AMENDMENTS
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Draft opinion
Luke Ming Flanagan
(PE703.231v01-00)

The future of EU-Africa trade relations
(2021/2178(INI))
Amendment 1
Tom Vandenkendelaere, Tomas Tobé, Hildegard Bentele

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 (new)

Draft opinion
Amendment

-1. Underlines that Africa is and will remain a key partner of the EU, in particular in common challenges on sustainable agriculture and food security; believes that the EU and Africa can build back better after COVID-19 and truly deliver on the UN Sustainable Development Goal 2 ‘Zero Hunger in 2030’; stresses that this will require greater commitments from both sides to form a closer and more effective partnership, based on mutual interest, strategic priorities, structured and effective cooperation and clear long-term goals;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Tom Vandenkendelaere, Tomas Tobé, Hildegard Bentele

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 a (new)

Draft opinion
Amendment

-1 a. Points out that the European Union and Africa share the objective to transform the way we produce, distribute and consume our food; therefore, cooperation between the EU and its African partners must focus on the central issue of food supply, for instance with targeted investments in a sustainable agricultural revolution that provides African farmers with the means to make farming resistant to climatic related challenges, while improving productivity and increasing the income of smallholder

farmers, who form the backbone of the African agriculture; underlines in this regard the high potential of public-private-partnership and microfinancing to further empower local farmers;

Amendment 3
Tom Vandenkendelaere, Tomas Tobé, Hildegard Bentele

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

1 a. Underlines that the communication of the European Commission ‘Towards a comprehensive Strategy with Africa’ rightly declares that the EU and Africa must address the challenges of nutrition and food security by boosting safe and sustainable agri-food systems in order to increase the efforts to reach the Sustainable Development Goal of ‘Zero Hunger in 2030’; stresses that the strategy rightly points out that an EU-Africa partnership on agriculture would support local production and integrate environment and biodiversity concerns, including setting sanitary and phytosanitary standards and the protection of natural resources;

Amendment 4
Maria Noichl, Marc Tarabella, Ivo Hristov, Attila Ara-Kovács

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

1 a. Recalls that the EU-African trade relations and initiatives, like the one one
cocoa, must rely on transparent and reliable monitoring and accountability, civil society participation securing a bottom-up approach;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Sarah Wiener
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Reiterates its call to shift to a trade in meat-and-carcass rather than live animals; recalls that the continent is currently amongst the top destinations for EU live animal exports;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Maria Noichl, Marc Tarabella, Ivo Hristov, Attila Ara-Kovács

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 b. Calls for the EU to take into account the conclusions of the Task Force for Rural Africa on the need for investment in African food chains, with the focus on value-added commodities; and calls on the EU and the Member States to actively work together with African partners to create synergies between the EU-Africa strategy and Green Deal policies, in particular the external dimension of the farm to fork strategy;

Or. en
Amendment 7  
Daniel Buda  
Draft opinion  
Paragraph 1 a (new)  

Draft opinion  

1a. Points out that the EU is committed to supporting and promoting the global transition to sustainable agri-food systems, in line with the objectives of the Farm to Fork Strategy and the Sustainable Development Goals, and to seeking to develop alliances on sustainable food systems with all its partners;

Or. ro

Amendment 8  
Gabriel Mato, Juan Ignacio Zoido Álvarez  
Draft opinion  
Paragraph 2  

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Or. es

Amendment 9  
Maria Noichl, Marc Tarabella, Ivo Hristov, Attila Ara-Kovács  
Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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Or. en

Amendment 10
Daniel Buda

_Draft opinion_

Paragraph 2

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Or. ro
Amendment 11
Emmanouil Fragkos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

2. Points out that most African countries, in particular LDCs (least developed countries) and African signatories to EPAs (Economic Partnership Agreements), enjoy duty-free and quota-free access to EU markets; thereby undermining the cultivation of crops such as olives, citrus fruits, cotton and pistachios in southern Europe;

Or. el

Amendment 12
Gabriel Mato, Juan Ignacio Zoido Álvarez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

2a. Stresses that by 2050, the population of Africa will have doubled, from some 1.2 billion people to some 2.4 billion and that, by the same year, 50% of the global population less than 25 years old will be in Africa; in this connection, an exponential increase in the population with a rising middle class will require a proportional increase in food supplies, and therefore the agri-food sector should open up avenues of economic and employment opportunities for young Africans, whose participation will also be essential to ensuring generational replacement and renewing the agri-food system;

Or. es
Amendment 13
Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

2a. Draws attention to the need to strike a balance between, on the one hand, stepping up EU-Africa trade relations and, on the other hand, full compliance by both parties with EU economic, social, environmental, health, safety and quality standards, with a view to protecting European citizens and preventing unfair competition on the internal market;

Amendment 14
Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

2b. Draws attention to the need for imports from Africa, and especially agri-food products, to meet EU health, safety and quality standards, including those relating to the use of hormones, antibiotics and genetically modified organisms;

Amendment 15
Irène Tolleret, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Hilde Vautmans, Elsi Katainen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3
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Or. en

Amendment 16
Emmanouil Fragkos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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Or. el

Amendment 17
Sarah Wiener
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

3 a. Is concerned about the fragile integration of OACPS countries and the detrimental impacts of the EPAs for the
survival of their agricultural producers, livestock keepers and fishermen; highlights the dependence of African states on food imports from the EU, particularly subsidised products that represent harmful competition for small-scale local agriculture; recalls its view that stable investment and (wo)manpower for developing a resilient African food chain for regional circuits under African ownership could best contribute to increasing the health and wellbeing of African people;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Tom Vandenkendelaere, Tomas Tobé, Hildegard Bentele

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion
Amendment

3 a. Stresses that the agricultural sector provides a lot of employment possibilities in Africa and has an important impact on the income of people, especially in rural areas;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Sarah Wiener
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion
Amendment

3 b. Calls on the Commission to enable OACPS countries, including with technical and financial support, to protect their infant industries, support small-scale farming and meet EU and international
4. Underlines the need for sustainable and innovative policies that enable African states to ‘leapfrog’ older and more polluting technologies with the goal of an ecological and social transition to sustainable agri-food practices;
Amendment 22
Gabriel Mato, Juan Ignacio Zoido Álvarez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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Amendment

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Amendment 23
Maria Noichl, Marc Tarabella, Ivo Hristov, Attila Ara-Kovács

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

4 a. Underlines the importance of research and innovation in encouraging sustainable agricultural practices and productive dryland agro-ecosystems and food systems; calls, in this regard, for a stronger reliance on the contributions of African traditional knowledge in the just transition, especially regarding agricultural practices, fisheries and forest protection, thereby empowering the African people and local communities;

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Amendment 24
Tom Vandenkendelaere, Tomas Tobé, Hildegard Bentele

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Underlines that trade by respecting fair conditions should be the baseline for European exports and imports of food and other agricultural products; stresses, at the same time, the need to ensure that agricultural exports do no contradict the goal to establish a more resilient food sector in Africa;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Irène Tolleret, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Hilde Vautmans, Elsi Katainen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Welcomes the new EU trade strategy, which will promote sustainable trade and investment links both between the continents and within Africa itself, including in the field of agriculture;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Irène Tolleret, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 b. Believes that the EU should increase its support for the development
of environmentally and economically sustainable agriculture in African countries, with particular emphasis on the preservation of family farms and diversification of production; is concerned about the increasing expansion of highly industrialised farms based on monocultures, which contribute to deepen social inequalities and soil erosion;

Amendment 27
Tom Vandenkendelaere, Tomas Tobé, Hildegard Bentele

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 b. Believes that the EU can contribute to significantly reduce Africa’s current dependence on imports of food, seeds, fertilisers and pesticides, through financial and technical support, policy dialogue, knowledge exchange, new technologies as well as by promoting African innovation;

Amendment 28
Irène Tolleret, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 c. Stresses the need to help African countries to reduce the use of pesticides banned in the European Union through the development of alternative systems for pest control; highlights the inconsistency of the European Union in allowing exports to African and other third
countries of pesticides that are not permitted in the EU internal market; calls for the swift ending of this inconsistency, as it is in complete contradiction to the spirit of the Green Deal;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Tom Vandenkendelaere, Tomas Tobé, Hildegard Bentele

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion
Amendment

4 c. Emphasises that economic partnership agreements need to support the various regional trade communities in Africa and the further development of the AfCFTA, contribute to the building of resilient and sustainable regional value chains, and help to boost and diversify intra-African trade;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Tom Vandenkendelaere, Tomas Tobé, Hildegard Bentele

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 d (new)

Draft opinion
Amendment

4 d. Emphasises that breeding techniques and genomic techniques must be an important part of strengthening food production in Africa, for instance to have crops that are more resistant to extreme weather conditions or to increase the nutritional value of certain food products; calls on the Commission to contribute to this through research, shared knowledge and good practices; underlines that this can strengthen local
communities, which in turn can boost trade between the EU and Africa;

Amendment 31
Tom Vandenkendelaere, Tomas Tobé, Hildegard Bentele

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 e (new)

Draft opinion Amendment

4 e. Calls on the Commission to promote sustainable development by negotiating Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) combining the interests of European producers as well as producers in Africa, fostering development by promoting good and sustainable agricultural practices, regional integration, creating opportunities for trade and investment, improving economic governance and reducing poverty; calls for strengthening the EU’s partnership with Africa on agri-food products in the long-term perspective of a comprehensive continent-to-continent FTA;

Amendment 32
Annie Schreijer-Pierik

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion Amendment

4 a. Welcomes, in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the already launched and growing initiatives of cooperatives and other agri-food enterprises and foundations in the Union to make agricultural production in
Africa more sustainable and to modernise it in a responsible manner; recommends knowledge sharing as a tool;

Amendment 33
Emmanouil Fragkos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Stresses the importance of confronting the problem of imports of genetically modified products, toxic products with substances exceeding European limits and products that fail to comply with European green transition and livestock welfare standards;

Amendment 34
Marlene Mortler

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. believes that the EU and Africa should cooperate as equals, empowering African nations to attain the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

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Amendment 35
Irène Tolleret, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Hilde Vautmans, Elsi Katainen
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Or. en

Amendment 36
Sarah Wiener
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

5. Stresses that the EU-Africa relationship must move beyond the donor-recipient relationship to a relationship based on mutual cooperation and equal partnership; believes that the EU and Africa should cooperate as equals, empowering African nations to attain the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); notes especially SDG 2 Zero Hunger, which aims to end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture, and on which goal progress has slowed in recent years;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Maria Noichl, Marc Tarabella, Ivo Hristov, Attila Ara-Kovács

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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Or. en

Amendment 38
Gabriel Mato, Juan Ignacio Zoido Álvarez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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Or. es

Amendment 39
Emmanouil Fragkos
Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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Amendment

5. Stresses that the EU-Africa relationship must move beyond the donor-recipient relationship; believes that the EU and Africa should cooperate as equals, empowering African nations to attain the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and secure the return of their expatriated citizens;

Or. el

Amendment 40
Sarah Wiener
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

5 a. Highlights that the agreement between the EU and the OACPS, initialled in April 2021, lacks mechanisms to enforce due diligence on environmental standards, human rights, and principle of free prior and informed consent, which are even more vital given the agreement's commitments to facilitate international investment agreements; stresses that the EU should take into account the different levels of development and ensure that its trade agreements are in coherence with regional economic integration priorities of the partners;

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Or. en

Amendment 41
Sarah Wiener
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

5 b. Highlights the need for civil society participation in defining trade policy of both partners, to bolster transparency and accountability; calls for the multi-stakeholder approach to be ensured via specific mechanisms to involve civil society in the development of strategies and sectoral policies;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Gabriel Mato, Juan Ignacio Zoido Álvarez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

5a. Stresses that the process of regional integration begun in Africa with the establishment of the African Continental Free Trade Area should serve as a driver to tackle unfair trade practices affecting the primary sector and to ensure reciprocity, whereby products imported into the EU meet the same environmental, health and animal welfare standards as those produced in the EU; welcomes, in this regard, the priority of applying 'mirror clauses';

Or. es

Amendment 43
Sarah Wiener
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6
6. Insists that EPAs are intended to go beyond boosting trade and are meant to enhance African countries’ ability to leverage trade opportunities for sustainable development and poverty reduction; 

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Amendment 44
Emmanouil Fragkos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

6. Insists that EPAs are intended to go beyond boosting trade and are meant to enhance African countries’ ability to leverage trade opportunities for sustainable development, poverty reduction and containment of their populations;

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Amendment 45
Maria Noichl, Marc Tarabella, Ivo Hristov, Attila Ara-Kovács

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)
6 a. Emphasises that the AfCFTA should make for integration that benefits all African populations, including the most marginalised; recalls that there are developmental differences between African countries which must be taken into account in order not to increase inequalities; takes the view that EU support to the AfCFTA should focus on the development of regulatory frameworks to prevent a ‘race to bottom’ of social and environmental norms;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Irène Tolleret, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Hilde Vautmans

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

6 a. Notes that only 17% of African trade flows take place between African countries and stresses the importance of further developing EPAs as building blocks for regional economic integration and increasing intra-regional trade flows in agriculture as a means of strengthening resilience and developing the potential of local and regional value chains;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Sarah Wiener
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

6 a. Calls for an independent stand-
alone complaints mechanism that is open to civil society actors, such as small farmers' cooperatives, where they can signal any breaches of rules, such as the dumping of milk powder or meat products that can sporadically collapse local markets;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Irène Tolleret, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Hilde Vautmans, Elsi Katainen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

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Amendment 49
Gilles Lebreton, Ivan David, Mara Bizzato

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

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Amendment 50
Annie Schreijer-Pierik

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Advocates for stronger policy coherence at EU level in the context of agri-food trade, given the global implications of the Common Agricultural Policy and agricultural trade for the SDGs;

Amendment

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Amendment 51
Marlene Mortler

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Or. de

Amendment 52
Irène Tolleret, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Hilde Vautmans, Elsi Katainen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

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policy and agricultural trade on the SGDs;

Amendment 53
Bert-Jan Ruissen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

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7. Advocates for stronger policy coherence at EU level in the context of agri-food trade, given the potential global implications of the Farm to Fork strategy on agri-food trade for the SGDs;

Amendment 54
Sarah Wiener
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

7 a. Notes that Article 208 TFEU obliges coherence between EU policies, in support of development policy; Calls for all EU trade instruments directed at OACPS countries to be aligned with the Policy Coherence for Development principle; Considers that EU support or trade partnership must not result in imposing certain models or technologies, which are often ill-adapted to other countries’ agriculture models, economies and crops, but must instead be based on collaboration, notably through training and exchanges of knowledge, giving farmers ownership, independence and right of initiative;
**Amendment 55**  
Tom Vandenkendelaere, Tomas Tobé, Hildegard Bentele  

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

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**Amendment 56**  
Maria Noichl, Marc Tarabella, Ivo Hristov, Attila Ara-Kovács  

**Draft opinion**  
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Amendment 57
Maria Noichl, Marc Tarabella, Ivo Hristov, Attila Ara-Kovács

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 b (new)

7 b. Calls on the EU and its member states to make a commitment to support African countries to implement ambitious and just climate action; calls on the EU that financing under the new NDICI instrument must champion a human rights-based approach that makes local communities and indigenous peoples central to climate, environmental and development efforts, starting with civil society and community consultation;

Amendment 58
Sarah Wiener on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 b (new)

7 b. Calls for the implementation of PCD (policy coherence for development) obligations under Article 208 to be evaluated by the EU Ombudsman, including the work of the Commission's DG Trade e.g. chief trade enforcement office;

Amendment 59
8. Recalls that Africa is home to exceptional biodiversity; expresses concern about the overexploitation of natural resources and its impact on biodiversity, and in particular the increasing pace of deforestation in Africa.

8. Recalls that Africa is home to exceptional biodiversity; expresses its deep concern about overexploitation of natural resources and the impact of reduced biodiversity on resilience levels; is particularly concerned at the fact that the pace of deforestation is increasing in Africa; points out that the destruction of the African rainforests leads to an irreversible loss of biodiversity and of carbon sinks, as well as of the homes and ways of life of indigenous communities living in the forests; recalls that forests contribute significantly to reaching climate targets, protecting biodiversity and preventing desertification and extreme soil erosion;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Sarah Wiener
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

8. Recalls that Africa is home to exceptional biodiversity; expresses concern about the overexploitation of natural resources and its impact on biodiversity, and in particular the increasing pace of deforestation in Africa, notably in primary forest of the Congo Basin, which in 2020 was second only to Brazil in terms of primary forest loss, as well as in Cameroon; Reiterates that European companies have a responsibility for their value chains and urges the EU to live up
to its commitments and urgently present an ambitious legislative proposal on mandatory human rights, social rights and environmental due diligence obligations for all companies operating in the EU internal market;

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

8. expresses concern about the overexploitation of natural resources and its impact on biodiversity, and in particular the increasing pace of deforestation in Africa and the smuggling of rare wildlife species.

Amendment 61
Emmanouil Fragkos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Amendment 62
Maria Noichl, Marc Tarabella, Ivo Hristov, Attila Ara-Kovács

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

8 a. Calls for the link between public health and biodiversity in line with the ‘one health’ approach to be taken into account; welcomes the announcement of the NaturAfrica initiative, which aims to protect wildlife and ecosystems, and the review of the action plan against wildlife trafficking; stresses that the NaturAfrica initiative should be developed in consultation with all stakeholders, with particular attention to the rights of local communities.
communities, indigenous peoples, and women; underlines that it should support African governments and local populations in tackling major drivers of biodiversity loss and environmental degradation in a holistic and systematic way, including by offering support for well managed protected area networks; urges the EU and Africa to recognise and protect indigenous people’s rights to customary ownership and control of their lands and natural resources as set out in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People and International Labour Organization Convention 169, and to comply with the principle of free, prior and informed consent;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Sarah Wiener
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 a. Is concerned by the scale of land acquisition by foreign investors in Africa, which is concentrated in countries with weaker governance structures, and represents a threat for access to land as well as water; stresses that the EU should ensure that its trade instruments and agreements serve to improve the access to land of smallholder food producers and farmers, particularly women;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Irène Tolleret, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Hilde Vautmans, Elsi Katainen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 a. Highlights that in order to ensure that agricultural production competes equally on the European market through a level playing field, technical support and training should be offered to ensure that African actors have the opportunity and know-how to meet EU standards;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Maria Noichl, Marc Tarabella, Ivo Hristov, Attila Ara-Kovács

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 b. Welcomes the fact that the new EU-Africa partnership advocates for the development of environmentally friendly agricultural practices; recalls the fact that agroecology’s capacity to reconcile the economic, environmental and social dimensions of sustainability has been recognised in landmark reports from the IPCC and IPBES, as well as the World Bank and FAO-led global agricultural assessment (IAASTD); stresses the importance of promoting agroecology, agroforestry, local production and sustainable food systems which focus on the development of short supply chains in both national policies and international forums, in order to ensure food and nutritional security for all as well as increasing the sustainable productivity of the agricultural sector and its resilience to climate change;

Or. en
Amendment 66
Irène Tolleret, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Hilde Vautmans, Elsi Katainen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 b. Notes that in EU-Africa trade relations in relation to agriculture, specific attention needs to be given to small- and medium-sized stakeholders on both sides. These actors can be a driver for growth. With tailored programmes for cooperation between European and African farmers and SMEs, knowledge and technology can be exchanged. Furthermore, African SMEs should be offered concrete technical support so as to enable their export of products and services directly to the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 67
Maria Noichl, Marc Tarabella, Ivo Hristov, Attila Ara-Kovács

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 c. Considers that conservation efforts centred on, for example, forests, wildlife and marine and coastal ecosystems need to be stepped up by making use of regulatory frameworks, sufficient resources and scientific data and accompanied by ecosystem restoration and management actions; calls on the EU and Africa to play a leading role in the conclusion of an ambitious global agreement at the 15th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity;

Or. en
Amendment 68
Irène Tolleret, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Hilde Vautmans

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 c. Considers that the European Union should contribute to the realisation of the Great Green Wall in the Sahel region, which will significantly contribute to putting a halt to further desertification and thereby safeguarding incomes from agriculture;

Or. en

Amendment 69
Maria Noichl, Marc Tarabella, Ivo Hristov, Attila Ara-Kovács

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 d. Underlines that the use of pesticides in intensive agriculture in Africa can impact the health of workers who have very little access to training on plant protection and healthcare, in addition to causing environmental damage; calls for education and training in sustainable plant protection approaches and alternatives to pesticides and for the minimisation of exposure to hazardous substances; denounces the double standards applied by the EU regarding pesticides by allowing the export of hazardous substances that are banned in the EU to African countries and other third countries; asks, therefore, for the modification of the current EU rules in order to eliminate this legal incoherence, in line with the Rotterdam Convention of 1998 and the Green Deal;
Amendment 70
Maria Noichl, Marc Tarabella, Ivo Hristov, Attila Ara-Kovács

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 e. Points out the central importance of the agricultural and food sectors in the economy and in providing decent and sustainable job opportunities in rural areas; underlines that this in most cases concerns smallholdings and family farms; notes the importance of promoting and enhancing measures and tools to support increasing product quality, diversification of products, sustainable modernisation of agricultural practices, safe working conditions and measures to strengthen the resilience of farmers; considers that the development of a sustainable agricultural sector and of rural areas should be at the centre of EU-Africa relations;

Amendment 71
Maria Noichl, Marc Tarabella, Ivo Hristov, Attila Ara-Kovács

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 f. Emphasises the importance of supporting small farms and pastoralism and other traditional/local food systems in order to strengthen their resilience and boost their contribution to food security, sustainable resource management and biodiversity conservation;
Amendment 72
Maria Noichl, Marc Tarabella, Ivo Hristov, Attila Ara-Kovács

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 g (new)

8 g. Stresses the importance of the inclusion in the EU-Africa partnership of the protection and promotion of the right of local communities to access and control natural resources such as land and water; deplores the fact that land grabbing is rife in Africa; points out that it is a brutal practice that undermines food sovereignty and endangers rural African communities; stresses the importance of launching an inclusive process with the aim of guaranteeing the effective participation of civil society organisations and local communities in the development, implementation and monitoring of policies and actions related to land grabbing; calls for the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure (VGGT) to be observed in all projects that promote the protection of land rights, including in trade, and also for measures to ensure that projects do not endanger the land rights of small-scale farmers;

Or. en

Amendment 73
Maria Noichl, Marc Tarabella, Ivo Hristov, Attila Ara-Kovács

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 h (new)

8 h. Regrets the lack of recognition of the strategic importance of rangelands, which cover about 43 % of the African
land surface and are therefore important carbon sinks; calls on the Commission to develop, together with local communities and local stakeholders, a strategy to optimise this potential through sustainable grazing management such as that practiced by pastoralists;

Amendment 74
Maria Noichl, Marc Tarabella, Ivo Hristov, Attila Ara-Kovács

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 i (new)

Draft opinion

8 i. Notes that, for example, grazing rights and community pastures are traditional land use rights based on common law and not on securitised property rights; emphasises, however, the fundamental importance of protecting these common rights for rural populations;

Amendment 75
Maria Noichl, Marc Tarabella, Ivo Hristov, Attila Ara-Kovács

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 j (new)

Draft opinion

8 j. Calls for the social tensions between settled agricultural populations and nomadic pastoral communities to be addressed, notably in regions with overlapping ethnoreligious conflicts;
Amendment 76
Maria Noichl, Marc Tarabella, Attila Ara-Kovács

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 k (new)

8 k. Is deeply concerned about the high dependence of African states on food imports, especially from the European Union, particularly when these imports are made up of subsidised products whose low price represents harmful competition for small-scale agriculture in Africa;

Or. en

Amendment 77
Maria Noichl, Marc Tarabella

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 l (new)

8 l. Is concerned at the Common Agricultural Policy-supported exporting of European milk powder to West Africa, given that the tripling of exports since the EU lifted its milk quotas in 2015 has had disastrous consequences for local herders and farmers who cannot compete; calls on the Commission to work on solutions with African governments and stakeholders; is concerned that this asymmetric relation is intensifying the root causes for migration;

Or. en

Amendment 78
Maria Noichl, Marc Tarabella, Ivo Hristov, Attila Ara-Kovács

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 m (new)
Draft opinion

8 m. Stresses that COVID-19 and the ensuing economic crisis and closure of borders, locust infestations and desertification have deteriorated the already difficult food security situation in Africa and shone a spotlight on the vulnerabilities of the global food system; stresses the potential of local and regional markets to address current food system failures;

Or. en

Amendment 79
Maria Noichl, Marc Tarabella, Ivo Hristov, Attila Ara-Kovács

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 n (new)

Draft opinion

8 n. Calls for the EU-Africa partnership to focus its efforts in the area of agriculture on safeguarding African countries’ right to food sovereignty and on increasing their food security as a priority, as well as enhancing their capacity to meet the nutritional requirements of their populations;

Or. en

Amendment 80
Maria Noichl, Marc Tarabella, Ivo Hristov, Attila Ara-Kovács

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 o (new)

Draft opinion

8 o. Emphasises the essential role of rural African women in agricultural and rural economies across the African
continent, in particular with regard to food security; recalls that almost half of agricultural work in Africa is done by women, while women farmers are mostly small or subsistence farmers who do not have the necessary access to information, credit, land, resources or technology; encourages the advancement of inheritance rights for women and girls and calls on the EU to support partner countries, particularly regarding their recognition of women’s full entitlement to land rights;

Amendment 81
Maria Noichl, Marc Tarabella, Ivo Hristov, Attila Ara-Kovács
Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 p (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 p. Considers that the EU-African partnership should especially support female and youth entrepreneurship in rural and urban areas, and that to do so it is essential to support equal access to economic and productive resources such as financial services and land rights; calls for the development of exchanges between African and European female entrepreneurs by means of platforms that enable networking, experience-sharing and the production of common projects;

Amendment 82
Maria Noichl, Marc Tarabella, Ivo Hristov, Attila Ara-Kovács
Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 q (new)
8 q. Stresses that women who work in subsistence agriculture face additional hurdles in maintaining food sovereignty due to the strong protection of new plant varieties by the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) in trade agreements;

Amendment 83
Maria Noichl, Marc Tarabella, Ivo Hristov, Attila Ara-Kovács

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 r (new)

8 r. Emphasises the importance of rural transformation and strengthening local, regional and transparent value chains in order to create sustainable jobs, avoid human rights violations and mitigate climate change; stresses the need to support young people and women, in particular through training, access to credit and access to markets; calls for their involvement in formulating agricultural policies and for support for collective action through small producer organisations;

Amendment 84
Maria Noichl, Marc Tarabella, Ivo Hristov, Attila Ara-Kovács

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 s (new)

8 s. Welcomes the proposal of the Task Force for Rural Africa for the
establishment of a Europe-Africa twinning programme linking agricultural bodies of EU Member States and partner countries in Africa with the aim of sharing sustainable best practices and fostering relationships between strongly engaged and similar partners;

Amendment 85
Gilles Lebreton, Ivan David, Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Recalls, lastly, that Africa will have a population of four billion by the end of the century, and that it is of vital interest for the European Union to help it secure its food autonomy in order to prevent the huge wave of immigration to which undernourishment in Africa would give rise;

Or. fr

Amendment 86
Ivan David, Sylvia Limmer, Gilles Lebreton, Mara Bizzotto, Elena Lizzi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 a. Recalls the considerable variability in the legal orders of African countries and their divergence from the requirements imposed by Union law on food safety and agricultural practices, particularly in terms of banning the use of anabolic steroids, growth hormone and antimicrobials as a means of stimulating animal growth;
Amendment 87
Marlene Mortler

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

8a. Calls for the key issue of food security in developing countries to be addressed through targeted investment in sustainable agricultural development, modern transport networks and appropriate storage infrastructure;

Amendment 88
Marlene Mortler

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 b (new)

8b. Takes the view that African countries need strong support in the management of natural resources and ecosystems in order to further develop an innovative, climate-resistant agricultural sector and sustainable global value chains in agricultural and food production;

Amendment 89
Ivan David, Sylvia Limmer, Gilles Lebreton, Mara Bizzotto, Elena Lizzi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 b (new)
8 b. Recalls the considerable divergence of the legal orders of African countries from the requirements imposed by Union law on food safety and agricultural practices as regards the limits on the use and concentration of herbicides and pesticides for the protection of plants against pests;

Or. cs

Amendment 90
Marlene Mortler

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 c (new)

8 c. Stresses that the equal, fair partnership between the EU and Africa should be deepened further, so that the UN sustainable development goals – particularly those concerned with the global food supply – can be achieved as quickly as possible;

Or. de

Amendment 91
Ivan David, Sylvia Limmer, Gilles Lebreton, Mara Bizzotto, Elena Lizzi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 c (new)

8 c. Recalls that most African countries have no list of substances banned for use in agriculture and food, and that countries that have such a list do not list all substances whose use is prohibited by Union law;

Or. cs
Amendment 92
Marlene Mortler

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8c. Stresses that EPAs should improve the ability of African countries to exploit trade opportunities in the areas of food security, healthcare, education and poverty reduction;

Or. de

Amendment 93
Ivan David, Sylvia Limmer, Gilles Lebreton, Mara Bizzotto, Elena Lizzi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 d. Recalls that the cultivation of GMOs for food and feed production is not prohibited in most African countries;

Or. cs

Amendment 94
Marlene Mortler

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8e. Notes that Africa is seriously affected by the impact of climate change and that joint action to mitigate climate change, adapt to the consequences of climate change and respond to increasing environmental problems is needed; highlights the particular importance that
needs to be placed on the 'zero hunger' sustainability goal and thus the promotion of sustainable agricultural and food production by 2030;

Amendment 95
Ivan David, Sylvia Limmer, Gilles Lebreton

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 e (new)

**Draft opinion**

8 e. Calls on the Commission, when negotiating further trade agreements with African countries, to refrain from reducing the quantity or rigour of controls on imported food and agricultural products in terms of their safety and compliance with the requirements of Union law;

Amendment

Or. cs

Amendment 96
Marlene Mortler

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 f (new)

**Draft opinion**

8f. Highlights the fact that water is at risk of becoming a scarce resource and that greater importance should therefore be accorded to water supply, and that the EU and Africa should together develop sustainable solutions for water management;

Amendment

Or. de
Amendment 97
Ivan David, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 f. Calls on the Commission, when negotiating trade agreements with African countries, to oppose any tariff reductions or quantitative restrictions on imports of food and agricultural products produced in EU countries;

Or. cs

Amendment 98
Ivan David, Gilles Lebreton

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 g. Calls on the Commission, when negotiating trade agreements with African countries, to include in the treaty texts a ban on the import of food and agricultural products produced on land resulting from the felling of primary forests;

Or. cs