



BELGIAN FEDERAL PARLIAMENT



15 September 2010

On the occasion of the Belgian EU / WEU Presidency

High-Level Conference on

EU-Africa: Partnership for Development and Security

**Belgian House of Representatives, Palais de la Nation
Main Entrance (opposite of the park) : Place de la Nation 2, 1008 Brussels
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Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 September 2010

Programme

Tuesday 14 September 2010:

Arrival of participants

20.00 Pre-conference reception at the invitation of the Speakers of the House of Representatives and of the Senate, Hotel de Ville, Grand Place, Brussels

Wednesday 15 September 2010

09.30 Registration of participants

10.00 Opening of the conference (5 min each):

- André FLAHAUT, Speaker of the Belgian House of Representatives
- Danny PIETERS, Speaker of the Belgian Senate
- Robert WALTER MP, President of the ESDA/WEU Assembly

Keynote speeches (15 min each):

- Jean PING, Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union
- Aminu WAZIRI TAMBOWAL, MP, House of Representatives of Nigeria
- Charles MICHEL, Minister for Development Cooperation, Belgium

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 First Session: Africa-EU Strategic Partnership on development – state of play and prospects for the future

Session Chairman: Herman DE CROO, Minister of State, member of the advisory committee on European Affairs, former President of the House of Representatives

- **Keynote Speaker (15 min):** Peter KATJAVIVI MP, National Assembly of Namibia
- Charles GOERENS, Member of the European Parliament, Committee on Development
- Fred KAPONDI MP, National Assembly of Kenya
- Manuel LOPEZ BLANCO, European Commission DG Development
- Bishop Louis PORTELLA-MBUYU, Congo-Brazzaville
- Jean-Philippe STIJNS, OECD Development Centre
- Damien HELLY, EU Institute for Security Studies
(10 minutes each)

Debate

13.00 Family Photo

13.15 Buffet lunch at the invitation of the Speaker of the Belgian Senate

14.30 Second Session: UN and EU cooperation with the African Union on Peace and Security

Session Chairman: Mr Piero FASSINO, Chairman of the ESDA/WEU Assembly's Political Committee and Rapporteur on Africa

- **Keynote Speaker (15 min):** Romano PRODI, Chairman of the AU-UN Joint Panel on Peacekeeping in Africa
- Roeland VAN DE GEER, EU Special Representative for the African Great Lakes Region
- Jon LOMØY, Director of the Development Cooperation Directorate, OECD
(10 minutes each)

Debate

17.00 Close of first day

19.30 Dinner at the invitation of the Speakers of the House of Representatives and of the Senate, Villa Empain, Rue Franklin Roosevelt, Brussels

Thursday 16 September 2010

09.30 Third Session: Medical cooperation in EU missions

Session Chairman: Mr Doug HENDERSON Chairman of the ESDA/WEU Assembly's Defence Committee

- Mrs Tuija NURMI, Leader of the Finnish Delegation to the ESDA/WEU Assembly, Former Medical Officer (Reserve)
 - Captain Jari AUTTI, MD, Finland
 - Christopher STOKES, General Director, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)
- (10 minutes each)

Debate

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 Fourth Session: Conflict prevention and crisis management in Africa – selected case studies

Session Chairman: Marie ARENA, Vice-Chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee of the Belgian Senate

Introductory speeches (15 min each):

- Armand DE DECKER, State Minister, Deputy Speaker of the Belgian Senate
- Koen VERVAEKE, EU Representative to the African Union, Addis Ababa
- Paul-Simon HANDY, Head of African Conflict Prevention Programme, ISS Africa

Sudan and Chad/RCA(10 minutes each):

- Dame Rosalind MARSDEN, EUSR for Sudan
- General de brigade Jean-Philippe GANASCIA, Former Commander EUFOR Chad/RCA
- Elise FORD, OXFAM International

Somalia (10 minutes):

- Mohamed Ibn CHAMBAS, Secretary General, ACP
- Edward SSEKANDI, Speaker of Parliament, Uganda

Final Debate

13.00 Conclusions by Mr Piero FASSINO, ESDA/WEU Assembly Rapporteur on Africa and Chairman of the Political Committee