

AFRICA AND EUROPE:

# COLLABORATION FOR CLEAN WATER FOR ALL

The 10th Africa Day International Conference takes place under the auspices of the President of the Republic of Slovenia, His Excellency Mr Borut Pahor, and within the framework of the Bled Strategic Forum. Based on mutual understanding and enhanced cooperation between Europe and Africa, Slovenia's annual high-level Africa event seeks to improve policy outcomes for citizens in the two regions. The event is co-hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia, the London-based Chatham House Africa Programme, and the European Commission.

Expert discussions at the Conference will examine collaboration between Africa and Europe aimed at accelerating progress regarding a comprehensive approach to water management, which strongly affects the close connection between peace, development, and humanitarian activities. Water as a resource is critical for socio-economic development, stability, and the protection of ecosystems. However, the competition for water is on the rise as populations grow and the effects of climate change are already visible. Sustainable Development Goal 6 aims to ensure access to water and sanitation for all. Three years into the International Decade for Action on Water for Sustainable Development, expert discussions at this Conference will examine avenues through which African-European collaboration can foster greater progress towards, and effectiveness of, SDG 6.

## 09.00–10.00 Welcome and keynote addresses

**H.E. Mr Borut Pahor**, President of the Republic of Slovenia

**H.E. Mr Cyril Ramaphosa\***, President of the Republic of South Africa

**H.E. Dr Anže Logar**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Slovenia

**H.E. Ms Aïssata Tall Sall\***, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Senegalese Abroad, Republic of Senegal

**H.E. Ms Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko\***, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union Commission

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**H.E. Ms Jutta Urpilainen**, Commissioner for International Partnerships, European Commission

**H.E. Mr Augusto Santos Silva**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Portugal

**H.E. Mr Jean-Yves Le Drian**, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, France

**H.E. Mr Pekka Haavisto**, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Finland

Chair: **Ms Natalia Al Mansour**, Head of the Department for Africa and the Middle East, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia

## 10.00–11.15 Session 1 – Commitment, Collaboration and Governance for Faster Water-Related Results at Scale

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Hon. Carl Hermann Gustav Schlettwein\***, Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, Republic of Namibia; President, African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW)



#### PANEL

**Alderman Ms Xanthea Limberg**, Councillor, City of Cape Town, South Africa; Chairperson, Cape Town Water Resilience Advisory Committee

**Ms Sareen Malik**, Executive Secretary, African Civil Society Network on Water and Sanitation

**Ms Carla Montesi**, Director for Green Deal, Digital Agenda, Directorate-General for International Partnerships, European Commission

**Ambassador Ms Anita Pipan**, Director-General for Multilateral Affairs and Development Cooperation, Slovenia

Chair: **Bob Dewar CMG**, Associate Fellow, Africa Programme, Chatham House

#### 11.15–11.30 Performance of African diaspora artists (pre-recorded video)

#### 11.30–12.45 Session 2 – Cooperation for Water Infrastructure: Financing, Management, Innovation

##### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Mr Oswald M Chanda**, Acting Director, Water Development and Sanitation Department, African Development Bank

#### PANEL

**Mr Matjaž Ivačič**, Director, GeoCodis, Slovenia

**Mr Matej Mirić**, Integration Engineer, Litostroj Power, Slovenia

**Mr David Sodnik**, Director and Owner, Valter Group, Slovenia

**Ms Malani Padayachee-Saman**, CEO, MPAMOT, South Africa

Chair: **Mr Ante Milevoj**, Senior Consultant, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia

#### 12.45–13.00 Session 3 – Creativity as a Driver of Sustainable Development

**Ms Angela Martins**, Head of Culture Division, Social Affairs Department, African Union

**Ms Aleksandra Maria Tor**, Junior Political Officer, Political, Press and Information Section, Delegation of the European Union to Ethiopia

Chair: **Ms Petra Kežman**, Head of the Department for Public Diplomacy and International Cooperation in Culture, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia

#### 13.00–13.30 Closing Remarks

**Ambassador Matjaž Šinkovec**, National Coordinator for Relations with African Countries and Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia

**Mr Ibrahim Nouhoum**, Co-founder, International African Forum, Slovenia and Mali

**Ms Mimi Ajibadé**, Member of Council, Chatham House

**Mr Koen Doens**, Director-General, Directorate-General for International Partnerships, European Commission

**Ambassador Dr Stanislav Raščan**, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia

Chair: **Ms Natalia Al Mansour**, Head of the Department for Africa and the Middle East, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia

#### 13.30–14.00 Performance of African diaspora artists (pre-recorded video)

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