

# Webinar about the 6th African Union-European Union Summit

19 January 2022, 13-15:30 pm CET

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**Format** Online

## Zoom link

- Link:  
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## Introduction

The Summits of European Union and African Union Heads of States and Governments take place traditionally every three years and alternate between Africa and Europe. These Summits take stock of the progress being made in implementing commitments and provide political guidance for further work.

The **6th European Union-African Union Summit will take place on 17-18 February 2022 in Brussels**, Belgium, after having been postponed for two consecutive years due to COVID-19 travel restrictions. The Summit is a test to show the intentions of the EU and AU regarding what a partnership looks like. The agenda of and the follow-up to the Summit will be key for a meaningful civil society participation and to have coherent thematic discussions on joint priorities. The European Union will propose a new 'Africa - Europe Alliance' and is preparing a draft joint declaration that includes key deliverables such as:

- an Africa-Europe investment package;
- a health and social protection initiative;
- an education initiative;
- an EU-Africa initiative for multilateral action on peace, prosperity and the planet;
- a Europe-Africa security and stability architecture;
- and an EU-AU migration and mobility initiative.

Many important aspects will have been decided by the time of the EU-AU Summit; we have very little room for influence. In this context, it's key for civil society to come together to determine what impact we can realistically have and what impact we want.

In light of this, **CONCORD will organise a webinar on 19 January at 13-15:30 CET**, aiming to:  
(1) present the process of the EU-AU summit, what we know so far, including about side events during the **CSO Forum to be held on 15 February**. And,  
(2) brainstorm on possible collaboration to shape the day of the Forum and about some details of it.



The webinar is both informative and aimed at getting prepared as civil society for the CSOs Forum and the Summit. The webinar is open to all African and European CSOs partners who would like to attend.

## Online event

13:00 - 13:05	Introduction to the programme
13:05 - 13:35	Information sharing
13:35 - 13:50	Q&A with participants
13:50 - 15:10	Discussion about the CSOs Forum
15:10 - 15:30	Closing: next steps

## Schedule

### Part I

- 1) Presentation will cover (30 mins):
  - Intelligence-sharing of all we know about the 6th EU-AU Summit. This includes AU and EU's proposals, possible outcomes and implications from the Summit; France's priorities for a renewed alliance with Africa focusing on Youth; information about the side events like the CSOs Forum.
- 2) Q&A with participants (15 min).

### Part II

- 1) Discussion about the CSOs Forum - in break out rooms:
  - Introduction to the exercise; (5 min)
  - Start in small groups (break out groups of 10 people each), discuss and agree on what impact we want from the CSO Forum to the Summit and how to best achieve it; (40 min)
  - Then in plenary to look at the ideas and vote; (15 min)
  - Back to smaller groups to have further, shorter discussions on how to get there; (20 mins)

### Part III

- 1) Way forward, proposal for next steps.
- 2) Closing remarks.

