

***The Africa Charter:
Advancing transformative research collaborations between Africa and the rest of the world
6-7 November 2024, Brussels***

DRAFT AGENDA

**Part I: Relevance and translation into practice of the Africa Charter's principles in the evolution of
Africa-Europe research collaborations**

Wednesday 6 November: Venue - Fondation Universitaire

Moderator: Prof Juliet Thondhlana, Coordinator, AAU Europe Regional Office

10:00-10:30	<i>Registration and Refreshments</i>
10:30-11:15	<i>Welcome, Overview and Introduction</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Welcoming remarks from the Coimbra Group and University of Bristol- Overview of Africa-Europe research partnerships and future perspectives from the Coimbra Group and European Commission- Introduction to the Africa Charter by Africa Charter Steering Group representatives- Q&A
11:15-12:30 -	<i>Panel Debate:</i> <p>Re-balancing the global science ecosystem through transformative research collaborations: relevance of the Charter for Africa-Europe partnerships?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- With representatives of the Coimbra Group, University of Bristol and key partners in Africa and Europe- Q&A
12:30-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30-14:15	<i>Early Career Researcher perspectives</i> on Africa-Europe collaboration
14:15-15:30	<i>World Café Part I</i> <p>Implementing the Africa Charter's principles for redressing the imbalances: what does it mean in practice? Challenges and barriers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- In moderated small group discussions participants will discuss how to put the Charter's principles into practice, identifying challenges and barriers
15:30-16:00	<i>Refreshments</i>

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- 16:00-17:15 **World Café Part II**
Implementing the Africa Charter's principles for redressing the imbalances – what does it mean in practice? Promising approaches and opportunities
- In moderated small group discussions participants will discuss how to put the Charter's principles into practice, identifying promising approaches and opportunities
- 17:15-17:30 **Conclusions and next steps**
17:30-19:30 **Networking Reception**

Part II: Implications of Africa Charter's aspirations for the further shaping of Africa-Europe research and innovation policy and funding

Thursday 7 November: Venue - Norway House

Moderator: Prof Juliet Thondhlana, Coordinator, AAU Europe Regional Office

- 09:00-09:30 **Registration and Refreshments**
09:30-09:40 **Welcome**
- Welcoming Remarks by the moderator
- 09:40-10:10 **Keynote Addresses**
- Keynote addresses by Africa Charter Group representatives
- 09:40-10:30 **The Africa-Europe R&I policy and funding landscape**
- Overview by European Commission representatives
- 10:30-11:00 **Refreshments**
- 11:00-12:15 - **Panel Debate:**
What are the implications of the Africa Charter and avenues for further shaping Africa-Europe research funding, policy and regulatory frames?
- With representatives of the European Commission, and key partners in Africa and Europe
 - Q&A
- 12:15-12:30 **Conclusions and next steps**
12:30-14:00 **Lunch**

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