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AN INTER-ACTIVE SEMINAR ON SDGs AND AFRICA-EU RELATIONS



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Meeting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the UN is essential for the world's global advancement. The challenges and resources of the respective continents vary, and the relations between these two partners (Africa and Europe) are also undergoing significant changes. Current EU leaders seek to overcome the antagonism between the European normative intention to cooperate with Africa for greater good of the planet and the long-lasting European approach in practice that exploits Africa. According to Neven Mimica, the EU's Development Commissioner, the European Union's new partnership approach ostensibly puts trust in every continent's aspiration to build a better future for itself and for its communities. Federica Mogherini, the High Representative of the EU and the Vice-President of the European Commission, sees Africa 'not as a problem, but as a land of immense potential, not as a passive recipient of policies decided elsewhere, but as a partner willing to work together on its own recipes'. This seminar examines the EU's approach put forward by these leaders and discusses how Africa-EU relations hinder or facilitate effective policies and actions for the achievement of SDGs on Africa's 'terms'. The aim is to consider the challenges and opportunities available to Africa, which require a customized and prioritized investment towards achieving SDGs. The seminar takes a multidisciplinary, youth-centred approach that encapsulates our challenges as a continent and explores the legacy of Africa-EU relations to manage investment in the youth for a sustainable future.

Theme: Towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals: Customizing policies and investments for Africa-EU cooperation on SDGs and Africa 2030 agenda.

Hosts ESA-SSA and GovInn
Date 11 June 2018.
Venue Seminar Room 1-09, Old College House, University of Pretoria, South Africa.
Time 12:00-14:00
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Keynote Speaker: Professor Willem Fourie (Associate Professor at the Albert Luthuli Centre for Responsible Leadership, University of Pretoria, South Africa. He is the Co-ordinator of the South African SDG Hub and has been contributing to development effectiveness initiatives of the African Union's NEPAD Agency, often within the ambit of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation, since 2012).

Featuring:

- **Dola Adeboye:** a PhD Candidate and ESA-SSA member at the University of Pretoria. He is also a research scientist at the Department of Food Science, and a member of the South African Association of Food Science and Technology (SAAFoST) and the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (SACNASP).
- **Belen Calvo Uyarra:** She currently serves as the First Counsellor and Head of the Political, Press and Information Section of the Delegation of the European Union to South Africa.
- **Felix Kwabena Donkor:** an alumnus of Erasmus Mundus Joint European Masters in Environmental Sciences (JEMES). Felix did his PhD with the University of the Witwatersrand and currently a researcher with the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences (UNISA) on SDG related themes.