

Strengthening Africa-Europe Partnership

GREEN TRANSITION

as a Pathway to Sustainable Development and Peace

Programme

- 9:00** **Registration**
- 9:30–9:40** **Opening with a short cultural programme**
- Njamy Sitson, Miha Petric (Cameroon, Slovenia)
- 9:40–10:00** **Opening remarks**
- Ms **Tanja Fajon**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Republic of Slovenia
- 10:00–11:15** **Panel 1: Leaders' Panel – Green transition for a Safe Future**
- Panellists:*
- Ms **Donatille Mukabalisa**, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies, Republic of Rwanda
 - Ms **Urška Klakočar Zupančič**, President of the National Assembly, Republic of Slovenia
 - Mr **Moses Kunkuyu Kalongashawa**, Minister of Information and Digitalisation, Republic of Malawi
 - Ms **Tanja Fajon**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Republic of Slovenia
 - Ms **Emanuela Del Re**, European Union Special Representative for the Sahel
- Moderator:* Dr **Smiljana Knez**, Ambassador-at-Large for Climate Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia
- 11:15–11:30** **Coffee break**
- 11:30–12:45** **Panel 2: Green Transition as a Catalyst of Economic Development**
- Panellists:*
- Mr **Bahaa Abdullah**, CEO and Executive board member, Iskraemeco Group
 - Mrs **Florence Larbi**, COO of the Environment and Sanitation, Jospong Group
 - Mr **Domenico Rosa**, Head of Unit on Strategic Partnerships with Africa and ACP, DG INTPA, European Commission
 - Ms **Carol Awuor Ofafa**, Research Associate, African School of Regulation / Robert Schuman Centre, European University Institute
 - Mr **Jan Kostevc**, Team leader – Energy Infrastructure, EU Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)
 - Mr **Dag Kralj**, MBA, Member of the Board, BISOL Group
- Moderator:* Dr **Smiljana Knez**, Ambassador-at-Large for Climate Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia
- 12:45 – 14:00** **Buffet Lunch**
- 14:00 – 15:25** **Panel 3: Fostering Green Innovation: Sharing Knowledge and Technology for a Sustainable Transition**
- Presentation of Slovenian development cooperation:*

- Mr **Edvin Skrt**, Director General for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia

Presentation of the Space.SI and Jomo Kenyatta University project:

- Dr **Tomaž Rodič**, Director, Slovenian Centre of Excellence for Space Sciences and Technologies

Panellists:

- Assoc Prof **Kayihura Muganga Didas**, Vice Chancellor, University of Rwanda
- Prof Dr **Gregor Majdič**, Rector, University of Ljubljana
- Prof **Hester C. Klopper**, Deputy-Vice Chancellor, Stellenbosch University
- Prof **Jan Palmowski**, The Guild lead on Africa-Europe CoRE, The Guild
- Mr **Ibrahim Elrefaey**, PhD Researcher at the Department of Analytical Chemistry, Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Technology, University of Ljubljana

Moderator: Ms **Elizabeth Maloba**, Global Diplomacy Lab

Panel Pitch: Ms **Audrey Namdiero-Walsh**, Director of the Secretariat, Global Diplomacy Lab

15:25 – 15:40 Coffee break

15:40 – 17:10 Panel 4: Strengthening Cultural Cooperation – Sustainable Networks for Sustainable Future

Showcase of Europe-Africa cultural cooperation projects:

- Share; creative powers of art / Ms **Nataša Zavolovšek**, Director and Producer, and Ms **Inti Šraj**, both Exodos Ljubljana
- Starts4Africa / Ms **Maja Drobne**, Head of Education, Pina Association
- Deconfining arts, culture and policies in Europe and Africa / Ms **Sara Božanić**, CEO, Institute for Transmedia Design

Panellists:

- Ms **Samba Yonga**, Founder of Ku-Atenga Media, Co-founder of the Women's History Museum of Zambia
- Ms **Vydia Tamby**, Cultural Advisor to the Mayor of Dakar
- Ms **Barbara Eigner**, International Relations, European Capital of Culture Bad Ischl – Salzkammergut 2024
- Dr **Stojan Pelko**, Head of Programme, European Capital of Culture Nova Gorica/Gorizia 2025

Moderator: Ms **Sara Božanić**, CEO, Institute for Transmedia Design

17:10 – 17:25 Closing remarks

- Mr **Domenico Rosa**, Head of Unit for Strategic Partnerships with Africa and with the ACP, DG INTPA, European Commission
- Mr **Bob Dewar**, Associate Fellow, Africa Programme, Chatham House
- Dr **Smiljana Knez**, Ambassador-at-Large for Climate Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia

17:25 – 19:00 Reception

- **Renata Cvelbar Bek**, Secretary General, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia

18:00 – 21:30 Concert

Venue: Center Rog, Trubarjeva cesta 72, Ljubljana, Slovenia. Language: Simultaneous translation into Slovenian, English and French. Throughout the afternoon, a cultural and social programme will take place in the park in front of Center Rog, ending with a concert.

