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JOINT AFRICA-EU STRATEGY REFERENCE GROUP MEETING ON INFRASTRUCTURE

VENUE:

The Hotel

Boulevard de Waterloo 38

1000 Brussels

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Brussels, Belgium

DATE: 24-25 April 2017

DRAFT AGENDA

I. OPENING CEREMONY

II. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

III. WORKING SESSIONS

- 1. Infrastructure (energy, transport, water and ICT) Cooperation within a New Policy Context – Shaping the 2017-2020 JAES cooperation agenda**
- 2. Scaling-up Innovative Infrastructure Financing towards growth, job creation and youth**
- 3. Regional Infrastructures as a Catalyst for Job Creation in the framework of PIDA**
- 4. Towards implementing the African Renewable Energy Initiative (AREI) after COP22**
- 5. The European Union's New Approach on Digitalisation for Development**
- 6. Sectoral Break Out Groups (transport, energy, water and ICT)**
- 7. Any Other Business**
- 8. Preparation of Joint Statement**

IV. ADOPTION OF JOINT STATEMENT

V. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME

DAY 1: MONDAY, 24 APRIL 2017

I OPENING

09:00-09:15 Opening by EC Director for Sustainable Growth and Development (DEVCO) and AUC Director of Infrastructure and Energy (DIE)

09:15-09:45 COFFEE BREAK + GROUP PHOTO

II PROCEDURAL MATTERS

9:45-10:00 Adoption of the Agenda and Work Programme

III WORKING SESSIONS - PLENARY

10:00-10:45 Session 1: Infrastructure (energy, transport, water and ICT) Cooperation within a New Policy Context – Shaping the 2017-2020 JAES cooperation agenda

Objective: With a view to develop and substantiate the JAES 2017-2020 Infrastructure Road Map, this session will help to shape our envisaged infrastructure and energy cooperation in the context of the latest policy developments such as the Agenda 2030, COP22, the New European Consensus on Development, the 2016 UN New Urban Agenda and Africa's Agenda 2063

Presenters: EC - 15 min
AUC - 15 min
followed by discussions

10:45-11:45 Session 2: Scaling-up Innovative Infrastructure Financing towards growth, job creation and youth

Objective: This session provides an overview of the European External Investment Plan, its architecture and application. It informs about the DCI Pan-African Programme interventions planned for 2017 and highlights further African funding initiatives to scale-up investments for energy and infrastructure.

Presenter: EC - 30 min
AUC - 15 min
followed by discussions

11:30-12:30 Session 3: Regional Infrastructures as a Catalyst for Job Creation in the framework of PIDA

Objective: regional infrastructure is a vector for growth and job creation and plays a fundamental role when tackling root causes for migration. This session focuses on the maximization of job creation with PIDA. It builds on the conclusions reached at the PIDA Week of Nov 2016.

Presenter: AUC – 30 min
followed by discussion

12:30-13:30 LUNCH BREAK

13:30-14:30 **Session 4: Towards implementing the African Renewable Energy Initiative (AREI) after COP22**

Objective: The AREI was officially launched at COP22 in Nov 2016. Cooperating Partners committed to mobilize at least USD 10 billion cumulatively from 2015 to 2020 with a focus on increasing renewable energy generation in Africa up to 2020. This sessions informs about "getting" the AREI in motion" towards delivery, its challenges, perspectives and complementarity with other initiatives.

Presenter: AUC – 15 min
EC – 15 min
followed by discussion

14:30-15:30 **Session 5: The European Union's New Approach on Digitalisation for Development**

Objective: The EC, in line with the 2016 New European Consensus on Development, is identifying four Digital for Development priority areas e.g.: affordable broadband connectivity; digital literacy and skills, digital entrepreneurship and digital technologies as "enabler", as well as relevant measures and actions. This sessions elaborates on the above approach through the lenses of impact on horizontal infrastructure cooperation.

Presenter: EC – 30 min
followed by discussion

SECTORAL BREAK OUT GROUPS

15:30-18:00 **Sectoral Break-Out Groups in domains of Energy, Transport, Water and ICT – PART I**

Objective: to elaborate and strategise on specific sectoral matters.

Format: parallel sectoral break-out groups with its individual agendas

DAY 2: TUESDAY, 25 APRIL 2017

09:00-11:15 **Sectoral Break-Out Groups in domains of Energy, Transport, Water and ICT – PART II**

11:15-11:45 COFFEE BREAK

11:45-12:45 **Session 6: Outcome Presentation of Break-Out Groups on Energy, Transport, Water and ICT**

Objective: presentation and feedback on sector group presentations

Format: Plenary

12:45-13:00 Session 7: Any Other Business

13:00-14:00 LUNCH BREAK

14:00-16:00 Preparation of Joint Statement

Objective: Preparation of draft Joint Statement/Declaration from AUC, EC and EC JAES TA

Format: "closed session"

IV Adoption of the Joint Statement

16:00-16:45 Adoption of Joint RGI Statement

Objective: Plenary presentation of draft statement, discussion and approval from RGI participants

Format: Plenary

V CLOSURE OF THE RGI MEETING

16:45-17h00 Closing remarks by EC Director for Sustainable Growth and Development (DEVCO) and AUC Director of Infrastructure and Energy (DIE)