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## Ministers from the EU and AU Member States Expected to Reinvigorate Longstanding Partnership for the Benefit of both Continents



The Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Member States of the European Union (EU) and the African Union (AU) will meet on 21<sup>st</sup> May in their 3<sup>rd</sup> Ministerial Meeting, where they will take stock of progress on the Joint Vision for 2030 for a renewed Partnership, that was adopted at the 6<sup>th</sup> EU-AU Summit in 2022. The meeting paves the way for the 7<sup>th</sup> AU-EU Summit, which will take place in Africa, in 2025, marking 25 years of the partnership.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> AU-EU Ministerial Meeting marks a critical moment to evaluate and reinvigorate the partnership between the two continents, which is aligned to both the AU's Agenda2063 development framework, and the EU's priorities.

With Africa recently joining the G20 and the recent occurrences in the global multilateral system, this Ministerial also offers a unique opportunity to move from high-level commitments to implementation.

In their meeting, the ministers will discuss the progress achieved over the past 25 years, and their shared interests for the good of the people of both continents. They are also expected to appreciate the strong relations between Europe and Africa.

The AU-EU partnership, grounded in Agenda 2063 and the 2022 summit, centers around four key pillars:

1. A prosperous and sustainable agenda for Africa and Europe
2. Renewed and enhanced cooperation on peace, security and governance
3. Enhanced and reciprocal partnership for Migration and mobility
4. A stronger commitment to Multilateralism

Three events on the programme of the AU-EU ministerial meeting will be streamed live on the African Union website. These are the official opening ceremony at 07:00; the press conference at 11:35 and the closing ceremony at 14:45. All times are in GMT.

To watch, go to:

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/11716700>

Ahead of the AU EU ministerial meeting, African and European senior officials met on 20<sup>th</sup> May in Brussels to consider the documents of the ministers, including the draft Programme of the 3<sup>rd</sup> EU-AU Ministerial Meeting, and the Draft Joint Communiqué.



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