



**13 - 15 OCTOBER 2020**

FOR A STRENGTHENED PARTNERSHIP  
BETWEEN AFRICA AND THE EU

THE 4TH EDITION OF OUR AFRICA WEEK  
INITIATIVE WILL TAKE PLACE IN A DIGITAL EVENT  
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NB. ALL EVENTS WILL FOLLOW CENTRAL EUROPEAN TIME (CET)

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020

10:15-10:30

Opening and Welcome by Ms. **Iratxe García Pérez**, MEP, S&D President and Mr. **David Maria Sassoli**, MEP, President of the European Parliament

General introduction by Mr. **Udo Bullmann**, MEP, Coordinator of the S&D Africa Week

10:30-12:00



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### **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)

Moderator: Ms. **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, S&D Vice-President

Q&A Session



Digital Public Event



Interpretation

13:45-14:00

## Exclusive interview



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

14:00-15:30



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## Webinar: Building a climate proof EU-Africa partnership

Organized by the S&D Group's *Global Progressive Forum* (GPF), in partnership with the *Friedrich Ebert Foundation* (FES), the *Foundation for European Progressive Studies* (FEPS), and the *Max Van der Stoep Foundation* (FMS)

Moderator: Ms. **Céline Fabrequette**, Policy Assistant, Ecolise

Welcome remarks by Mr. **Andreas Schieder**, S&D MEP, and Co-Chair of the Global Progressive Forum (GPF)

### Guest speakers:

- Mr. **Joseph Mithika Mwenda**, Executive Director of the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA is a continental coalition of Civil Society Organizations from diverse backgrounds in Africa), Member of FEPS United for Climate Justice Steering Committee
- Ms. **Rebecca Thissen**, Policy officer for Climate Justice and Sustainable Development, CNCD
- Mr. **Stephen Adaawen**, Researcher, University of Groningen
- Ms. **Nisreen Elsaïm**, UN Secretary General's Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change
- Ms. **Miriam Dalli**, MEP, S&D Vice-President for a Green New Deal

### Q&A Session

15:30-16:30



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## Live Music Performance

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

- MIAGI Youth Orchestra , South Africa
- Afrika Opera - Opera Rumba from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

Cultural Event - organized by the S&D Group

Welcome remarks by Mr. **Norbert Neuser**, S&D MEP, Vice-Chair of Development Committee

17:00-18:30



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## **Diversity and Inclusion: Promoting the engagement of the African diaspora in enhancing development**

*Hosted by the S&D Group and the Progressive Alliance in cooperation with Wajenzi*

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

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

### Guest speakers:

- Mr. Alain Nkurikiye, Founder and CEO, Wajenzi
- Ms. Aurélie Mulowa, Founder of «Belgian entrepreneurs»
- Ms. Geertrui Lanneau, Senior Regional Thematic Specialist on Labour Mobility and Human Development, IOM
- Mr. Aboubakar Soumahoro, Founder of the “Lega dei Braccianti” (defender of the rights of workers in the food chain), Italy
- Ms. Marie Arena, S&D MEP, Chair of the European Parliament’s Sub-Committee on Human Rights

Q&A Session

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020**

10:30-12:00



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## **Promoting Decent Work and Social Protection for All**

*Europe’s impact from a negative to a positive spillover effect*

*Organized in partnership with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES) and SOLIDAR*

Moderator: Mr. **Mikael Leyi**, Secretary General, SOLIDAR

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

### Guest speakers:

- Ms. Christina Behrendt, Head of the Social Policy Unit, International Labour Organisation
- Ms. Evelyn Astor, International Trade Union Confederation (tbc)
- Ms. Helen Mudora, Human rights activist, Programme manager, Africa Platform for Social Protection (APSP)
- Mr. Carlos Zorrinho, S&D MEP, Co-President of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly

Q&A Session

12:00–12:30



**Exclusive interview Dr Denis Mukwege**, world-renowned gynecologist, Human Rights activist, Nobel Peace Prize and Sakharov Prize laureate

15:30-17:30



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## **COVID-19: Identifying socio-political and economic priorities to fight Inequalities**

*S&D Group High Level Political Conference in collaboration with the Progressive Alliance  
Live from the S&D Studio at the European Parliament, Brussels*

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

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

### 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
- H.E. Chief Olusegun Obasanjo GCFR, Former President of Nigeria and Founder of the Olusegun Obasanjo Presidential Library (OOPL) (tbc)

### Guest speakers:

- Mr. Trevor Jones Lovelace Saruwaka, MP, Member of Parliament Zimbabwe
- Ms. Nathalie Yamb, LIDER Party, Ivory Coast
- Mr. Bert Koenders - Special Envoy of the World Bank for Fragile States and former Dutch Minister of Development and Foreign Affairs
- Ms. Ruka Sanusi - Executive Director, Ghana Climate Innovation Centre, Member of the United for Climate Justice Steering Committee, FEPS
- Mr. Sergei Stanishev, S&D MEP, President of the PES

Q&A Session

18:00-19:30



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## **Feminist Culture Cafe: "The Power of African Feminist Art"**

*Organized by PES Women - FEPS*

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

Introduction by Ms. **Zita Gurmai**, President of PES Women, and Vice-President of FEPS

### Performance & exchange :

- Ms. Lisette Lombé, novelist and poet, Congo/Belgium
- Ms. Pamela Adie, Filmmaker, Nigeria
- Ms. Fatoumata Diabate, President of the Association of Malian Female Photographers, Mali

Q&A Session

Conclusion by Ms. Evin Incir, S&D MEP

20:30-22:30



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## **Digital Film Screening: "Letters to the Continent"**

*Organized by S&D Group Cultural Event in collaboration with BOZAR*

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

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020**

10:00-10:30



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**Press Conference: Presentation of the S&D's Africa Week 2020 message in view of the EU-AU Summit 2021**

*Hosted by the S&D Group*

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

Presentation of the S&D Africa Week 2020 message by Mr. **Udo Bullmann**, MEP, Coordinator of the S&D Africa Week

Q&A Session with Journalists

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

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