



S&D GROUP AFRICA WEEK 2020 **Tuesday 13 to Thursday 15 October**

For a strengthened partnership between Africa and the EU

The 4th edition of our Africa Week Initiative will take place in digital event format.

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PROGRAMME

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020

10:20-10:30: Opening and Welcome by **Iratxe García Pérez**, MEP, S&D President
General introduction by **Udo Bullmann**, MEP, Coordinator of the Africa Week initiative

10:30-12:00: **Africa-Europe: Digital transition, education, democracy and inequality in the context of COVID-19**
(How to transform a shock wave into an opportunity for real change - accelerating the implementation of UN Sustainable Development Goals)

S&D Group workshop with African and European youth representatives

In partnership with UNESCO, the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES) and Young European Socialists (YES)

Digital public event with Interpretation: EN, FR

Moderator: Bwalya Mwali International Coordinator of the African Tales initiative

Opening speech by Ms. **Jutta Urpilainen**, European Commissioner for International partnerships

Guest speakers:

- **Mr. Märt Aro**, Co-Founder, DreamApply Chairman of the Board, Nordic EdTech Forum - N8 Co-Founder, European EdTech Alliance
- **Mr. Samson Itodo** (Nigeria), Executive Director of YIAGA AFRICA, a community of change makers focused on building sustainable democracies in Africa
- **Mr. Guy Berger**, Director for Freedom of Expression and Media Development - UNESCO



- **Ms. Ilwaad Elman** (Somalia), Director of programs & development, Elman Peace and Human Rights Center in Mogadishu (*tbc*)
- **Ms. Simona Bonafè, MEP**, Vice-President of the S&D Group

Q/ A Session

13:45-14:00: Exclusive interview with special guests

- **Mr. Frans Timmermans**, First Vice President, European Commission

14:00-15:30: Webinar: Building a climate proof EU-Africa partnership

Digital Seminar organized by the S&D Group's Global Progressive Forum (GPF), in partnership with the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) and the Max Van der Stoel Foundation (FMS)

Interpretation: EN, FR

Moderator: (*tbd*)

Welcome remarks by **Mr. Andreas Schieder**, MEP, GPF Coordinator

Keynote by H.E. Amina Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary General (*tbc*)

Guest speakers in this event include:

- **Ms. Vanessa Nakata**, Youth for Climate activist, Uganda (*tbc*)
- **Mr. Joseph Mithika Mwenda**, Executive Director at Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA is a continental coalition of Civil Society Organizations from diverse backgrounds in Africa) (*tbc*)
- **Mr. Stefano Signore**, Head of Unit, Sustainable Energy and Climate Change, European Commission, DG International Cooperation and Development
- **Ms. Miriam Dalli**, MEP, S&D Vice President for a Green New Deal

Q & A Session

15:30-16:30: Live Music Performance

Digital performance by music groups from African countries, exploring the cultural diversity of the continent

Cultural Event - organized by the S&D Group

Interpretation: EN, FR

Welcome remarks by **Ms. Simona Bonafè** MEP, S&D Vice President



17:00-18:30 Diversity and Inclusion: Promoting the engagement of the African diaspora in enhancing development

Digital Public event hosted by S&D Group and the Progressive Alliance in cooperation with Wajenzi

Interpretation: EN, FR

Opening speech by **Ms. Helena Dalli**, European Commissioner for Equality

Moderator: Mr. Kemo Camara, Founder and CEO at Omek, Inclusion advocate and community organiser

Discussion with:

- **Mr. Alain Nkurikiye**, Founder and CEO, Wajenzi
- **Ms. Aurélie Mulowa**, Founder of "Belgian entrepreneurs"
- **Mr. Fernandez Deepali**, Senior Migration and Economic Development Specialist, IOM (*tbc*)
- **Mr. Aboubakar Soumahoro**, Founder, "la Lega dei Braccanti" (Advocate for Migrant workers' rights), Italy
- **Ms. Marie Arena**, MEP, Chair of the European Parliament Sub-Committee on Human Rights

Q & A Session

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020

10:30-12:00: Promoting Decent Work and Social Protection for All

(Europe's impact from a negative to a positive spillover effect)

Digital public event organized in partnership with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES) and SOLIDAR

Interpretation: EN, FR

Opening speech by **Mr. Nicolas Schmit**, European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights

Speakers in this event include:

- **Ms. Christina Behrendt**, Head of the Social Policy Unit, International Labour Organisation (*tbc*)
- **Ms. Evelyn Astor**, International Trade Union Confederation (*tbc*)
- **Mr. Carlos Zorrinho**, MEP, Co-President ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly

Q & A Session



12:00–12:30: **Exclusive** interview with **Dr Denis Mukwege**, world-renowned gynaecologist, human rights activist and Nobel Peace laureate

15:30-17:30: **COVID-19: Identifying socio-political and economic priorities to fight Inequalities**

S&D Group High Level Political Conference

Live from S&D Studio, European Parliament Brussels

Interpretation: EN, FR

Moderator: Ms. Marina Diboma, Deputy Managing Director, Netherlands African Business Council

Opening speech by Ms. Iratxe Garcia, MEP, President of the S&D Group

Keynote speeches by:

- **H.E. Mr. Cyril Ramaphosa**, President of the Republic of South Africa (*tbc*)
- **H.E. Mr. Josep Borrell**, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the European Commission
- **Mr. David Maria Sassoli**, MEP, President of the European Parliament

Discussion continues with Guest speakers:

- **Mr. Trevor Jones Lovelace Saruwaka**, MP, Member of Parliament Zimbabwe
- **Ms. Patricia Nseye Mulela**, MP, First Vice-President National Parliament Democratic Republic of Congo (*tbc*)
- **Mr. Bert Koenders** - Special Envoy of the World Bank for Fragile States and former Dutch Minister of Development and Foreign Affairs
- **Mr. Raphaël Glucksmann**, MEP, Vice-Chair European Parliament Sub-Committee on Human Rights
- **Ms. Kati Piri**, MEP, Vice-President of the S&D Group

Q & A Session

18:00-19:30: **Feminist Culture Cafe: “The Power of African Feminist Art”**

Digital public event organized by PES Women - FEPS

Interpretation: EN, FR

Moderator: Ms. **Linda Nyirenda**, Poet and Spoken Word Artist, Belgium



20:30-22:30: Digital Film Screening: “Letters to the continent”

Organized by S&D Group Cultural Event in collaboration with BOZAR
Interpretation: EN, FR

Welcome remarks by **Mr. Udo Bullmann**, MEP, Coordinator of S&D Africa Week

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020

09:00-11:00: Press Conference: Presentation of the S&D’s Africa Week 2020 message to the EU-AU Summit

Digital Public event hosted by the S&D Group
Interpretation: EN, FR

Opening remarks by **Ms. Iratxe García Pérez**, S&D President

Q & A Session with Journalists

Closing remarks by **Ms. Simona Bonafè**, S&D Vice-President and **Mr. Udo Bullmann**, Coordinator of S&D Africa Week