



**Concept Note on the Information Session for CSO and LA on EU Programming for Sub-Saharan Africa
(2021-2027)
30 June 2022
9:30h - 13:00h CET**

Context

The on-going programming of the EU external budget aims to project the EU's values and interests in Africa through international partnerships based on its political priorities. The EU's engagement with partner countries should therefore be policy-driven and based on mutual commitments and interests. EU programming builds on the political priorities agreed during to the EU-AU Summit which took place last February in Brussels.

As a part of its commitment to engage in ongoing, regular exchange with CSOs and LAs, two consultations on the main themes of the regional Multiannual Action Plan (MIP) for Sub-Saharan Africa (2021-2027) took place in March and December 2021. In the framework of this exchange, the Directorate for International Partnerships, in coordination with the European External Action Service, will hold an information session to update participants on the Annual Action Plans (AAP) for 2022 that is currently under preparation.

Objective

To allow participants and the EU to best take advantage of this exchange with CSOs and LAs, an information session led by INTPA in coordination with the EEAS will present the SSA regional programming exercise and AAP 2022. This event aims to provide participants information and the opportunity to exchange with EU services that will be present.

Target: Representatives of CSOs and LAs global networks and regional networks and platforms present in Europe and Africa.

Methodology

The 3-hour event will be a moderated hybrid discussion, with opportunities for those joining remotely to ask questions and participate in the discussion. Brussels based organizations (both CSO and LA) will be invited to L42 at Rue de la Loi 42, 1000 Brussels, and other participants will join online.

During the first session (in plenary), DG INTPA (A2/HoU) will present how the programming process has evolved since December 2021, including an overview of the Sub-Saharan Africa regional AAP 2022 (which is still being drafted). This presentation will be followed by a short Q&A session.

The plenary session will be followed by 4 thematic sessions (held in plenary for a duration of 30 minutes each) where DG INTPA/A2 will present initiatives that are currently under formulation by theme followed by Q&A.

The physical meeting room language will be English, with simultaneous interpretation in English and French available online.

Participants: The maximum number of participants is 100 (80 CSOs and LAs + 20 from DG INTPA, NEAR, EEAS, etc.) Maximum 50 people in person.

Timing: 30 June from 9h30 – 13h00 (with 45-minute coffee break)

Draft Agenda

09h30 – 09h45: Welcome and Introduction (HoU)

09h45 – 10h15: Q&A

10h15 – 10h45: Thematic session 1: *Investment & Jobs, Education & Skills*. Team leader short presentation and group discussion

10h45 – 11h15: Thematic session 2: *Green Transition - Health*. Team leader short presentation and group discussion



11h15 – 12h00: Break with coffee, networking

12h00 – 12h30: Thematic session 3: *Digital - Economic Integration - Trade*. Team leader short presentation and group discussion

12h30 - 13h00: Thematic session 4: *Peace & Security - Governance - Culture - Migration & Mobility*. Team leader short presentation and group discussion

13h00: Closing