

Webinar about the 6th African Union-European Union Summit

2nd February 2022, 11:30-13:30 CET

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Format	Online
Languages	English, French

Zoom link

- Link:
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Introduction

The **6th European Union-African Union Summit is getting closer on 17-18 February 2022 in Brussels**, Belgium. The Summit is a test to show the intentions of the EU and AU regarding what a partnership looks like. The outcome of the Summit will be key for a meaningful civil society participation and to have coherent thematic discussions on joint priorities. 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, civil society has come together to determine what impact we can realistically have and what impact we want. At the last civil society webinar, we discussed and agreed on a possible way forward ahead of the Summit: (1) to work on a CSOs declaration, (2) on thematic messages, (3) on how the CSOs Forum should be run and (4) to create awareness of our messages via media.

A second civil society **webinar about the EU-AU Summit is now set for 1 February at 11:30-13:30 CET**, aiming to:

- (1) Share intelligence about the latest we know about the 6th EU-AU Summit and its CSOs Forum. And,
- (2) discuss and propose various amendments to the draft CSOs declaration that some CSOs that volunteered to do it have started to work on after the first webinar.

We will have to agree on a process to finalise the declaration between the second webinar and before the CSOs Forum takes place.

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. The languages of the webinar will be English and French with interpretation services available for these two languages.

Online event

11:30 - 11:35	Introduction to the programme
11:35 - 11:55	Information sharing
11:55 - 12:15	Q&A with participants
12:15 - 13:15	Discussion about the draft CSOs Declaration
13:15 - 13:30	Closing: next steps

Schedule

Part I

- 1) Introduction (5 min)
- 2) Presentation will cover (20 mins):
 - Intelligence-sharing of the latest we know about the 6th EU-AU Summit and CSOs Forum. This includes:
 - 7 roundtables at the Summit: themes, who can join them, push for CS to be there;
 - Opening & closing sessions of the CSOs Forum;
 - Meet the Leaders session;
 - Main outcomes from our last webinar;
 - Updates from: media/comms strategy, how thematic discussions at the CSOs Forum will feed into an outcome, etc.
- 3) Q&A with participants (20 min)

Part II

- 1) Discussion about the [draft CSOs declaration](#) - 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 various amendments to and counter-proposals for the draft CSOs declaration (on Mural, taking notes); (40 min)
 - Report back in plenary, vote on ideas (if necessary) (15 min)

Part III

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