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African Union and European Union Leaders to convene in Angola for the AU-EU Summit

The 7th AU–EU Summit will be held on 24–25 November 2025 in Luanda, Republic of Angola, bringing together Heads of State and Government from African Union Member States and European Union Member States to reaffirm their long-standing partnership and chart a renewed path of cooperation.

The Summit will be co-chaired by H.E. João Lourenço, President of the Republic of Angola and Chairperson of the African Union, and H.E. António Costa, President of the European Council. H.E. Mahmoud Ali Youssouf, and H.E. Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission will be in attendance.

Taking place at a time of profound global uncertainties and shifting geopolitical dynamics, the Summit offers an opportunity for both continents to reaffirm their shared commitment to multilateralism, solidarity, and joint action to address common challenges. It will mark the 25th Anniversary of the AU–EU Partnership and coincide with Angola’s Presidency of the African Union underscoring Africa’s growing leadership in defining global objectives. Discussions will focus on advancing joint priorities within the framework of Agenda 2063 The Africa We Want, the Sustainable Development Goals, and the [AU–EU Joint Vision for 2030](#). Leaders will explore concrete ways to accelerate progress in areas such as peace and security, economic integration, trade and investment, multilateral governance, climate resilience digital transformation, migration and mobility, and human development.

The gathering will build on the outcomes of the 3rd [AU–EU Ministerial Meeting held in Brussels in May 2025](#), during which ministers reaffirmed their commitment to a partnership rooted in shared values, mutual interests, and collective aspirations for sustainable development and stability.

A series of key side events will precede the Summit, ensuring broad-based participation and inclusive dialogue:

AU–EU Youth and Civil Society Forum (20–21 November 2025, Luanda)

This Forum will bring together young leaders, innovators, and civil society organisations from Africa and Europe to exchange perspectives and develop policy recommendations on issues including youth employment, innovation, climate resilience, governance, and social inclusion. The outcomes will inform leaders’ discussions at the Summit.

AU–EU Business Forum (24–25 November 2025, Luanda)

Co-organised with African Business, European Business, and other private-sector partners, the Forum will provide a platform for entrepreneurs, investors, and policymakers to explore partnerships in infrastructure, sustainable energy, agribusiness, manufacturing, digital economy, and the creative industries. These forums embody the AU–EU's shared commitment to inclusive engagement, ensuring that the voices of youth, civil society, and the private sector contribute meaningfully to the future of the partnership.

Media Accreditation and Coverage

Media representatives are invited to cover the **7th AU–EU Summit** and its side events. Accredited journalists will have access to official press conferences, briefings, and cultural exhibitions. – [Register here](#)

Background

The AU–EU Partnership, formally established at the first Africa–EU Summit in Cairo in 2000, continues to serve as a vital platform for political dialogue, economic collaboration, and cultural exchange between the two continents. Over the past quarter century, this strategic relationship has delivered tangible results in areas such as infrastructure development, peace operations, education and skills, health, innovation, and climate resilience.

To mark this milestone, the African Union Commission (AUC) and the Delegation of the European Union to the African Union have launched a year-long commemoration under the banner #AUEU25, celebrating 25 years of joint achievements and people-to-people cooperation through a series of campaigns, exhibitions, and dialogues across both continents.

Key Pillars of the AU-EU Partnership:

1. Prosperity: a prosperous and sustainable Africa and Europe

The AU and EU are committed to fostering regional economic integration and sustainable growth, bringing together people, regions, and organisations. The AU and EU work together on sustainable trade and investment that create growth and jobs, as well as, on accelerating the green and digital transitions strengthening health systems and improving education and skills.

2. Peace, Security and Governance: Partnering for Stability

The AU and EU remain steadfast in their joint commitment to peace, security, and good governance, recognizing that stability, the rule of law, and strong democratic institutions are essential foundations for sustainable development. Both Unions collaborate closely to advance peace and stability across the continent through civilian and military training missions, and by strengthening the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA) as a cornerstone for conflict prevention, management, and post-conflict reconstruction in Africa.

3. People: Investing in Human Development

Human development remains at the core of the AU-EU partnership. Joint initiatives on migration and mobility, education, culture, exchange opportunities, social inclusion and humanitarian affairs, empower people, especially women and youth, to build prosperous and inclusive societies. The AU and EU are committed to the rule of law, good governance, democratic principles, respect for human rights, gender equality, and justice.

4. Planet: A Global Force for Multilateralism and Sustainability

Representing more than 40% of the UN's membership, the AU and EU are a formidable force for strong support for the multilateral system, with the UN Charter at its core, and for environmental sustainability. Both are working to increase the legitimacy and effectiveness of the multilateral system: cooperation within the G20, chaired by South Africa, and the Pact for the Future are two examples. Together, they are driving global action to promote shared fundamental values and to address climate change and protect the planet.

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