



## Joint press release

### **The EU High Representative Federica Mogherini and African Union Commission Chairperson, Mr. Moussa Faki Mahamat**



On 15 May 2017, the EU High Representative Federica Mogherini and EU Foreign Ministers met the Chairperson of the Africa Union Commission (AUC) Moussa Faki Mahamat for an exchange of views on the state of the Africa-EU partnership in view of the AU-EU Summit in Abidjan on 29-30 November.

In an evolving global context, the relationship between the two continents remains vibrant and essential.

The meeting was an opportunity to welcome AUC Chairperson Moussa Faki to the EU institutions two months after taking office on 14 March.

Both sides valued the strategic importance of the Africa-EU partnership for both continents and agreed to seize the opportunity offered by the upcoming AU-EU Summit for a real alliance in a rapidly evolving global context.

They highlighted that the central theme for the Summit "Investing in Youth," which is in line with the AU's theme of the year "Harnessing the Demographic Dividend through Investments in Youth." It provides for a positive narrative embracing all strands of the relationship: peace, security, conflict prevention, governance and human rights, economic opportunity, development and job creation, empowerment, access to education, climate change, migration and mobility for the benefit of both African and European youth.

They agreed to work closely together in the months leading up to the Summit, drawing up concrete initiatives that will make a difference in the lives of young people, building on shared values and common interests, with ownership and contributions from all sides.

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