

LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA
22 MAY 2024

13TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
AFRICA DAY

Strengthening Africa-Europe Partnership

GREEN TRANSITION

as a Pathway to Sustainable Development and Peace

Programme

- 9:00 Registration
- 9:30–9:40 Opening with a short cultural programme
- Njamy Sitson, Miha Petric (Cameroon, Slovenia)
- 9:40–10:00 Opening remarks
- Ms Tanja Fajon, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Republic of Slovenia
- 10:00–11:15 Panel 1: Leaders' Panel – Green transition for a Safe Future
- Panellists:*
- Ms Donatille Mukabalisa, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies, Republic of Rwanda
 - Ms **Urška Klakočar Zupančič**, President of the National Assembly, Republic of Slovenia
 - Mr Moses Kunkuyu Kalongashawa, Minister of Information and Digitalisation, Republic of Malawi
 - Ms Tanja Fajon, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Republic of Slovenia
 - Ms Emanuela Del Re, European Union Special Representative for the Sahel
- Moderator:* Dr Smiljana Knez, Ambassador-at-Large for Climate Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia
- 11:15–11:30 Coffee break
- 11:30–12:45 Panel 2: Green Transition as a Catalyst of Economic Development
- Panellists:*
- Mr Bahaa Abdullah, CEO and Executive board member, Iskraemeco Group
 - Mr Domenico Rosa, Head of Unit on Strategic Partnerships with Africa and ACP, DG INTPA, European Commission
 - Ms Carol Awuor Ofafa, Research Associate, African School of Regulation / Robert Schuman Centre, European University Institute
 - Mrs Florence Larbi, COO of the Environment and Sanitation, Jospong Group
 - Mr Dag Kralj, MBA, Member of the Board, BISOL Group
 - Mr Jan Kostevc, Team leader – Energy Infrastructure, EU Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)
- Moderator:* Dr Smiljana Knez, Ambassador-at-Large for Climate Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia
- 12:45 – 14:00 Buffet Lunch
- 14:00 – 15:25 Panel 3: Fostering Green Innovation: Sharing Knowledge and Technology for a Sustainable Transition
- Presentation of Slovenian development cooperation:*



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- Mr Edvin Skrt, Director General for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia

Presentation of the Space.SI and Jomo Kenyatta University project:

- Dr **Tomaž Rodič**, Director, Slovenian Centre of Excellence for Space Sciences and Technologies

Panellists:

- Assoc Prof Kayihura Muganga Didas, Vice Chancellor, University of Rwanda
- Prof Dr **Gregor Majdič**, Rector, University of Ljubljana
- Prof Hester C. Klopper, Deputy-Vice Chancellor, Stellenbosch University
- Prof Jan Palmowski, The Guild lead on Africa-Europe CoRE, The Guild
- Mr Ibrahim Elrefaey, PhD Researcher at the Department of Analytical Chemistry, Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Technology, University of Ljubljana

Moderator: Ms Elizabeth Maloba, Global Diplomacy Lab

Panel Pitch: Ms Audrey Namdiero-Walsh, Director of the Secretariat, Global Diplomacy Lab

15:25 – 15:40 Coffee break

15:40 – 17:10 Panel 4: Strengthening Cultural Cooperation – Sustainable Networks for Sustainable Future

Showcase of Europe-Africa cultural cooperation projects:

- [Share: creative powers of art](#) / Ms **Nataša Zavolovšek**, Director and Producer, and Ms Inti **Šraj**, both Exodos Ljubljana
- [Starts4Africa](#) / Ms Maja Drobne, Head of Education, Pina Association
- [Deconfining arts, culture and policies in Europe and Africa](#) / Ms **Sara Božanić**, CEO, Institute for Transmedia Design

Panellists:

- Ms Samba Yonga, Founder of Ku-Atenga Media, Co-founder of the Women's History Museum of Zambia
- Ms Vydia Tamby, Cultural Advisor to the Mayor of Dakar
- Ms Barbara Eigner, International Relations, European Capital of Culture Bad Ischl – Salzkammergut 2024
- Dr Stojan Pelko, Head of Programme, European Capital of Culture Nova Gorica/Gorizia 2025

Moderator: Ms **Sara Božanić**, CEO, Institute for Transmedia Design

17:10 – 17:25 Closing remarks

- Mr Domenico Rosa, Head of Unit for Strategic Partnerships with Africa and with the ACP, DG INTPA, European Commission
- Mr Bob Dewar, Associate Fellow, Africa Programme, Chatham House
- Dr Smiljana Knez, Ambassador-at-Large for Climate Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia

17:25 – 19:00 Reception

- Renata Cvelbar Bek, Secretary General, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia

18:00 – 21:30 Concert

Venue: Center Rog, Trubarjeva cesta 72, Ljubljana, Slovenia. *Language:* Simultaneous translation into Slovenian, English and French. Throughout the afternoon, a cultural and social programme will take place in the park in front of Center Rog, ending with a concert.

