



## The Future of the Africa-EU Partnership *“Key Messages for the IV Africa-EU Summit”*

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### Panel Members



#### *Rt Hon Lord Paul Boateng* *UK Parliament*

The Rt Hon Lord Paul Boateng (Baron Boateng of Akyem Wems a four year term as British High Commissioner to South Africa (2005 - 2009), was elevated to the Peerage in June 2010. He has 30 years experience in public life in the law, politics and diplomacy. He was, until he stepped down to take the post of High Commissioner in 2005, a Member of Parliament (1987 - 2005), and he served as a Cabinet Minister and Chief Secretary to the Treasury under Tony Blair. He has an extensive knowledge of Africa, where he spent much of his childhood, worked on African issues as a Vice Moderator of the World Council of Churches Programme to Combat Racism, and was active in the Anti Apartheid Movement. He was the then UK Prime Minister Tony Blair’s Special Representative to Africa, during the work of the Africa Commission 2004-2005. He gave the key note address on public service delivery to President Obusanjo’s Annual Retreat in Nigeria (2004). He gave the key note address at the request of the State Government at the Kuramo Conference 2010 in Lagos, on lessons of the Global Financial Crisis and the Implications for Africa and the Global Economy. He was a UNECA resource person and panelist at the African Finance Ministers Meeting 2012 in Addis Ababa. He is a frequent writer, broadcaster, and public speaker in Europe, Africa and the US on the development, financial and governance aspects of globalisation. He is a Trustee of the International (Duke of Edinburgh’s) Youth Award, a Global Board member for Food for the Hungry, and the Planet Earth Institute - a charity promoting sustainable development through Higher Education, as well as Co-Chair of the Africa Intellectual

Property Trust. He is Moderator of the Africa Biblical Leadership Initiative, and works on a number of programmes promoting interfaith dialogue and good governance.

***Marta Martinelli***  
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Marta Martinelli is senior policy analyst responsible for work on gender, democratization, security governance, and development issues in Africa. She joined the Open Society Foundations in May 2010.

Previously, Martinelli worked in Kinshasa for the European Union mission for Security Sector Reform (EUSEC) in the Democratic Republic of Congo. From 2005 to 2009 she advised the Belgian Directorate General for Development on peace-building policies in the Great Lakes Region. Martinelli has advised UNIFEM, UNDP, the European Commission, and the European Parliament on gender, peace support operations, and security system reform in Burundi, the DRC, and the Central African Republic.

Martinelli's academic career includes holding a Chair in Peace and Conflict Studies at the Free University of Brussels (ULB), and teaching at the Institute of International Sociology in Gorizia (Italy) and at the UNESCO Chair for Peaceful Conflict Resolution and Human Rights in Bujumbura (Burundi). She is currently a visiting lecturer at the ULB. She holds a PhD in conflict resolution and an MA in international politics and security studies from the Department of Peace Studies in Bradford (United Kingdom) as well as a BA in diplomacy and international relations from the University of Trieste (Italy). She is fluent in Italian, English, and French.



***Mr. Joseph Chilengi,***  
***Chairperson, African Union CSO Steering***  
***Committee on JAES***

Joseph Chilengi is founder and President of Africa Internally Displaced Persons Voice and Chairperson of the African Union CSO Steering Committee of the Africa-EU Partnership. He is Chairperson of Political Affairs of the AU ECOSOCC and Chairperson of the AU CSO Steering Committee on Africa-EU

Human Rights Dialogue. He is also a Member of the African Union Implementation Team of the JAES. He is an expert on Africa-EU, Expert on Africa and the Great Lakes Region of Africa. He is one of the experts that facilitated the negotiation, elaboration and adoption by Members of the Great Lakes Region of the PACT on Peace, Security and Development in the Great Lakes Region and its legal, financial and technical instruments. He was a member of the technical committee of experts of the 1st Africa Summit of Heads of State and Government on African Diaspora.

Joseph Chilengi is an expert on the COMESA Early Warning System and SADC and participated in the operationalisation of the SADC Standby Force and was awarded a medal for his contribution to peace in the SADC region. He also facilitated as an expert, the 1<sup>st</sup> Ministerial Conference of ECOWAS on IDPs and sits on various advisory bodies. He has recently been appointed, Head of GNRD High Commission on Africa and has also participated in various election observation missions in Africa including the recent Egyptian Constitution referendum. Prior to occupying these current positions, has served with UNDP in Uganda and the EU and other projects. An expert in the field of international law and diplomacy, Human Rights and Conflict Management and forced migration

***Xavier Verboven  
Member of the  
European Economic  
& Social Committee***



Xavier Verboven spent his career working for the Belgium Socialist Trade Union, “The Belgian General Federation of Labour” (FGTB). As a jurist, he was from 1970 to 1983 a member of and also Director of the team of advisers to the Union. From 1984 to 1989, Xavier Verboven was National Secretary of the Textile Federation of the Socialist Union. During the years 1990 to 1995, he was National Secretary, and from 1996 to 2003, General Secretary of the Flemish Socialist Union. In 2004, he became General Secretary of the National Confederation of the Belgian General Federation of Labour, a post which he held until 2006. From 2006 to the present, Xavier Verboven has been an adviser of the “European Economic and Social Committee” (EESC).



***Serguei Ouattara***  
***EU-Africa Chamber of Commerce***

Serguei Ouattara has been concerned for several years by the development of Africa's economy especially the private sector. With the support of his network among the African Diaspora, he founded the Brussels' based EU-Africa Chamber of Commerce.

Serguei Ouattara started his professional career in 2003 as a freelance in Information Systems and Management Consulting and had the opportunity to contribute as High Level Conference Project Manager for the World Bank and the Government of Democratic Republic of Congo. He liaised with the local private sector, professional associations, financial institutions and development agencies such as GiZ, DFID and EU Delegation. Serguei has also been contractor for the International Finance Corporation (IFC) to lead survey on SMEs business environment in DRC.

Next to his interest in the private sector's development in Africa, Serguei had the opportunity to assist various European private sector companies (Europcar, AXA Belgium, BNP Paribas Fortis, Merial, Brasseries d'Orval, STIB) as Consultant in Information Systems. Serguei also serves as Senior Business Analyst for the Trasys Group. Serguei Ouattara holds a Business Engineer Diploma obtained with Honors at Catholic University of Louvain (UCL), Mons, Belgium.

***Alix Masson***  
***European Youth Forum***

Alix Masson is currently the Head of Policy and Advocacy of the European Youth Forum, the Civil Society platform which strives for the rights of young people and represents youth organizations towards the European Union, the Council of Europe and the United Nations System. She has worked as a journalist for over 4 years in different online publications in France and Belgium. For the last 9 years, she specializes on youth issues from different perspectives, working for the World Organization of the Scout Movement and the European Youth Forum. She has been involved with the Europe Africa youth



cooperation for over 5 years now, both in terms of projects and political processes – preparing, the last Africa Europe Youth Summit in 2010. She has an extensive knowledge and competence in policy drafting, lobbying and advocacy towards the European Institutions. Alix also holds a Masters in Journalism and European Affairs from Strasbourg University (CUEJ) and a BA in law and public administration from University of Orleans. In addition to French as mother tongue, she has excellent competence in English and good basis in German.



***H. E. Dr. Brave Ndisale***  
***Ambassador of Malawi to the EU***

H. E. Dr. Brave Ndisale is Ambassador of the Republic of Malawi to Belgium, France, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Italy, Switzerland, Monaco and the European Union. Prior to this appointment she was program leader at the International Food Policy research Institute (IFPRI), head of the Rural Economy Division in the Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture at the Commission of the African Union, Policy Officer and consultant at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Regional Office for Africa and Research Economist at the Ministry of Agriculture (Malawi Government). Dr. Ndisale received her PhD in Agriculture and Applied Economics from the University of Minnesota.

***Filip David***  
***Director of EU External Action***  
***Belgium Ministry of Foreign Affairs***



Filip DAVID is Counsellor General and Director of the External Action of the EU Directorate (DG European Affairs and Coordination) at the Belgian Foreign Ministry. He has a Master's Degree in Political Sciences and a Master's Degree in Development Economics. Before joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he worked in the Democratic Republic of Congo. In the Foreign Ministry, he worked first at the bilateral desk dealing with Central and Eastern Europe where he was in charge of the former Yugoslavia and Central Asia. In 2002, he became Director of the Middle East and North Africa Department. In 2004 he took up his present function. The External Action of the EU Directorate is in charge of EU enlargement, the framework agreements of the EU (like Cotonou), the EU relations with third countries and the Foreign Affairs Council. He is

also the Belgian EU-ASEAN and EU-CELAC Senior Official and Member of the EU-ACP Committee of Ambassadors.



***Maurice Enguéléguélé***  
***Africa Governance Institute***

Dr. Maurice Enguéléguélé is Professor of Political Science (PhD) and has taught for twenty years in French universities (Amiens, Bordeaux) and Cameroon (International Relations Institute). He also served as Head of Project 'Promoting Democratic Governance in Africa' in Governance Mission of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He has published several works on political behavior, public policies and political participation issues in African Countries. Dr. Enguéléguélé is the Programme Coordinator of the Africa Governance Institute since May 2008.

***Geert Laporte***  
***ECDPM Deputy Director***



Geert Laporte, a Belgian national, is Deputy Director at The European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM) and Professor at the Department of Conflict and Development Studies at the University of Ghent-Belgium. He is responsible for ECDPM's institutional relations with the EU, the African Union, the ACP Group and a broad network of partners in different parts of the world.

His thematic areas of specialisation include: EU external action and development policy, the ACP-EU Cotonou Partnership Agreement and the Joint Africa-EU Strategy with a particular focus on the political dimensions of cooperation, peace and security, economic governance and regional integration.

He has been involved in extensive policy research, institutional audits, evaluations and publications on various aspects of ACP-EU and Africa-EU relations. He has also built a longstanding experience in policy dialogue facilitation and institutional and capacity development.

Prior to joining ECDPM in 1990 he has worked for several years as a research fellow and later as an assistant at the Centre for Third World Studies at the University of Ghent, where he mainly worked on the management of international cooperation in Latin America.

Geert Laporte holds a Master in Contemporary History and a Master in Development Studies with specialisation in Public Administration from the University of Ghent.



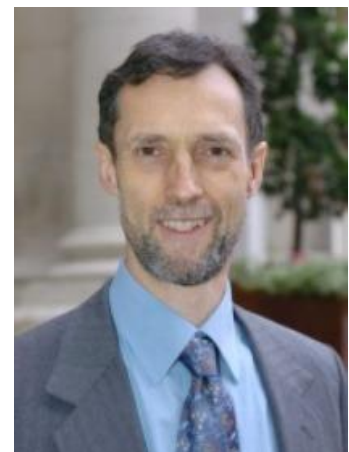
***Jean Baptiste Natama  
Chief of Staff to the Chairperson  
African Union Commission***

As a trained lawyer, diplomat, military officer, political scientist, poet, essayist and writer, born in Leo, in the Sissili province of Burkina Faso, Jean-Baptiste NATAMA alias Toubo Tanam is a multifaceted man. Due to his university qualifications, which include a Military Officer diploma, he occupied various posts in the Ministry of Defense from 1984 to 1990. Similarly, his Pre-Doctoral Degree in Law and Post-Graduate Diploma in Strategic and Diplomatic Studies paved the way for a rich and intense diplomatic career. After serving in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 1991 to 1995, he joined the former Organization of African Unity (OAU), now the African Union (AU) in Burundi for one year in 1995, thereafter working for the United Nations (UN) in various countries such as the Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi and Rwanda from 1996 to 2002. In 2006, he was re-appointed by the highest authorities in his country to lead the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) process for seven years, as Permanent Secretary and Focal Point for both APRM and NEPAD. In addition to being a United Nations and African Union Expert in Peacekeeping Operations, he is a Facilitator for the Pearson Centre in Canada for Peacekeeping Operations and regularly acts as Special Envoy of the President of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) managing various dossiers in certain countries. A seasoned diplomat who is right at the heart of Africa's fight for progress, he is counted amongst the most knowledgeable African personalities on international matters.

Jean-Baptiste Natama who also has been Deputy to the High Representative for the Operationalisation of the African Standby Force is heading the Bureau of the Chairperson of the AU Commission since the 15th of October 2012

***Nick Westcott  
Managing Director for Africa  
European External Action Service***

Dr Westcott was appointed Managing Director for Africa in the European External Action Service (EEAS) on 1 February 2011. Prior to that, he was British High Commissioner to Ghana and Ambassador to Côte d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Togo and Niger from 2008 to 2011. He has had previous postings as Deputy



High Commissioner in Dar es Salaam, as Minister-Counsellor at the Embassy in Washington, and at the UK's Permanent Representation to the EU in Brussels. At the FCO in London, he has been involved in EU work and was responsible for organizing the G8 Summit in Birmingham in 1998. He was Chief Information Officer at the FCO from 2002 to 2007. From the end of 1997 until 2001, he worked in DG Development and DG Environment in Brussels on a wide range of environmental issues, particularly climate change in developing countries. He joined the European Commission in 1993, when he was first responsible for the bilateral co-operation covering agricultural policies, rural development and the environment in the EC Delegation in Zimbabwe in Harare. After his University education, he started his professional career at the University of Göttingen, Germany in 1985. His main scientific and lecturing topics were natural resources economics and development economics, including extensive research in rural West Africa. He holds a doctoral degree in agricultural economics.



***Françoise Moreau***  
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Françoise Moreau, French, Economist (ULB, Brussels) is Head the Unit in charge of the Africa-EU Partnership and the African Peace Facility in EuropeAid, Directorate General for Development and Cooperation at the European Commission.

In previous positions, as head of the Development Policy and Coherence unit, she led the work on the European Union "Agenda for change" (2011) which sets new priorities for the EU Development Policy aiming at maximizing EU's impact in support of governance and of inclusive and sustainable growth for human development.

She launched the research initiative 'European Report on Development', with the first editions focussing on 'fragility in Africa' (2009), 'social protection in developing countries' (2010) and the 'management of natural resources' (2012).

Previously she led the EU policy work on the Millennium Development Goals, on Policy Coherence for Development and on the "European Consensus on Development" (2005). She also coordinated the debate on the ACP-EU partnership (1996) and the negotiations on the Cotonou Agreement (2000).