



European Economic and Social Committee

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- Investing in Africa -

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Programme

3 July

- 14.30– 14.50 **Welcoming address by Luca Jahier, EESC president**
- 14.50 – 15.00 **Introductory remarks by Jarosław Mulewicz, president of the ACP-EU Follow-up Committee**
- 15.10 – 16.00 **Opening session – EU-Africa investment mechanisms: towards a manual for civil society organisations (CSOs)**
- Setting the scene of the investment climate in Africa, **Robert Lisinge**, Chief of the Section Energy, Infrastructure and Services, Private Sector Development and Finance Division (PSDFD), United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
 - Practicalities of the External Investment Plan package (EIP) in African countries, **Torsten Ewerbeck**, Deputy Head of Unit Coordination of the EIP Secretariat and Blending Facilities, DG DEVCO
 - The Emergency Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF): example of improving employability through vocational training, and strengthening micro, small and medium size enterprises (MSMEs), **Corinne Salinas**, International aid – cooperation officer, EU Trust Fund for Sahel and Lake Chad, DG DEVCO

Debate with contributions from participants

16.00 – 16.15 *Coffee break*

16.15 – 18.00 **Session 1 – Investment and trade as instruments, with special focus on Africa**

Introductory remarks by **Dilyana Slavova**, president of the EESC External Relations section (REX)

- Presentation of EESC work in progress by **Mr Metzler and Mr Wagnsonner**
- Debate with contributions from participants

19.00 **Dinner provided by the EESC – Atrium 6**

4 July

9.00 – 10.30 **Session 2 – Impact investing in the private sector**

Moderator: **Seitchi Ali-Abbas**, member of the ACP-EU Follow up Committee

- EIB support to SMEs in Africa, **Christian Elias**, Head of Unit for Public Sector operations in Sub-Saharan Africa, European Investment Bank (EIB)
- African investors in Africa, **Ousseine Diallo**, Executive secretary, Fédération des organisations patronales d'Afrique de l'Ouest
- EU investors in Africa, initiative presented by **Olivier Poujade**, Director general East Africa Gate and founder of the EU chamber of commerce in Ethiopia

Debate with contributions from participants

10.30 – 10.45 **Coffee break**

10.45 – 12.30 **Session 3 – Impact investing in the social and environmental sectors**

Moderator: **Mr Dyborn-Charlie Chibonga**, member of the ACP-EU Follow up Committee

- Investing in protecting health and environment: presentation of a pilot-project by **Micheline Dion Somplehi**, President of the Union des Coopératives de Femmes Transformatrices de poisson de Côte d'Ivoire (USCOFEP-ci).
- Project presented by **Joaquina Almeida**, the Secretary-General of the União Nacional dos Trabalhadores de Cabo Verde – Central Sindical (UNTC-CS)
- Invest in wetlands for socioeconomic development in Africa, **Professor Aboubacar Awais**, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
- Impact investing in Benin, the Committee on *Hygiène, sécurité et santé*, **Anselme Amoussou**, Secretary general of the Confédération des Syndicats Autonomes du Bénin (CSA BÉNIN)

Debate with contributions from participants

12.30 – 13.00 Conclusion and adoption of the final declaration - Jaroslaw Mulewicz, President of the ACP-EU Follow-up Committee

13.00 – 14:30 Lunch provided by the EESC- Atrium 6

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