

“On the path to a deeper and stronger partnership, living up to the European and African aspirations”: Council adopts conclusions on Africa



The Council today approved conclusions on Africa, restating the paramount importance of a **stronger EU-Africa partnership**.

The conclusions note that Joint Communication *Towards a comprehensive strategy with Africa* constitutes an excellent basis on which to initiate a **new ambitious partnership with Africa**. The **next EU-AU Summit** will be a pivotal moment for renewing a comprehensive joint strategic approach that delivers on these aspirations.

The conclusions underline that a **prosperous, peaceful and resilient Africa** is an essential EU foreign policy objective, and that the EU is determined to strengthen its relationship with the African states and the African Union, in a way that is responsive both to European and African aspirations.

Such closer partnership should focus in particular on: **multilateralism, peace, security and stability, sustainable and inclusive development, and sustainable economic growth**.

The conclusions highlight that the **COVID-19** pandemic has further demonstrated the need for a **global response** and a strong EU-Africa partnership. Recovery is an opportunity to build back better, greener and more resilient societies.

Finally the conclusions highlight that, working towards a joint strategy based on common objectives, the EU looks forward to **stepping up an open and inclusive exchange** with citizens, civil society, diaspora, young people, the private sector and top-level thinkers and decision-makers from both continents.