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What's the offer? Expectations on the EU-Africa Year

Tuesday, 12 May 2020, 2-3:30 pm CEST (Webinar via Zoom)

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung's (FES) Africa Department and EU Office cordially invite you to the first webinar in their webinar series **"What's the offer? A new partnership between Europe and Africa"**.

In 2020, the nature of cooperation between the European Union and Africa is negotiated and might profoundly change: a new EU Africa-Strategy, the EU-AU summit in autumn, the German Presidency of the Council of the EU, the development of new finance instruments – all against the background of a shaky multilateralism and the new challenges posed by the Corona crisis. An opportunity to raise the partnership to “a new level”? An opportunity to address not only issues such as security, migration, hunger and poverty but also sustainability, the empowerment of women and youth and fair trade?

This kick-off-webinar will take a look at the upcoming processes and discuss challenges and expectations. What offer does the EU present to raise the relations with Africa to a new level? And is it substantial enough to fulfil requirements of African partners? What are expectations and offers from the African side? What impact may the current Covid-19 crisis have on the renewal of the partnership between the two continents?

PROGRAMME

- Opening speech:** **Udo Bullmann** MEP, Coordinator for the Committee on Development
- Discussion with:** **Faten Aggad**, Senior Advisor to the AU High Representative on EU-AU negotiations
Christine Hackenesch, Head of programme inter- and transnational cooperation, German Development Institute
- Chair:** **Anne Felmet**, FES Africa Department
Daniela Iller, FES EU Office

Interpretation English-French will be provided.

Webinar Programme

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