



Africa – EU: 6th College to College Meeting

April 25-26, 2013

Addis Ababa

A. Background

The 2013 Africa – EU College-to-College meeting will take place in Addis Ababa on 25th and 26th of April 2013 between EU and AUC Commissioners in the Presence of Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Chairperson of the African Union Commission and European Commission President José Manuel Barroso.

B. Objective

The 2013 edition of the C2C in Addis Ababa will be a key opportunity to review the results of Africa – EU cooperation since the last College to College meeting in June 2011, and to provide the necessary political impetus in new areas of mutual interest. The meeting will also kick-start the preparations for the 4th Africa EU Summit to be held in April 2014 in Brussels, for which the two Commissions, European External Action Service and member states of the two Unions will be key drivers.

C. Agenda items

The agenda of the meeting includes discussion on issues of general interest such as future priorities of the Joint Africa-EU Strategy and preparations for the 2014 Africa EU Summit in addition to cluster meetings on key policy areas as well as bilateral meetings between Commissioners.

D. Media and Communication

The media is invited to take part in the joint pre-briefing Press Conference by Ambassador Jean-Baptiste Natama, Chief of Staff of the African Union Commission and Ambassador Gary Quince, Head of EU Delegation to the African Union on the 23rd April at 11:00 AM.

In addition – Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Chairperson of the African Union Commission and European Commission President José Manuel Barroso will hold a joint Press Conference on 26 April 2013 from 12:15 – 12:45 in the AUC new premises after the opening session at 9:30 that will also be open to Media.

E. Participants

The C2C meeting includes the AUC Chairperson and EC President, Commissioners from both the AU and EC; representatives of the RECs and development finance institutions.

