

The EU and Africa

Relations between Africa and the European Union are governed by partially overlapping policy frameworks. The most important ones are the EU-ACP [Cotonou Agreement](#) from 2000 and the [Joint Africa-EU Strategy](#) (JAES) agreed in 2007. These agreements include political, economic and development dimensions. Relations with Northern African countries are governed by the [Euro-Mediterranean Partnership](#) (EUROMED) launched in 2008.

The EU aims to promote peace and security in Africa and engages with the [African Union](#) (AU) in various policy dialogues, including on democracy and human rights. The EU is the biggest aid donor to Africa. Its development cooperation with Africa is channelled through different financial instruments, of which the [European Development Fund](#) is the most important. The EU has also concluded negotiations for [Economic Partnership Agreements](#) with several African regions. The EU has also been engaged in peace-keeping operations on the continent.

This note offers links to a series of **recent studies on Africa-EU relations and related issues from major international think tanks and research institutes**. It focuses mostly on sub-Saharan Africa, as [EU relations with Northern Africa](#) and [EU development policy](#) were covered in previous editions 'What think tanks are thinking', published in July and September respectively.

[The EU as a security actor in Africa](#)

Clingendael, January 2016

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[Making migration beneficial to Europe and Africa](#)

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[The European Union's regionalism diplomacy in Africa: An English school approach](#)

College of Europe, UN University Institute on Comparative Regional Integration Studies, October 2015

[Monitoring de la stabilité régionale dans le bassin sahélien et en Afrique de l'Ouest](#)

Groupe de Recherche et d'Information sur la Paix et la Sécurité, October 2015

[Getting Africa right](#)

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[The future of ACP-EU relations: Progress report on a political economy analysis](#)

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[L'aide au développement de l'UE en Afrique](#)

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[Europe's Return to UN Peacekeeping in Africa? Lessons from Mali](#)

International Peace Institute, July 2015

[Blood timber: How Europe played a significant role in funding war in the Central African Republic](#)

Global Witness, July 2015

[The status of electoral integrity in Africa](#)

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[À l'aube de l'ère de l'après-OMD ?](#)

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[First strategic and technical meeting on the operationalization of the Africa-EU roadmap's 2014-2017 governance priority](#)

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[EU-Africa relations after the fourth summit: Finding common ground](#)

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[The EU and South Africa: Towards a new partnership for development](#)

FRIDE, Egmont, July 2014

[EU and sub-Saharan Africa: An energy partnership?](#)

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[The EU-Africa Partnership: Defining the vision](#)

Chatham House, March 2014

[Moving beyond a donor-recipient relationship? Assessing partnership in the joint Africa-EU strategy](#)

Freie Universität Berlin, February 2014

[Return to the future: France's new flirtation with afro-realism](#)

Polish Institute of International Affairs, January 2014