Bank (AfDB)</li> <li>- Ambroise Fayolle, Vice President, European Investment Bank (EIB)</li> <li>- Deborah Vouche, Investment Officer, European Investment Bank (EIB)</li> <li>- Cécile Billaux, Head of Unit Private Sector, Trade and Employment, DG for International Partnerships, European Commission</li> <li>- Heike Harmgart, Managing Director, SEMED, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (ERDB)</li> <li>- Soren Adreasen, CEO, European Development Finance Institutions (EDFI)</li> </ul>

<b>Event title</b>	<b>EFSD+ and how it mobilizes the private sector</b>
<b>Date and time</b>	15 February 2022, 15:15 to 16:00 CET
<b>Panel description</b>	<p><i>Organised by the European Commission, DG for International Partnerships</i></p> <p>EFSD+ combines innovative financial instruments to leverage public and private resources in support of private sector development. Under Global Europe, the EU will deploy EUR 53 billion for the external action guarantees until 2027. The European Commission and eligible implementing partner discuss approach and objectives.</p>
<b>Speakers</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Kay Parplies, European Commission DG INTPA, Head of Unit External Action Guarantee, DG for International Partnerships, European Commission</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Marjeta Jager, Deputy Director General, DG for International Partnerships, European Commission</li> <li>- Ms. Ines Rocha, Managing Director for Impact &amp; Partnerships, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)</li> <li>- Ms. Maria Shaw-Barragan, Director of Lending in Africa, Caribbean, Pacific, Asia, and Latin America, European Investment Bank (EIB)</li> <li>- Mr. Mike Salawou, Acting Director representing the VP for Private Sector Infrastructure and Industrialization, African Development Bank (AfDB)</li> <li>- Mr. Jan-Martin Witte, Director Global Equity and Funds, KfW</li> <li>- Ms. Laure Blanchard-Brunac, Director, European Development Finance Institutions (EDFI)</li> </ul>

<b>Event title</b>	<b>How to foster entrepreneurship for young people through education and professional training</b>
<b>Date and time</b>	15 February 2022, 16:15 to 17:45 CET
<b>Panel description</b>	<p><i>Organised by European Entrepreneurs CEA-PME</i></p> <p>Objectives of the event: highlighting the good practices of European enterprises investing in Africa, offering or accompanying work-based learning and professional training and thus showcasing the potential of a work-based professional training approach to foster entrepreneurial mind-set and hence support a sustainable development with new entrepreneurs.</p>
<b>Speakers</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Stefan Gehrold, Foundation Board of Stiftung Block, Former MEP, former Head of Brussels and Dakar offices of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Training Expert</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Sven Schütt, Chief Executive Officer, IU International University of Applied Sciences</li> <li>- Ms. Wincate Muthini, Programme Manager, Pan-African Chamber of Commerce and Industry PACCI</li> <li>- Mr. Kwang-Yung Jung, Regional Manager Western Africa, German Saving Banks Foundation</li> <li>- Ms. Ayélé Sikavi Gabiam, Co-Founder &amp; Partnerships Director, LadyAgri Impact Investment Hub</li> <li>- Mr. Ojok Okello, Project manager, Okere City</li> <li>- Ms. Ann-Katrin Hardenberg, Managing Director, THE MAK'ED TEAM GmbH &amp; Co. KG, Training Management and Development</li> </ul>

<b>Event title</b>	<b>The EU Opportunity for Africa-based Businesses</b>
<b>Date and time</b>	16 February 2022, 11:45 to 13:00 CET
<b>Panel description</b>	<p><i>Organised by the European Commission, DG for Trade</i></p> <p>The session will showcase, communicate and inform about EU trade policy towards Africa and its opportunities, in particular Sub-Saharan Africa. The session is meant to particularly benefit the African business community.</p> <p>The session will deal with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- First the overall policy framework of EU trade policy towards Africa and the business opportunities that come along with it, for example duty and quota free market access, business predictability (EPAs), flexible rules of origin and others;</li> <li>- Second, about the African business perspective on ways the EU market can be tapped and how possible challenges can be overcome, both on the macro-/ business association-level as well as from the individual business perspective;</li> <li>- Third, about the Market2Access tool of the EU Commission, providing hands-on information for interested exporters to the EU and allowing to take first steps towards market entry.</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>	- Urszula Maria Stepkowska, Deputy Head of Unit C1, DG Trade, EU Commission
<b>Keynote speakers</b>	- Ewa Synowiec, Director Directorate C, DG TRADE, EU Commission (TBC)
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kebour Ghenna, Executive Director Pan African Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PACCI)</li> <li>- Freda Obeng-Ampofo, Founder and CEO of Kamea</li> <li>- Jean Imele, CEO BioTropical Cameroun (TBC)</li> <li>- Samuel Mensah, Founder and CEO of KISUA.COM</li> <li>- Saul Goulding, DG Trade F1, EU Commission</li> <li>- Cristina Miranda Gozalvez, Head of Unit C1, DG Trade, EU Commission</li> </ul>

<b>Event title</b>	<b>EU-Africa Partnerships: Special Economic Zones acceleration industrial value chains development and sustainability</b>
<b>Date and time</b>	16 February 2022, 13:15 to 14:30 CET
<b>Panel description</b>	<p><i>Organised by the African Economic Zones Organisation (AEZO)</i></p> <p>Four priorities are certain to be key for SEZ Development:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Infrastructure development,</li> <li>(2) Green and resilient investment,</li> <li>(3) Digitalisation and connectivity, and</li> <li>(4) Sustainable industrialization.</li> </ol> <p>To address these adequately and effectively, the AU-EU partnership should put special focus on building up local production capacity and industrial value chain development. All of these priorities entail a regional dimension, which the partnership should help to foster, in particular by actively supporting the transformative agenda of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), which provides the political and economic momentum to develop SEZ and enhance investment and trade performance.</p>
<b>Speakers</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr Douglas van den Berghe, Global speaker and Expert on FDI, SEZs, Competitiveness and innovation</li> </ul>
<b>Keynote Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Marjeta Jager, Deputy Director General, DG for International Partnerships, European Commission</li> <li>- Mr. Chiza Charles Newton Chiumya, Acting Director of Industry, Entrepreneurship and Mining, African Union Commission</li> </ul>

**Speakers**

- Mr. Ahmed Bennis, Secretary General, Africa Economic Zones Organisation (AEZO),
- Mr. Adil Chikhi, Director and Head of Corporates for North Africa Region, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
- Ms. Felicia Djibo, Partner, Consulting, Deloitte Africa
- Mr. Marco Kamiya, PhD, Chief, Division of Innovation and Digitalization, UNIDO
- Mr. Gregor Binkert, Board Member, MozParks
- Mr. Pier Angelo Decisi, Vice-President of ANFIA Components, CEO and Chairman of SAOG/SIGIT
- Mr Jaafar Mrhardy, Managing Director II Tanger Med Zones (TMZ)

<b>Event title</b>	<b>Circular Economy: current and future opportunities for business cooperation in EU and Africa</b>
<b>Date and time</b>	16 February 2022, 13:15 to 14:30 CET
<b>Panel description</b>	<p><i>Organised by the European Commission, DG for the Environment</i></p> <p>The objectives of the event are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Highlight some promising businesses in EU and Africa applying circular economy models in key sectors (with a focus on those not covered by other EABF sectoral HL panels or side-events such as e-waste &amp; plastics/packaging),</li> <li>- Identify scope for increased cooperation between them and key challenges faced to scale-up CE businesses to inform what businesses need from the public sector on both sides to seize the opportunities and tackle the challenges and intensify EU-Africa economic relations on CE.</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Steve Kisakye, Managing Director, Dalberg Implement</li> </ul>
<b>Keynote speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Virginijus Sinkevicius, EU Commissioner for the Environment, Oceans and Fisheries</li> <li>- Ms. Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko, AU Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development and Blue Economy</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Joost de Kluijver, CEO, Closing the loop</li> <li>- Simone Andersson, Chief Commercial Officer, WEE Center</li> <li>- Emmanuel Katrakis, Secretary General, European Recycling Industries Confederation (EURIC)</li> <li>- Arese Lucia Onaghise, Secretary General, Food and Beverage Recycling Alliance (FBRA)</li> <li>- Dr. Al-Hamndou Dorsouma, Acting director for climate change and green growth, Africa Development Bank (AfDB)</li> <li>- Deborah Ohui Nartey, Research analyst, Footprints Africa</li> </ul>



<b>Event title</b>	<b>AfCFTA: the game changer</b>
<b>Date and time</b>	16 February 2022, 13:15 to 14:30 CET
<b>Panel description</b>	<p><i>Organised by the European Commission, DG for International Partnerships, and the AfCFTA Secretariat General</i></p> <p>This high level panel will look at how to ensure an effective implementation of the AfCFTA at continental, regional and country level in order to make it a reality for the private sector.</p>
<b>Speakers</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>	-
<b>Keynote speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Valdis Dombrovskis, Executive Vice-President, European Commission</li> <li>- Mr. Wamkele Mene, Secretary General, AfCFTA Secretariat</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Voker Treier, Chief Executive for Foreign Trade and Member of the Board of the German Chambers of Commerce and Industry (DIHK)</li> <li>- Other speakers TBC</li> </ul>

<b>Event title</b>	<b>Women Economic Empowerment in Africa through Public-Private Partnerships</b>
<b>Date and time</b>	17 February 2022, 13:00 to 14:15 CET
<b>Panel description</b>	<p><i>Organised by the Tony Elumelu Foundation, GIZ and OACPS</i></p> <p>This panel will explore how partnerships between the public and private sector can support women entrepreneurs in Africa. Speakers will discuss the opportunities and challenges experienced by women entrepreneurs in Africa with the emphasis on i) business and investment climate like the access to finance, ii) social norms and the burden of household duties and iii) access to capacity building and mentorship networks.</p>
<b>Speakers</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ifeyinwa Ugochukwu, CEO, Tony Elumelu Foundation (TEF)</li> </ul>
<b>Keynote speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Helena Dalli, European Commissioner for Equality</li> <li>- Georges Rebelo Chikoti, Secretary General, Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS)</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Sabine Müller, Director General Africa department, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)</li> <li>- Alisée de Tonnac, co-founder, Seedstars and Swiss Association for Entrepreneurship in Emerging Markets (SAFEEM)</li> <li>- Maureen Amakabane, Founder, Usafi Sanitation and Nyayo Sokos Limited</li> <li>- Nitin Gajria, Managing Director Sub-Saharan Africa, Google</li> <li>- Antón Léis Garcia, Director, AECID (Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation)</li> </ul>
<b>Closing remarks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Escipión Joaquin Oliveira Gómez, OACPS Assistant Secretary General</li> <li>- Sandra Kramer, Director Africa Department, DG for International Partnerships, European Commission</li> </ul>

<b>Event title</b>	<b>Role of Europe-Africa partnerships for empowering the private sector, including SMEs, women and youth</b>
<b>Date and time</b>	17 February 2022, 13:00 to 14:15 CET
<b>Panel description</b>	<p><i>Organised by the African Business Council, COMESA and the Spanish Chamber of Commerce</i></p> <p>This event will explore means of strengthening Africa Europe partnerships, and the role of the private sector to respond to disrupted markets and ensure post-COVID 19 economic resilience and steady recovery driven by strong, vibrant, and dynamic Private Sector. It aims at supporting and empowering the participation of SMEs, women, and youth in the African and the global economy, and exchange of experiences and capacity building towards strengthening the private sector in Africa.</p>
<b>Speakers</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Amany Asfour, President, African Business Council</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Jaime Montalvo, International Director, Spanish Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>- Mr. Marday Venkatasamy, Chair of Comesa Business Council and Vice President of the African Business Council</li> <li>- Mr. Ahmed Mansur, President, Pan-African Manufacturers Association</li> <li>- Prince Randy Alam Sogan, CEO, The Black Lion Fund</li> <li>- Dr Catherine Bosshart, President, BPW International</li> <li>- Ms. Paz Martin Lozano, Chair of Business, Trade and Technology Standing Committee, BPW International</li> <li>- Ms. Memory Kachambwa, FEMNET</li> <li>- Prof Khaled Dabees, CEO, AB Care Technology</li> <li>- Mr Samba Bathily, Chairman, Ecosystem Capital</li> </ul>

<b>Event title</b>	<b>The power of public-private partnerships. What can we learn from Dutch experiences in Africa?</b>
<b>Date and time</b>	17 February 2022, 13:15 to 14:00 CET
<b>Panel description</b>	<p><i>Organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands</i></p> <p>This high level event will look at the potential of public-private partnerships for sustainable development in Africa on the basis of best practice. It will also clarify what Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) can bring Africa and what is required for successful PPPs.</p>
<b>Speakers</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>	- Ms. Hajar Yagkoubi
<b>Keynote speakers</b>	- Ms. Liesje Schreinemacher, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of the Netherlands
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Marjete Jager, Deputy Director General, DG for International Partnerships, European Commission</li> <li>- Mr. Steven Collet, Ambassador for Business and Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands</li> <li>- Ms. Stacey Tank, Chief Transformation and Corporate Affairs Officer, Heineken</li> <li>- Mr. Alex Assanvo, Executive Secretary, Initiative Cacao Cote d'Ivoire Ghana (ICCIg)</li> </ul>