



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

Brussels, 19th September 2017

S&D GROUP AFRICA WEEK 2017
THE YOUTH AND THE FUTURE OF AFRICA

Monday 25th to Thursday 28th September 2017
Brussels

Registration for one or several public events of the Week at
www.withafrica.eu

Monday 25th September

9.00-17.30

S&D Group Workshop of African and European Youth Representatives

Internal event upon invitation

In cooperation with the ACP Young Professional Network and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation

European Parliament

Interpretation in EN, FR

Contact person: *Rose Bagudu, S&D Group Secretariat*

9.00-9.15 *Opening remarks by
MEP Maria Arena, S&D Group coordinator at the ACP-EU Joint
Parliamentary Assembly*

9.15-10.30 *Session 1
Africa's Demographic Boom: A Chance or a Disaster?
Sexual and reproductive health and rights - Access to health
information, religion and culture: Who decides?*

*Introductory remarks and moderator: MEP Maria Arena, S&D Group
coordinator at the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, member of
the European Parliament Committee on Women's Rights and Gender
Equality (FEMM)*

10.30-12.00 *Session 2
Root Causes of Internal and External Migration
Challenges and the way forward: Conflict, economy and climate
change*

*Introductory remarks and moderator: MEP Cécile Kyenge, Vice-
president of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, member of
the European Parliament Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and
Home Affairs (LIBE)*

12.30-14.00 *Workshop lunch*

14.30-16.00 *Session 3
Youth Employment: Overskilled, Underskilled, or Clientalism?
Education, brain drain and entrepreneurship*

*Introductory remarks and moderator: MEP Silvia Costa, S&D Group
coordinator in the European Parliament Committee on Culture and
Education*

16.00-17.30 *Session 4
Youth Involvement in Politics and in Public Discourse
Good governance, transparency and accountability*

*Introductory remarks and moderator: MEP Elena Valenciano, Vice-
president of the S&D Group*

19.00-21.00

ULB - S&D Group Conference

Political and Social Activism in the Digital Era in Africa

Public event upon registration

Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Campus du Solbosch, D building, Auditorium DC 2.206 (ground floor - access via Avenue Antoine Depage)

Moderator: *Marie-Soleil Frère, Vice-rector for international relations and development cooperation, ULB*

Event in FR

Webstreamed event: www.socialistsanddemocrats.eu

Contact persons: *Zoltán Simon, S&D Group Secretariat*
Marie Fierens & Ornella Rovetta, ULB

With the participation of

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MEP Cécile Kyenge, Vice-president of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly

Speakers

Patient Ligodi, Journalist and founder of Actualité.cd, Democratic Republic of Congo

Yves Makwambala, Political activist, Democratic Republic of Congo

Esdras Ndikumana, Journalist, Burundi/France

Tuesday 26th September

14.00-15.00 S&D Group Photo Exhibition Opening Meeting the Turkana by Roger Job

Public event upon registration

In cooperation with the Musée de la Photographie de Charleroi

Exhibition area Altiero Spinelli Building (ASP) 3rd floor (in front of the meeting rooms ASP3G2/3)

European Parliament

Contact person: *Ioannis Dalmas, S&D Group Secretariat*

Opening remarks by

MEP Gianni Pittella, President of the S&D Group

MEP Victor Boştinaru, Vice-president of the S&D Group

Presentation of the collection by

Roger Job, Photojournalist

15.00-18.00 Global Progressive Forum - PES Women Conference Political Empowerment of Women in Africa and in Europe

Public event upon registration

Paul-Henri Spaak Building (PHS) room 3C50

European Parliament

Interpretation in EN, FR, IT

Webstreamed event: www.globalprogressiveforum.org

www.socialistsanddemocrats.eu

Contact persons: *Anne Morin, GPF Secretariat*

Lesia Radelicki, PES Women Secretariat

15.00-15.15 *Opening remarks by*

Neven Mimica, European commissioner for international cooperation and development

15.15-15.35 *Welcoming remarks by*

MEP Enrique Guerrero Salom, Co-chair of the Global Progressive Forum

Zita Gurmai, President of Party of European Socialists Women

MEP Elena Valenciano, Vice-President of the S&D Group

15.35-16.40 *Panel 1*

Empowering women as political leaders

Introductory remarks and moderator: MEP Cécile Kyenge, Vice-president of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly

Speakers:

Letty Chiwara, UN Women representative to Ethiopia, Africa Union and UN Economic Commission for Africa

Grace Maria Theresa Maipambe Malila, Mayor of Chilanga, Zambia

Conclusions: MEP Liliana Rodrigues, Member of the European Parliament Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM)

16.40-17.45 *Panel 2*
Enhancing fundamental rights and empowering women as active citizens

Introductory remarks and moderator: MEP Maria Arena, S&D Group coordinator at the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly

Speakers:

Ellen Houston, Head of Programs, SheLeadsAfrica, Togo

Memory Kachambwa, Deputy executive director of FEMNET African Women's Development and Communication Network, Zimbabwe/Kenya

Florence Ozor, Chair of Bring Back our Girls, Nigeria

Conclusions: MEP Soraya Post, S&D Group coordinator in the European Parliament Subcommittee on Human Rights (DROI)

17.45-18.00 *Closing remarks by*
Fatou Diome, Author, Senegal/France

19.30-22.30 BOZAR - S&D Group Conference
Generation Afropreneurs: Success Stories from the Digital Boom in Africa

Public event upon registration

BOZAR, Rue Ravenstein 16, 1000 Brussels

Moderator: *Samir Abdelkrim, Journalist and founder of START UP Bricks*

Webstreamed event: www.bozar.be

www.socialistsanddemocrats.eu

Interpretation in EN, FR

Contact persons: *Zoltán Simon, S&D Group Secretariat*

Kathleen Louw & Ayoko Mensah, BOZAR

19.00 *Doors open*

19.30-20.30 *Reception and demonstration of the 3D printer created from e-waste by*
Woelab, Togo

20.15-20.30 *Opening remarks by*
Paul Dujardin, CEO and artistic director of BOZAR
MEP Gianni Pittella, President of the S&D Group

20.30-22.30 *Panel discussion*

Speakers:

Sename Koffi Agbodjinou, Co-founder and director of Woelab and L'Africaine d'architecture, Togo

Ellen Houston, Head of programs at SheLeadsAfrica, Togo

Véronique Mankou, CEO of VMK and Vox Media, founder of BantuHub and creator of the first smartphones and digital tablets made in Africa (Way-C et Elikia), Republic of Congo

Aphrodice Mutangana, General manager of KLab, Rwanda

Eyram Tawia, Co-founder and director of Leti Art, Ghana

Wednesday 27th September

- 9.30-11.30** **Foundation for European Progressive Studies - SOLIDAR Conference**
Africa at a Crossroads: Youth Political Mobilisation, Freedom of Association and Peaceful Assembly
Public event upon registration
FEPS, Rue Montoyer 40, 1000 Brussels
Event in EN
Contact persons: *Maria Freitas & Vassilis Ntousas, FEPS Secretariat*
- 9.00-9.35 *Opening remarks by*
Vassilis Ntousas, Policy adviser in international relations, FEPS
Conny Reuter, Secretary general of SOLIDAR
- 9.35-11.30 *Panel discussion*
moderated by Maria Freitas, Policy adviser, FEPS
- Speakers:*
Bora Kamwanya, ACP Young Professional Network Parliamentary Relations Officer and delegate of the African Union Diaspora Youth Task Force
Kiza Magendane, Blogger and opinion-maker
Serigne Mbodj, Researcher at the Imagine Africa Institute
Alphonse Muambi, Author and expert on African elections and democracy
- 10.00-11.15 **S&D Group meeting**
Exchange of views with Florence Ozor, Chair of Bring Back our Girls, Nigeria and
Presentation of the S&D Group Africa Week 2017 Youth Message to the 5th African Union-EU Summit
Internal event (S&D Group meeting open to S&D Group Members and staff)
European Parliament
Contact person: *Zoltán Simon, S&D Group Secretariat*
- 12.00-14.00** **Global Progressive Forum - Rainbow Rose Round Table**
LGBTIQ Rights in Africa and in Europe: Creating a Common Roadmap
Public event upon registration
Altiero Spinelli Building (ASP) room 3G3
European Parliament
Interpretation in EN, FR
Contact person: *Simona Russo, GPF Secretariat*
- 12.00-12.10 *Welcoming remarks by*
MEP Enrique Guerrero Salom, Co-chair of the Global Progressive Forum
Jose Angel Santoro, Secretary general of Rainbow Rose
- 12.10-12.40 *Panel 1*
European perspective on the LGBTIQ situation: Building a non-homophobic society
- Introductory remarks and moderator: MEP Tanja Fajon, Vice-President of the S&D Group*

Speakers:

Yuri Guaiana, Board member of ILGA-EUROPE and campaign manager of All Out, Italy

Sedef Cakmak, Councillor of Besiktas municipality, Turkey

12.40-13.15

Panel 2

African perspective on the LGBTIQ situation: Gay rights are human rights!

Introductory remarks and moderator: MEP Daniele Viotti, Co-chair of the European Parliament LGBTI Intergroup (tbc)

Speakers:

Edinedi Essiomle, President of AFTA Association, Togo

Anthony Oluoch, Programme manager at the Pan Africa International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA), Kenya

13.15-13.45

Open debate

13.45-14.00

Closing remarks by

MEP Soraya Post, S&D Group coordinator in the European Parliament Subcommittee on Human Rights (DROI)

14.30-19.00

**S&D Group Conference
African Future**

Public event upon registration

József Antall Building (JAN) room 4Q2

European Parliament

Moderator: *Wendy Bashi, Journalist*

Interpretation in EN, FR, IT

Webstreamed event: www.socialistsanddemocrats.eu

Contact person: *Jennifer Dunsmore, S&D Group Secretariat*

14.30-15.15

Opening session

Towards a renewed Africa-EU partnership

Speakers:

Marcel Amon-Tanoh, Minister of foreign affairs of the Republic of Ivory Coast
Federica Mogherini, High representative of the Union for foreign affairs and security policy

MEP Gianni Pittella, President of the S&D Group

Sergei Stanishev, President of the Party of European Socialists

15.15-16.30

Panel 1

Migration, climate change and food security: Preserving the future

Introductory remarks: MEP Elena Valenciano, Vice-president of the S&D Group

Speakers:

Sadiya Umar Farouk, Federal commissioner for refugees, migrants and internally displaced persons, Nigeria

Bertin Fotsing, Rural community organiser, Cameroon

Haja Razafimandimby, Founder of Food for Mada, Madagascar

Iréné Zerbo, Coordinator of the International Center for Communication and Development, Burkina Faso

Closing remarks: MEP Norbert Neuser, S&D Group coordinator in the European Parliament Committee on Development (DEVE)

16.30-17.45

Panel 2

Access to education and youth employment: Investing in the future

Introductory remarks: MEP Linda McAvan, Chair of the European Parliament Committee on Development (DEVE)

Speakers:

Gideon Burger, Managing director of Axiology Labs, South Africa

Patient Ligodi, Journalist and founder of Actualité.cd, Democratic Republic of Congo

Caroline Mutho Muiya, Acting chair of the Afrikasi Kenya Educational Project, Kenya

Kwabena Nyarko Otoo, Director of research and policy at the Labour Research and Policy Institute of the Trade Union Congress, Ghana

Closing remarks: MEP Enrique Guerrero Salom, Co-chair of the Global Progressive Forum

17.45-19.00

Panel 3

Youth activism, democracy and human rights: Shaping the future

Introductory remarks: MEP Pier Antonio Panzeri, Chair of the European Parliament Subcommittee on Human Rights (DROI)

Speakers:

Boni Dihoukan Lydie, Executive director of the Women's Centre for Democracy and Human Rights, Ivory Coast

Yves Makwambala, Political activist, Democratic Republic of Congo

Esdra Ndikumana, Journalist, Burundi/France

Closing remarks: MEP Knut Fleckenstein, S&D Group coordinator in the European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET)

9.00-10.45

S&D Group Seminar

Monitoring the Economic Partnership Agreements: The Role of Civil Society

Public event upon registration

Altiero Spinelli Building (ASP) room 3G2

European Parliament

Interpretation in EN, FR

Contact person: *Christopher Williams, S&D Group Secretariat*

Chair: MEP Maria Arena, S&D Group coordinator at the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly

Panel 1

SADC and CARIFORUM: A model for other EPAs?

Speakers:

Brenda King, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee, president of the Sustainable Development Observatory

Junior Lodge, Former team leader at the ACP Technical Barriers to Trade Programme, Programme Management Unit

Yentyl Williams, ACP Young Professional Network

Panel 2

The role for civil society in ECOWAS: What can we do to deliver real sustainable development?

Speakers:

Sanoussi Bilal, Head of Programme Trade, Investment and Finance of the Economic and Agricultural Transformation Programme at the European Centre for Development Policy Management

Tetteh Hormeku, Head of programmes, Third World Network Africa, Ghana

Kwabena Nyarko Otoo, Director of research and policy at the Labour Research and Policy Institute of the Trade Union Congress, Ghana

11.00-13.00

S&D Group Film & Debate Event

Natural Resources and Societies in Africa

Film: Mines de rien (2015) by Gabriele Salmi

Public event upon registration

Sandwich lunch

Altiero Spinelli Building (ASP) room 3G2

European Parliament

Moderator: *Wendy Bashi, Journalist and filmmaker*

Interpretation (debate) in EN, FR

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Yves Makwambala, Political activist, Democratic Republic of Congo

Marcel-Héritier Kapitene, Political activist, Democratic Republic of Congo

Gabriele Salmi, Filmmaker

MEP Elena Valenciano, Vice-president of the S&D Group

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