



Civil Society and Youth Forum:

Programme Overview

7th African Union – European Union Summit Side Event

*Intercontinental Luanda Miramar Hotel - Luanda, ANGOLA
20-21 November 2025*

Location: Luanda, Angola

Format: In-person, partially livestreamed

Working Languages: English, French, Portuguese

1. Day One: Thursday, 20 November 2025

Time	Session
9:00 – 9:30	Registration and Welcome Coffee
9:30 – 10:45	Partner Event organised by OECD
10:45 – 11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:15 – 12:30	Partner Event co-organised by UNDP and UNICEF, with presentation of AU-EU Youth Lab
12:30 – 13:50	Networking Lunch

<p>13:50 – 14:20</p>	<p>Opening Addresses</p> <p>Remarks from H.E. Danila Patrícia de Almeida Bragança, Secretary of State for Youth of the Republic of Angola, and H.E. Rosário Bento Pais, EU Ambassador to the Republic of Angola</p> <p><i>(livestreamed)</i></p>
<p>14:30 – 14:50</p>	<p>Setting the Scene – Showcasing of impact of the AU-EU partnership</p> <p>Contributions from four participating CSOs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Foday Bangura, AU Youth Representative, African Leadership University - Dr. Moses Isooba, Vice-Chair, Forus International - Melvin Foday Khabenje, Policy & Legal Affairs Officer, ICA Global - Nkeshimana Cedrick, Youth Advisory Board Member, AU–EU Youth Action Lab <p><i>(livestreamed)</i></p>
<p>14:50 – 16:00</p>	<p>Advancing the EU-AU Joint Vision 2030: where do we stand and how to achieve our objectives?</p> <p>Welcome by moderators Mr. John Mc Carrick, Policy Officer Strategic Partnerships with Africa and with the ACP, European Commission, and Ms. Adesola Adeyemo, Programme Officer Accreditation, AU ECOSOCC</p> <p>Panel discussion with AU and EU Officials and CSO representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Steve Lalande, Director, Partnerships and Resource Mobilization, AU Commission - Mr. Domenico Rosa, Head of Unit, Strategic partnerships with Africa and ACP, European Commission - Ms. Nina Forgwe, Founder, Teagan Alternatives - Ms. Vivian Onano, Founder, Leading Light Initiative <p><i>(livestreamed)</i></p>

16:00-16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 – 18:00	Parallel Thematic Roundtables: Finalising recommendations
19:00 – 21:00	Networking Cocktail

2. Day Two: Friday, 21 November 2025

Time	Session
9:30 – 10:00	Welcome Coffee
10:00 – 10:15	<p>Setting the Scene</p> <p>Welcome by moderator Mr. Walter Kasempa, Founder, Youth Unite Zambia and IOM Global Youth Changemaker</p> <p>Contribution from Dr. Richard Makon, Regional Coordinator East & Central Africa, Innovation Foundation for Democracy</p> <p><i>(livestreamed)</i></p>
10:20-11:30	<p>Parallel Session 1</p> <p>Global Gateway and Youth Entrepreneurship in Africa (Parallel session 1)</p> <p>Welcome by moderator Ms. Lisa Videira, President, Angolan Association of Startups and Digital Entrepreneurship (AASED)</p> <p>Video on TEI IYBA</p> <p>Testimony from Ms. Elisa Capolo, Founder, Talama & Soba, and alumnus from the Orange Corner programme</p> <p>Panel discussion:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Swelia Da Silva Antonio, Economic Affairs Officer and Manager of Orange Corners Angola, Embassy of the Netherlands in Angola - Ms. Erica Gerretsen, Director, Human Development, Migration, Governance and Peace, European Commission - Ms. Mekdim Gullilat, Country Manager - Ethiopia, Reach for Change - Mr. Rodrigo Crespo, Managing Partner, Nyawira Consulting - Dr. Augustina Odame, CEO, Ghana Chamber of Technology - Mr. Fabien de Castilla, Director, Konexio <p><i>(livestreamed)</i></p>
<p>10:20-11:30</p>	<p>Parallel Session 2: Promoting Cultural Relations under the Africa-Europe Partnership (Parallel session 2)</p> <p>Welcome by moderator Ms. Lesley Donna Williams, Consultant for Facilitation, Innovation, Diplomacy</p> <p>Video on EU-AU cultural relations</p> <p>Panel discussion :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Philina Wittke, Project Lead for EU Projects Sub-Saharan Africa, Goethe-Institut South Africa - Mr. Domenico Rosa, Head of Unit, Strategic partnerships with Africa and ACP, European Commission - Ms. Hazel Dixon, Ag. HoD/Regional Desk Officer for NGO, Social and Economic Issues, African Union Commission - Mr. Kudzanai Mutomba, Director, Youth for Peace and Development - Ms. Whitney Chinonye Ernest, Founder, WCE Studios - Ms. Rahmatouca Sow, Programme Director, UCLG Africa <p><i>(recorded)</i></p>
<p>11:30 – 12:00</p>	<p><i>Coffee Break</i></p>
<p>12:00- 12:45</p>	<p>Presenting recommendations: Peace and Security</p> <p>Notetaker: Karen Ondwasi, Advocacy and Partnership Assistant, Forum for African Women Educationalists Facilitator: Hamu Wabe, New Plant Alliance</p>

	<p>EU Rapporteur: Marcia Bansko, Head of Influencing, Plan International</p> <p>AU Rapporteur: Nina Forgwe, Founder, Teagan Alternatives</p>
12:45 – 14:15	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14:15-15:00	<p>Presenting recommendations: People</p> <p>Notetaker: Paola Plaku, Senior Policy & Project Officer, Fair Trade Advocacy Office</p> <p>Facilitator: Esther Agyapong, Journalist, Climate Journalists Network</p> <p>EU Rapporteur: Jaimie Just, Senior Policy & Advocacy Adviser, CONCORD Europe</p> <p>AU Rapporteur: Funmi Oguntay, Founder, Society of Women in Safety Health and Environment Africa (SOWSHE-A)</p>
15:15 – 16:00	<p>Presenting recommendations: Prosperity</p> <p>Notetaker: Ramon Moraes Sales Moura, Project Officer, International Organisation of Employers</p> <p>Facilitator: Mary Morrison, Legal & Ethical Adviser, Tony Wild Foundation</p> <p>EU Rapporteur: Javier Garcia de la Oliva, Regional Head Europe and Americas, Actionaid</p> <p>AU Rapporteur: Vivian Onano, Founder, Leading Light Initiative</p>
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:30 – 17:15	<p>Presenting recommendations: Multilateralism</p> <p>Notetaker: Washington Mumbamarwo, Founder, Youth End Period Poverty Movement</p> <p>Facilitator: Foday Bangura, AU Youth Representative, African Leadership University</p> <p>EU Rapporteur: Elena Crasta, Senior Adviser, European Trade Union Confederation</p> <p>AU Rapporteur: Dr. Augustina Odame, CEO, Ghana Chamber of Technology</p>
17:20 – 18:00	<p>Concluding session</p> <p>Summary of outcomes from thematic groups by EU Rapporteur Mr. Ramon Moraes Sales Moura, Project Officer, International Organisation of Employers, and AU Rapporteur Mr. Daniel Adugna, Programs and Policy Officer, African Union Commission</p>



Closing remarks from Ms. Erica Gerretsen, Director, Human Development, Migration, Governance, and Peace, European Commission, and Mr. Kyeretwie Osei, Head of Programmes, AU ECOSOCC

(livestreamed)