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13TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
AFRICA DAY

Strengthening Africa-Europe Partnership

GREEN TRANSITION

as a Pathway to Sustainable Development and Peace

Background information

The 13th Africa Day International Conference is hosted by the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia, in cooperation with the Bled Strategic Forum, the European Commission and the Chatham House Africa Programme, and takes place under the auspices of the President of the Republic of Slovenia. This annual high-level event aims to improve policy outcomes for citizens in Europe and Africa, based on mutual understanding and cooperation between the two regions, and strengthen bilateral relations between Slovenia and African countries.

The topic of this year's conference will be green transition. The climate crisis has a growing impact on global peace and security and hinders sustainable development. The link between peace and environmental sustainability is widely recognised, and there is a growing awareness of the crucial role of the green energy transition as a catalyst for environmental sustainability, economic development and regional stability. In the context of Slovenia's membership of the UN Security Council, the conference will focus on the critical interplay between the green transition, development, peace and security.

Fully in line with the first aspiration of Agenda 2063 – A prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development – the 13th Africa Day will provide a platform for inter-regional exchange and cooperation as speakers explore the ways in which green technologies, sustainable practices and environmentally friendly policies can drive positive change. It will bring together decision-makers and experts from Europe and Africa to identify the key challenges and policy priorities for a green transition and a stronger Europe-Africa partnership.

Programme

Opening speeches

Panel 1: Leaders' panel

Panel 2: Green Transition as a Catalyst of Economic Development

Panel 3: Fostering Green Innovation: Sharing Knowledge and Technology for a Sustainable Transition

Panel 4: Strengthening Cultural Cooperation: Sustainable Networks for Sustainable Future

Closing remarks

Reception

Cultural programme



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