



Group of the Progressive Alliance of
Socialists & Democrats
in the European Parliament

Brussels, 20th November 2015

S&D GROUP AFRICA WEEK

PROGRAMME

Monday 30th November - Thursday 3rd December 2015
Brussels

Registration at www.sd4africa.eu

Monday 30th November

20.00-22.00 **ULB Conference**
Nouvelles mobilisations citoyennes en Afrique : Y'en a marre, Balai citoyen, Filimbi, Lucha
L'amphithéâtre Chavanne UD2.120, Campus du Solbosch, Université libre de Bruxelles
Conference language: FR

Guest speakers:

Floribert Anzuluni, Serge Bambara (Smockey), Serge Kambale, Aliou Sane

With the participation of S&D Group President *Gianni Pittella* and MEP *Maria Arena*

Tuesday 1st December

10.00-18.00 **S&D Group Conference**
Africa: In the Heart of a Globalised World
Paul-Henri Spaak Building (PHS) room 4B1
European Parliament
Interpretation in DE, EN, ES, FR, IT
Registration required
Webstreamed event (www.socialistsanddemocrats.eu)

Moderator: *Wendy Bashi*

10.00-12.00 **Opening session**
with the participation of European Parliament President *Martin Schulz*,
EU High Representative/Commission Vice-President *Federica Mogherini*,
S&D Group President *Gianni Pittella* and Vice-President *Victor Boştinaru*

Guest speakers:

Elikia M'Bokolo, Benjamin Mkapa, William Wilson Nokrach, Aissata Tall Sall

12.00-14.00 **Conference lunch**
Upon invitation only
Protocol Salon 12th floor
European Parliament

14.00-18.00 **Conference panels**
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Guest speakers:

Floribert Anzuluni, Serge Bambara (Smockey), Consuelo Cruz, Eric Gitari, Claude Grunitzky, Serge Kambale, Stavros Lambrinidis, John Mary Vianney Mitana, Ngalula Sandrine Mubenga, Aliou Sane, Soraya Aziz Souleymane, Yashpal Tandon, Gemma Vecchio

With the participation of MEPs *Maria Arena, Knut Fleckenstein, Linda McAvan, Norbert Neuser, Pier Antonio Panzeri, Elena Valentiano*

14.00-15.20 **Viva Africa - Africa in the eyes of Africans**

Africa is an enormous continent inhabited by people with diverse social, ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Nonetheless, we are currently witnessing the emergence of a new pan-African identity. Speakers will try to define what it means in 2015 to be "African" and "European".

15.20-16.40 **Gifted Africa - The Africa of talents**

Africa is in the midst of a remarkable demographic shift with profound consequences for the continent's future, with a sharply rising ratio of people of working age to dependents. When Asia experienced a similar demographic revolution, it gave a powerful boost to economic growth. However, much more is needed to unleash the full potential of African people. This panel will be an opportunity to share views on how Africa and Europe can collaborate to create more favourable conditions for the talents to flourish, as well as to support education, human development and entrepreneurship skills in the continent.

16.40-18.00 **Changing Africa - New waves of citizens' activism for democracy and human rights**

Far-reaching ambitions of young democratic movements in Africa are often confronted with harsh realities of undemocratic regimes. It is thus essential to draw our attention to these movements by discussing ways of supporting democratisation and the promotion of human rights by youth activists in the continent. We believe that the EU is capable of playing a greater role in this process, and that the perspectives of African youth activists can greatly enrich also the European understanding of democracy and human rights.

18.15-19.15 **Opening of photo exhibitions
on conflict minerals and education in Africa**
Mezzanine of the Yehudi Menuhin Hall
European Parliament

Opening speech by S&D Group Vice-President *Enrique Guerrero Salom* and *Michel Roy*, Secretary General of Caritas Internationalis (tbc)

19.30-20.30 **Reception**
Upon invitation only
Bouche à Oreille
Rue Félix Hap 11, 1040 Bruxelles

21.00 **Concert of Fredy Massamba** (public event)
Bouche à Oreille
Rue Félix Hap 11, 1040 Bruxelles
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Wednesday 2nd December

9.00-13.00 **FEPS Conference**
Fostering stability and development in Sub-Saharan Africa: Analysis and Perspectives on Public-Private Partnerships
followed by
conference lunch
Foundation for European Progressive Studies
Rue Montoyer 40, 1000 Brussels
Registration required

13.00-15.00 **GPF-PES Women Round Table**
Women's Empowerment in Africa
Including the ceremony of the **GPF for Africa Award**
(sandwich lunch)
Upon invitation only
Altiero Spinelli Building (ASP) room 3H1
European Parliament
Interpretation in EN, FR

Chaired by PES Women Chairwoman *Zita Gurmai* and ACP-EU JPA Women's Forum Co-Chairwoman *Maria Arena*

Participants:
Aliou Bar, Wendy Bashi, Consuelo Cruz, Eric Gitari, Benedicta Lasi, Ngalula Sandrine Mubenga, Ndoye Mame Penda, Christa Ranzio-Plath, Aissata Tall Sall, Soraya Aziz Souleymane

This event will include a prize award ceremony with the participation of women politicians from Africa and Europe, who have fought for democracy and the respect for human rights, especially in the field of the gender equality. It will create an opportunity to discuss African women's empowerment and health at work, and to address the issue of sexual health, reproductive rights and HIV in the continent.

17.00-19.00 **S&D40-GPF-IUSY Seminar**
Youth and Development in Africa: Opportunities for the Generation of the Future
Upon invitation only
Altiero Spinelli Building (ASP) room 3H1
European Parliament
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Participants:
Evin Incir, Felipe Jeldres, Benedicta Lasi, Lawrence Ndambuki Mulji, Brian Randich

With the participation of MEPs *Brando Benifei, Javi Lopez, Victor Negrescu, Elly Schlein*

20.00-22.00 **IUSY Evening Event**
African Youth in Action
L'Horloge du Sud
Rue du Trône 141, 1050 Bruxelles
Registration required

Participants:

Floribert Anzuluni, Serge Bambara (Smockey), Serge Kambale, Benedicta Lasi, Lawrence Ndambuki Mulji, Brian Randich, Aliou Sane

With the participation of IUSY President *Felipe Jeldres* and Secretary General *Evin Incir*

Thursday 3rd December

9.00-10.30 **S&D Group Internal Workshop**
Cariforum and Pacific Economic Partnership Agreements: A Model for Africa?
Upon invitation only

Altiero Spinelli Building (ASP) room 3H1
European Parliament
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Guest speakers: *Brenda King, James Mwai, Evita Schmieg*

10.30-12.00 **S&D Group Seminar**
Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa
Paul-Henri Spaak Building (PHS) room 1C47
European Parliament
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Guest speakers: *Michel Luntumbue, György Tatár*

13.00-15.00 **Projection of the movie *Rumeurs du lac***
(sandwich lunch)
followed by an
exchange of views with film director *Wendy Bashi*
Altiero Spinelli Building (ASP) room 1E2
European Parliament
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Introductory remarks by ACP-EU JPA Vice-Chairwoman *Cécile Kashetu Kyenge*

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