



EU-AU CSO & YOUTH FORUM

Consultative Group

Second online meeting
Thursday, 13 November
2025

Agenda for today

- **Updates on the programme:** Partner events, Success Stories and Panels
- **Identifying roles in thematic groups:** Notetakers, facilitators and rapporteurs
- **Thematic breakout room discussions:** Reviewing current work on shared documents and progress on recommendations in breakout groups
- **Logistical matters:** Transfer and VISA
- **Next steps:** Timeline for recommendations

Updates on the programme: Partner events

20 November morning:

- 9:30 – 11:00: OECD “Empowering civil society and youth in Africa: Towards meaningful stakeholder engagement in the EU-Africa Partnership”
- 11:00 – 12:30: Session co-hosted by UNDP and UNICEF

An updated version of the Forum’s programme will be made available in your thematic group’s gdrive folder after the Consultation meeting.

Partner event with OECD

A session on “Empowering civil society and youth in Africa: Towards meaningful stakeholder engagement in the EU-Africa Partnership”

Possibility for CSO and Youth representatives to give inputs for potential stakeholder engagement models that could be applied to the Partnership.

For any questions regarding this session, please contact:

Maria Pascual, OECD, maria.pascual@oecd.org

CSO and Youth speakers: Success stories

Four CSO and Youth speakers will be selected by the AU and EU to share how the EU-Africa partnership has positively affected them and their community.

The speakers will share stories around the four priority areas:

- Peace, Security and Governance
- People
- Prosperity
- Multilateralism

Speakers will be announced after the consultation meeting and will be invited to a briefing.

CSO and Youth speakers: Panels

- **Advancing the EU-AU Joint Vision 2030:** Domenico Rosa, Head of Unit for Strategic Partnerships with Africa (EU), Steve Lalande, Director of Partnerships (AU), two CSO representatives from EU and AU.
- **Global Gateway and Youth Entrepreneurship in Africa:** EU and AU representative, two CSO representatives from EU and AU.
- **Promoting Cultural Relations under the Africa-Europe Partnership:** EU and AU representative, two CSO representatives from EU and AU.

Selected speakers will be notified after the consultation meeting and will be invited to a briefing session.

Follow-up on Online collaboration

- As a reminder, **thematic groups are invited to self-organise** their efforts in view of producing their recommendations.
- Make sure to **use the shared online folder and include your input on the recommendations document.**
- **If your group wishes to organise an online meeting, feel free to request a Zoom link if needed.**
- **Participants wishing to contribute to other thematic group's work can share their recommendations and ideas for consideration.**
- **The final Forum recommendations including all thematic recommendations should be no longer than 2 pages long.**

Breakout rooms: Objectives for today

Assigning roles in thematic groups:

- **1 Notetaker:** In charge of compiling recommendations and updating them according to feedback received prior to and during the Forum. Thematic notetakers from each theme collaborate on preamble and concluding paragraph.
- **1 Facilitator:** In charge of ensuring that conversations are inclusive and collaborative, that they lead to results. On Day 2 of the Forum, they can take questions from the audience during thematic recommendation presentations in plenary.
- **2 Rapporteurs:** In charge of presenting recommendations on Day 2, one from EU and one from AU.

Once nominated, note takers should send the list to: florent.barel@pfddialogue.eu

Advancing recommendations:

- **Discussing online contributions:** Reviewing comments and recommendations received so far
- **Making further progress on recommendations:** Gathering further input

Enhancing the impact of recommendations

The impact of political recommendations could be further enhanced once:

- They are grounded in **official recognised data and lived experiences**;
- They build on **existing political frameworks, partnerships and resources** (e.g. SDGs, AU Agenda 2063, Paris Agreement);
- They **represent diverse perspectives**, including women, marginalized groups, and rural youth;
- They **rank thematic recommendations** by urgency, feasibility, or strategic importance;
- They break down goals in **actionable and doable steps** for political leaders to follow, including a clear timeline.

A strong recommendation is **clear, actionable, and evidence based**. It should specify **what needs to be done, who should do it, and why it matters**.

Breakout rooms: Suggestions

- Activate translated closed captions
- Shared document link posted will be posted in chat
- Notetaker shares screen to ensure notes reflect the discussions
- Use reactions or emojis to signal agreement
- Raise hand function to take the floor
- Keep an eye on time, your facilitator could give time checks
- Focus on clarity and actionability in recommendations
- EU-AU colleagues will be available to assist

Any questions or suggestions?

Please join your thematic breakout room

In case you experience any difficulties, please let us know so we can assign you directly.

Logistical matters

- Transfers from airport to hotel
- VISAs
- Accreditation

For any logistical questions please contact:

Marta Gil Ferrer, GL Events, marta.gilferrer@gl-events.com

For any VISA-related questions, please contact:

Djenabu Mane, AUC Partnerships, ManeD@africanunion.org

Next steps

We strongly encourage continued online collaboration in the lead-up to the Forum to ensure that draft recommendations are well-developed and ready for finalisation during the scheduled working sessions:

- **Forum Day 1 (16:30–18:00):** Finalisation of the first draft of recommendations and preparation for their presentation the following day.
- **Day 2 (12:00–17:15):** Presentation of draft recommendations and plenary feedback session. Each thematic group will present its draft recommendations to the plenary, followed by a structured feedback exchange moderated by your designated facilitator to refine and strengthen the proposals.
- **End of Forum:** Final version of recommendations to be shared by notetakers.
- **22 November:** A condensed version of the Forum recommendations will be prepared by the EU-AU Taskforce in collaboration with AU and EU rapporteurs
- **24 November:** Presentation of recommendations at Summit. Forum rapporteurs will formally present the consolidated recommendations to Summit participants, highlighting key outcomes from the Forum.

If your thematic group requires any assistance or if you wish to schedule a thematic group zoom meeting please feel free to write to: florent.barel@pfdialogue.eu Dedicated spaces will be available at the hotel to support in-person collaboration and follow-up discussions.

