



EU-AU COMMITMENT

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to multilateralism

Multilateralism is the most effective way to address global challenges. Only by working together, can we tackle climate change, conflicts, pandemics, achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and ensure the universal protection and upholding of human rights. Together, we strive for a world that is peaceful, safe, just, inclusive and prosperous.

At the 6th European Union - African Union Summit in February 2022, leaders committed to promote effective multilateral cooperation grounded on shared basic principles of international law and universal values, with the United Nations at its core.

AREAS OF COOPERATION



Reforming global governance
(i.e. UN, WTO, G20)



UN peacekeeping and peacebuilding



Climate action and biodiversity



Global health preparedness and equity



Promoting debt sustainability and global financial reform

JOINT INITIATIVES & SUPPORT



GLOBAL HEALTH

- » Working together for African health sovereignty
- » Joint support to WHO as central actor in global health governance
- » Vaccine and medicine production hubs: Ghana, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa
- » Strengthening preparedness and response capacities
- » Support the ratification and implementation of the Pandemic Agreement [expected to be approved at the World Health Assembly 2025, 19–27 May 2025]



CLIMATE & BIODIVERSITY

- » Importance of meeting the targets of the Paris Agreement, building on the Glasgow Climate Pact and accelerating climate action, inspired by the Africa Climate Summit in Kenya and the COP28 in the United Arab Emirates
- » Supporting African partners: e.g., Team Europe Initiative on Climate Change Adaptation in Africa; Great Green Wall initiative; NaturAfrica flagship (linking biodiversity and livelihoods)
- » Promoting implementation of COP15 Global Biodiversity Framework



TACKLING INEQUALITIES & DEBT SUSTAINABILITY

- » Joint commitment to the G20 Common Framework for debt relief
- » Focus on debt vulnerability in low- and middle-income countries
- » Average public debt in Africa has stabilized and is now starting to decline as a proportion of GDP. Although debt is still elevated and vulnerabilities remain, the median **debt-to-GDP ratio remained below 60 percent in 2024.**



PEACE & GLOBAL SECURITY

- » Joint support to the UN's New Agenda for Peace and implementation of the Pact for the Future
- » 25% of UN peacekeeping budget funded by EU Member States
- » 60% of UN Peacebuilding Fund from the EU and MS
- » EU support for predictable financing of AU-led peace operations including through SC Resolution 2719



STRENGTHENING MULTILATERAL INSTITUTIONS

- » Supporting efforts for a comprehensive reform of the UN system (UN80)
- » Joint push for WTO reform
- » AU-EU-UN trilateral cooperation to deliver on Agenda 2063 and UN Agenda 2030



OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- » We support Agenda 2063 & Summit of the Future 2024 objectives at the Fourth Finance for Development Conference (Seville) and the Second World Summit for Social Development (Doha)



>60%

EU & MS = >60% of UN Peacebuilding Fund

25%

EU MS fund 25% of UN peacekeeping

4+

4+ vaccine hubs supported in Africa