

Civil Society Day: Consultation Event for the New BMZ Africa Strategy

The Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development Germany is honoured to invite you to this consultation event in the context of the preparation of the ministry's new Africa Strategy.

**Please join the event online
on Monday, 4 July 2022, 10.30 am - 4.30 pm (CEST)
Login information will be shared nearer the time.**

Cooperation between African nations and Germany is a priority for the newly elected German government and the BMZ. As neighbouring continents, Africa and Europe are key partners in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and addressing challenges such as gender equality, global food security and climate change. Hence, **the BMZ is preparing a new Africa Strategy** that will define priorities and provide guidance for BMZ Africa policy in the current legislative period.

For the development of this new strategy, **the BMZ will be engaging in a broad-based consultation process with German, European and African experts, and practitioners from various fields** – e.g., civil society, academia, private sector – as well as with our partners in the European Union and Africa.

The **Civil Society Day is a central consultation event for our exchange with civil society actors**. It will offer a platform for civil society organisations and stakeholders from African nations, Germany, and diaspora, as well as pan-African organisations to engage as a sounding board in the process of developing the new BMZ Africa Strategy along the lines of the following three key topics:

- I. **Public (Social) Protection Systems:** How they can be strengthened to such an extent that African countries are able to respond effectively to sudden emergencies such as pandemics and supply crises (resilience)?
- II. **Just Transition:** How can a global climate change be made socially just for African countries? And how can this contribute to an attractive development model, sustainable employment prospects and sustainable economic growth in Africa?
- III. **Feminist Development Policy:** How can feminist development policy contribute to strengthening democracy and governance? How can patriarchal structures, gender norms, racist and other discriminatory structures be changed that prevent women, girls and marginalized groups in all their diversity from full participation on all levels?

We want to enter into a dialogue on these key issues and warmly welcome you to join us for the discussion.

Please register* [here](#) for the event.

The conference is a hybrid event with some speakers joining live from Berlin, Germany, while others will be joining us virtually. Simultaneous interpretation into French will be available.

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Provisional Agenda

Time	Agenda Item*	Speakers
Opening		
10:30 am	Welcome	Nkechi Madubuko // Moderator
	Opening Remarks	Birgit Pickel // Director General Africa, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany
Setting the Scene		
10:40 am	Keynote 1	Memory Bandera // Human Rights Defender and Director of Programmes and Administration, Defend Defenders
10:47 am	Keynote 2	Veye Tatah // Journalist and Editor, Africa Positive e.V.
Panel I: Public (Social) Protection Systems		
10:55 am	Panel Discussion with Q&A from the Audience	N.N. // Julia Kosgei // Policy and Advocacy Advisor, People's Vaccine Alliance (virtual) Henrik Maihack // Head of Africa Department, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Tobias Hauschild // Policy Advisor, OXFAM Germany
11:55 am	Voices from the Audience	Claudia Salowski // Co-Moderation (of Virtual Space)
Lunch Break 12:00 am – 01:00 pm		
01:00 pm	Voices from the Audience Continued	Claudia Salowski // Co-Moderation (of Virtual Space)
Panel II: Just Transition		
01:10 pm	Panel Discussion with Q&A from the Audience	Amos Wemanya // Senior Energy Advisor, Power Shift Africa (virtual) Edith Otiende-Lawani // Director, Giving Africa a New Face e.V. Francesca de Gasparis // Director, Southern African Faith Communities Environment Institute (SAFCEI), (virtual) Joachim Fünfgelt // Head of Economy and Sustainability Department, Brot für die Welt e.V.
Panel III: Feminist Development Cooperation		

02:10 pm	Panel Discussion with Q&A from the Audience	Carla Dietzel // Gender Advocacy Manager, CARE Germany Claire Mathonsi // Acting Executive Director, Advocacy Accelerator (virtual) Esther Philips // Chair of the Board of Directors, Bündnis für Entwicklungspolitik mit Afrika e.V. Layla Al-Zubaidi // Head of International Policy Divisions and Deputy Director of International Department, Heinrich Böll Foundation
Coffee Break 03:10 – 03:30 pm		
Recap of the Day and Trialogue		
03:30 pm	Presentation of Results	Presentation of Panel Discussion Results to Jochen Flasbarth // State Secretary, Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
03:50 pm	Trialogue	Jochen Flasbarth // State Secretary, Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development Maina Kiai // Former UN Special Rapporteur and Founding Director, Human Rights Watch's Alliances and Partnerships Program (virtual) Mathias Mogge // VENRO – Umbrella Organisation of Development and Humanitarian Non-governmental Organisations in Germany
04:20 pm	Wrap-Up	Nkechi Madubuko and Claudia Salowski // Moderators
Informal Get-Together From 04:30 pm onwards		

* Kindly note that all items/names in the agenda may be subject to change.