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RENEWPAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE
MARRAKECH, MOROCCO, 4 - 6 DECEMBER 2022

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

4 DECEMBER

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| 17h00 - 20h00 | Registration |
| 20h00 - 21h30 | RENEWPAC Welcome Dinner <i>hosted by ALDE Party</i> - Venue Hotel |

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| 08h00 - 09h00 | Panel I

Food security: towards more resilient and sustainable agrifood systems and lower cost nutritious foods for all

<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Barry Andrews MEP (Chair)▪ Cellou Dalein Diallo▪ Kira Rudik▪ Gilbert Noel Ouedraogo▪ Behaja Alan Basile <i>tbc</i> |
| 09h00 - 10h00 | Fringe Meeting I

Seeking Joint Responses to the New Energy and global Challenges <i>in cooperation with RECoR</i>

<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Francois Decoster RECoR President (Chair)▪ Adama Bitogo▪ Martina Dlabajova▪ Ambassador Youssef Amrani▪ Jan-Christoph Oetjen▪ Didier Budimbu |



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10h00	Coffee Break
11h00 - 12h00	<p>RENEWPAC Official Opening Ceremony</p> <p><i>Musée Aman pour la Civilisation de L'eau au Maroc</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Jan-Christoph Oetjen, Co-President of Renewpac▪ Hakima El Haite, President of Liberal International▪ Gilbert Noel Ouedraogo, President of African Liberal Network▪ Aziz Akhenouch, Prime Minister of Morocco▪ Nasser Bourita, Minister of Foreign Affairs, African cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates of Morocco▪ Mohamed Ouzzine, General Secretary of the Mouvement Populaire
12h00 - 13h30	<p>Official Lunch hosted by the Region Of Marrakech Tensift Local authority</p> <p><i>Musée Aman pour la Civilisation de L'eau au Maroc</i></p> <p><i>Welcoming Remarks : Samir Goudar (President of the council of the Marrakech- Safi Region)</i></p>
14h00 - 16h00	<p>RENEWPAC First General Assembly <i>(dedicated programme attached)</i></p>
16h00	Coffee Break
16:00 - 18:00	<p>LI Bureau Meeting - by invitation only</p>
16h30 - 17h30	<p>Panel II</p> <p>Vaccination: building manufacturing and production capacity in Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Max Orville MEP (Chair)▪ Christian Mayanda▪ Odhiambo-millie Mabona▪ Maria Soraya Rodriguez Ramos
19h00 - 22h00	<p>RENEWPAC Official Reception hosted by Movement Populaire</p> <p><i>Dar Moha, Marrakech</i></p> <p><i>Welcoming Remarks : Mhand Laenser President of the Mouvement populaire</i></p>



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09h00 - 10h00

Fringe Meeting II

SME | Investment on equal footing - *in cooperation with ELF*

- Emil Kirjas (Chair)
- Martina Dlabajova
- Remy Paa Kow Edmundson
- Ousmane Ben Fana Traore
- Youssef Mouhyi, Regional President of CGEM

09h00 - 10h00

Fringe Meeting III

Topic: Migration *in cooperation with FNF*

- Salima Yenbou (Chair)
- Jan-Christoph Oetjen
- Ambassador Peter Akupela Mulenga
- Soraya Rodriguez Ramos *tbc*
- Mhand Laesner
- Dr. Aliou Sow

10h00

Coffee Break

10h30 - 11h30

Fringe Meeting IV

Women and Youth Empowerment - *in cooperation with Liberal International*

- Soraya Rodriguez Ramos (Chair)
- Monica Semedo
- Rose Kashembe M. Sakala
- Amanda Kanage
- Max Orville
- Astrid Thors

11h30 - 12h30

Panel IV

Current Security Threats

- Adama Bitogo (Chair)
- Javier Nart
- John Alderdice
- Medard Mulangala
- Petras Austrevicius
- Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya



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13h00 - 14h30	Lunch hosted by European Liberal Forum - Venue Hotel
15h00 - 16h00	Panel III Fighting climate change and environment degradation: has COP27 made a step forward in the right direction? <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Hakima El Haite (Chair)▪ Barry Andrews▪ Max Orville▪ Olivier Kamitatu Etsu▪ Dr. Phil Bennion Fringe Meeting V Open, rules-based and sustainable trade - <i>in cooperation with ALDE Party</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Svenja Hahn MEP (Chair)▪ Marie-Pierre Vedrenne▪ Barry Andrews▪ Fatma Fereji▪ Gilbert Noel Ouedraogo▪ Abdullahi Omar Abshir
16h00	Coffee Break
16h30 - 17h30	Panel V ACP perspectives on Global Gateway: strategic shift or PR campaign? <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Barry Andrews MEP (Chair)▪ Georgios Kyrtos▪ Marie-Pierre Vedrenne▪ Refiloe Nt'sekhe▪ Ablassé Ouedraogo
19h00 - 21h30	Official Dinner hosted by Renew Europe <i>Palais Dar Soukkar, Marrakech</i> <i>Welcoming remarks: Jan-Christoph Oetjen</i>
23h00	End of Official Programme



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AGENDA OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY



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RENEWPAC FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY MARRAKECH, MOROCCO, 5 DECEMBER 2022

DRAFT PROGRAMME

14h00 - 14h05	Opening of the General Assembly Works Formal Ratification of the co-Presidents <i>Presented by Cellou Dalein Diallo</i>
14h05 - 14h15	Jan-Christoph Oetjen MEP , RENEWPAC co-President
14h15 - 14h25	TBC RENEWPAC co-President
14h25 - 14h35	RENEWPAC Marrakech Political Declaration Presentation & Signature <i>Presented by RENEWPAC co-Presidents</i>
14h35 - 14h40	Hakima El Haite , LI President
14h40 - 14h45	Marie-Pierre Vedrenne , Renew Europe
14h45 - 14h50	Gilbert Noël Ouedraogo , ALN President
14h50 - 14h55	Kira Rudik , ALDE Party Vice President
14h55 - 15h05	The New European - African, Caribbean and Pacific Liberal Manifesto <i>Presented by Jan-Christoph Oetjen</i>
15h05 - 15h15	RENEWPAC Annual Conference 2023 Launch for Host Candidates <i>Presented by Martina Dlabajova MEP</i>
15h15 - 16h00	Europe and Africa - A new Partnership <hr/> Soraya Rodriguez MEP , Chair EP Delegation with the Pan-African Parliament Adama Bictogo , President of the National Assembly of Ivory Coast Max Orville MEP , Vice-Chair Delegation ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly Youssef Amrani , Ambassadeur of Morocco to south Africa Barry Andrews MEP , Member of Development Committee - EU Parliament



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DETAILED INFORMATION PANELS AND FRINGE MEETINGS



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PANEL I

Food security: towards more resilient and sustainable agrifood systems and lower cost nutritious foods for all

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08:00-09:00

Participants

Barry Andrews (Chair)
*Member of the Committee on
Development and Humanitarian
Affairs*

Kira Rudik
*Vice President Alliance of Liberals
and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)*

Cellou Dalein Diallo
Former Prime-Minister of Guinea

Gilbert Noël Ouedraogo
*President of the African Liberal
Network*

Behaja Alan Basile **tbc**

Programming

Introductory Remarks
Approx. 5min

Interventions
*Approx. 20 min
Approx. 7 min per speaker*

Debate and Exchange of Views
Approx. 20 min

Q&A
Approx. 10 min

RE Advisor Justina Vitkauskaitė

Concept Note

Food security has been a global challenge for decades. It might even become the challenge of our generation: disaster risk reduction, climate change, protection of natural resources, securing supplies and the finite nature of fossil fuels all play an indispensable role in protecting our food security and ensuring a sustainable food market. Ensuring food for all is possible. Sustainable agrifood systems play a key role. But how can food be ensured for all while achieving our economic, social and environmental commitments?



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Panel II

Vaccination: Building Manufacturing and Production Capacity in Africa

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16:30-17:30

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Christian Mayanda
Member of Liberal International

Odhiambo-millie Mabona
*Member of the Kenyan
Parliament*

Soraya Rodriguez Ramos
*Member of the European
Parliament - Chair of the
Delegation for relations with the
Pan-African Parliament*

RE Advisor Kristin Moutschen

Programming

Introductory Remarks
Approx. 5min

Interventions
*Approx. 20 min
Approx. 5 min per speaker*

Debate and Exchange of Views
Approx. 20 min

Q&A
Approx. 10 min

Concept Note

We must draw the lessons of the pandemic and put human development at the heart of our Partnership with Africa. This starts with health. The strengthening of health systems and universal coverage must be the priorities. The pandemic has shown that the world is changing rapidly. This gives rise to opportunities and risks. If we don't change anything, we bear the risks and others seize the opportunities. But the lives of our citizens are at the heart of these changes. The vaccine strategy throughout the world, following the Covid-19 pandemic has shown that it is not only a question of wanting to ensure the best health of humanity, but also the question of partnership, commitment and capacity building. Through multilateral cooperation the world has experienced a scale of solidarity never seen before. But it has also taught us very difficult and challenging lessons. Lessons from which we should draw the best conclusions.



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PANEL III

Fighting climate change and environment degradation: has COP27 made a step forward in the right direction?

Short Introduction by Jan-Christoph OETJEN, co-President of RENEWPAC

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15:00-16:00

Participants

Hakima El Haite (Chair)
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Barry Andrews
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Max Orville
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Olivier Kamitatu Etsu
Democratic Republic of the Congo

Dr. Phil Bennion
*Chair of the Liberal Democrats
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Committee*

RE Advisor Kristin Moutschen

Programming

Introductory Remarks
Approx. 5min

Interventions
*Approx. 20 min
Approx. 5 min per speaker*

Debate and Exchange of Views
Approx. 20 min

Q&A
Approx. 10 min

Concept Note

COP27 in Egypt shows us once again that our policies to address climate change, across our continents face serious shortcomings. It is clear that the new geopolitical and humanitarian realities have a huge impact on the global achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). On the other hand, the aftermath of the recent unprecedented global challenges can also present a significant opportunity for reshaping our societies to fulfil the aspirations of the SDGs. To ensure that we reach



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the SDGs and commitments of 2030 we must more than double our efforts by 2025. The annual United Nations Climate Change Conference and Conference of Parties (COP27) was supposed to make this clear. These conferences have the potential to bring about change, but also have the reputation to

uphold our worst habits. What can we do with what COP27 has offered us on fighting and adapting to climate change and how can we help each other?



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PANEL IV

Current Security Threats

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11:30-12:30

Participants

Lord John Alderdice
*Honorary Patron of Liberal
International*

Javier Nart
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of the Delegation for relations
with the Maghreb countries and
the Arab Maghreb Union*

Adama Bitogo (Chair)
*President of the Assemblée
nationale, Ivory Coast*

Medard Mulangala
*President of the Union for a
Republican Majority and co-
leader of the Union Sacree pour
l'Alternance, Democratic Republic
of the Congo*

Petras Austrevicius
*Member of the European
Parliament - Member of the
Subcommittee on Security and
Defence*

Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya
*Leader of the Belarusian
democratic movement*

RE Advisor Alexandre Krauss

Programming

Introductory Remarks
Approx. 5min

Interventions
*Approx. 20 min
Approx. 5 min per speaker*

Debate and Exchange of Views
Approx. 20 min

Q&A
Approx. 10 min

Concept Note



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2022 has seen drastic changes in the security situation throughout both continents. The EU's role in this crucial security partnership has been transformed. Time has shown that our security challenges and situations are strongly interlinked. Insurgencies, terrorist threats, instability and wars have deep consequences around the globe, and often the most vulnerable suffer the most. Being close neighbours, the EU and Africa have a natural interest and as partners and a responsibility to support and protect one another and to ensure the reciprocal safety and wellbeing of its citizens. We are confident that the current security threats can be met with an effective response and shoulder to shoulder in our partnership.



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PANEL V

ACP perspectives on the Global Gateway: Strategic Shift or PR Campaign?

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16:30-17:30

Participants

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Committee on Development*

Marie-Pierre Vedrenne
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Committee on International Trade*

Georgios Kyrtos
*Member of the European
Parliament - Substitute Member
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Refiloe Nt'sekhe
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Programming

Introductory Remarks
Approx. 5min

Interventions
*Approx. 20 min
Approx. 5 min per speaker*

Debate and Exchange of Views
Approx. 20 min

Q&A
Approx. 10 min

Concept Note

The new Global Gateway initiative promises investment and partnership between our continents in the field of digital, climate and energy, transport, health, education and research. It is an encompassing strategy that is presented as a new EU development tool to balance the growing influence of China and Russia in the world. But the investment and partnership of the EU in Africa has been growing significantly over the past few years. It begs the question whether this will bring concrete changes, or will it simply remain little more than a public relations exercise. Is the Global Gateway sufficiently attuned to assisting our partners in their green and digital transitions, while upholding human rights, meeting basic needs, and reducing inequalities? Can we assure that the



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Global Gateway would not worsen the problem of already dire debt situation in Africa? Given that the initiative aims to mobilise such significant amounts of funding, and the fact that it represents a clear and dramatic shift in the EU's approach towards its partners, it is imperative that we ensure the further clarity on these matters, maintain the EU's credibility and strengthen future cooperation with our partners.



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Fringe Meeting I

Seeking Joint Responses to the New Energy Challenges

in cooperation with Renew Europe Committee of the Regions

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09:00-10:00

Participants

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Adama Bitogo
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Martina Dlabajova
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Committee on Industry, Research
and Energy*

Jan-Christoph Oetjen
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energy, DRC*

H. E. Youssef Amrani
Ambassador of Morocco

RE Advisor Ursa Pondelek

Programming

Introductory Remarks
Approx. 5min

Interventions
*Approx. 20 min
Approx. 5 min per speaker*

Debate and Exchange of Views
Approx. 20 min

Q&A
Approx. 10 min

Concept Note

Both our continents are faced with climate change, which in some states is causing crippling energy crises. Additionally, rising carbon prices, global conflicts and risk of depletion, continue to make fossil energy unattractive. There is a distinct need to expand the use and the activation of renewable energies. Climate Change does not only present challenges, but also great opportunities. The Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP) was launched by African and European Heads of State in 2007 at the AU-EU Summit in Lisbon, Portugal. This central partnership of the Joint Africa-EU Strategy, must be



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updated to meet today's challenges and initiate a strong dialogue between partners to reach sustainable solutions, that reach all of our citizens.



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FRINGE II

SME | Investment on equal footing -

in cooperation with the ELF

Short Introduction by Jan-Christoph OETJEN, co-President of RENEWPAC

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Participants

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Introductory Remarks
Approx. 5min

Interventions
*Approx. 20 min
Approx. 5 min per speaker*

Debate and Exchange of Views
Approx. 20 min

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Approx. 10 min

Concept Note

Small and Medium Enterprises are the economical backbone of liberal democratic societies. Without SMEs, free market societies are not possible. The combination of all these factors makes societies grow in free, prosperous, and sustainable ways. The best way of mutual development is by establishing strong trade agreements, that foster SMEs, giving them all possibilities to trade and cooperate beyond borders. However, we still see many obstacles and discrepancies in SME investments between Europe and Africa. What should the long-term vision be for Investments on Equal Footing in Europe and Africa? And what short term actions with quick wins can already be taken?



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FRINGE III

Migration: Where do we stand? -

in cooperation with the FNF

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09:00-10:00

Participants

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Jan-Christoph Oetjen
*Member of the European
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President of RENEWPAC*

Mohand Laenser
*president of the Popular
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Soraya Rodriguez Ramos
*Member of the European
Parliament - Chair of the
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Dr. Aliou Sow
*Ministre de la Culture et du
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RE Advisor Justina Vitkauskaite

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Introductory Remarks
Approx. 5min

Interventions
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Approx. 5 min per speaker*

Debate and Exchange of Views
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Q&A
Approx. 10 min

Concept Note

Migration is often a buzzword in modern day politics. Much more so, it is often at the core of partnership agreements between the continents of Africa and the EU. But migration is not only a human condition, it is also a human right. This gives us the responsibility to find effective solutions that do not only address the challenges created by migration in push and pull countries, but also harnesses and fulfill the potential of all of the opportunities presented by migration. Since 2015 migration has undergone drastic changes in definition and in policy. Where do we stand today?



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Fringe Meeting IV

Women and Youth Empowerment

hosted by Liberal International

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10:30-11:30

Participants

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Monica Semedo (Panellist)
*Member of the European
Parliament - Member of the
Committee on Culture and
Education*

Amanda Kanage (Panellist)
*Former President of the
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Youth (IFLRY)*

Rose Kashembe M. Sakala
(Panellist)

Astrid Thors (Panellist)
*Chairperson of the Liberal
International Human Rights
Committee*

Max Orville (Panellist)
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Programming

Introductory Remarks
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The African continent stands at the forefront of promoting gender equality and the empowerment of youth. Almost all countries have ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and more than half have ratified the African Union's Protocol on the Rights of Women in Africa. But empowering women and youth goes beyond signing documents and promising commitments. The majority of women worldwide work in insecure and poorly paid jobs, with few opportunities for advancement. Our youth lacks opportunities to develop their skills, work independently and advance. This presents challenges, but also great opportunities.



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Fringe Meeting V

Open, rules-based and sustainable trade - in cooperation with the ALDE Party

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15:00-16:00

Participants

Svenja Hahn (Chair)
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Liberal Democrats of Europe,
Member of the European
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Marie-Pierre Vedrenne
*Member of the European
Parliament - Member of the
Committee on International Trade*

Barry Andrews
*Member of the European
Parliament - Member of the
Committee on Development and
Humanitarian Aid*

Fatma Fereji
*Secretary of Foreign and
International Affairs, Tanzania*

Gilbert Noel Ouedraogo
*President of African Liberal
Network*

Abdullahi Omar Abshir
*2nd Deputy Speaker of the House
of the People of the Federal
Parliament of Somalia*

RE Advisor Ursa Pondelek

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Approx. 5min

Interventions
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Concept Note

EU and Africa stand to gain as partners in strengthening their economies and their economic partnership. Moreover, there is a great responsibility of both continents towards its citizens, its enterprises and towards the environment. Integration of Africa into regional and global economic cycles is the way forward. But our partnership can only work when it is based on our liberal values, on sustainable development and on an open, fair, balanced and rules-based agreements. The goal is to continue to ensure full access to the EU internal market, graduate opening of the African markets for the EU and the progressive dismantling of protectionist measures with sustainable value creation. What can the EU and Africa do to further deepen their trade relations and ensure a fair, open and rules-based exchange that goes beyond goods and economic prosperity?