



**7<sup>th</sup> Plenary/Senior Officials meeting of the AU/EU High Level Policy Dialogue for Science, Technology and Innovation**

**27 January 2022: 09.00-12.00 (CET)**

**Agenda**

08:45 - 09:00	<b>Connecting to INTERACTIO</b> <b>(please note that this link can only be used with Google Chrome)</b> <b>link to join:</b> <a href="https://broadcaster.interactio.eu/join/5vny-wkq4-nq15">https://broadcaster.interactio.eu/join/5vny-wkq4-nq15</a>
09:00 – 09:20	<b>Brief Remarks and Statements by EU and AUC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EU HLPD co-chair <b>Ms Maria Cristina Russo</b>, Director International cooperation, European Commission (EC), DG Research and Innovation</li><li>• AU HLPD co-chair <b>Prof. Amadou Abdoul Sow</b>, Member of AU Specialized Technical Committee on Education, Science and Technology (STC-EST), Senegal</li><li>• <b>H.E. Ms Birgitte Markussen</b>, Ambassador, EU Delegation to the African Union Commission</li><li>• <b>Dr. Mahama Ouedraogo</b>, Director for Education, Science, Technology and Innovation Department, African Union Commission (AUC)</li></ul>
09:20– 9:45	<b>Brief Key Address on Fostering R&amp;I communities with an Agenda on Innovation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>H.E. Prof. Mohamed Belhocine</b>, AU Commissioner for Education, Science, Technology and Innovation</li><li>• <b>Ms Claire Giry</b>, Director-General Research and Innovation, Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation of France, Presidency of the Council of the EU</li></ul>
9:45-10:00	<b>How young innovators see the future</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Ms Chisom Udeze</b>, Founder &amp; Chief Diversify Officer at Diversify</li></ul>



	<b>Discussing the joint EU-AU Innovation Agenda</b>
10:00 – 10:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation of the joint AU-EU Innovation Agenda</li></ul> <p><b>Mr. Jens Hoegel</b>, European Commission (EC), DG Research and Innovation <b>Mr. Lukovi Seke</b>, AUDA-NEPAD</p>
10:20 – 10:50	First round of comments by the senior officials on the Innovation Agenda
10:50 -11:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implementation of the joint AU-EU Innovation Agenda</li></ul> <p><b>Ms Eleni Kyrou</b>, Head of European Investment Bank Representation to Ethiopia and the African Union <b>Mrs Martha Phiri</b>, Director, African Development Bank, Department of Human Capital, Youth and Skills Development</p>
11:10 – 11:40	Second round of comments by the senior officials addressing the following question: <i>How can your country contribute to the implementation of the Agenda</i>
11:40 – 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Next steps for the joint AU-EU Innovation Agenda, and closure of the meeting</li></ul> <p>EU HLPD co-chair <b>Ms Maria Cristina Russo</b>, Director International cooperation, European Commission (EC), DG Research and Innovation AU HLPD co-chair <b>Prof. Amadou Abdoul Sow</b>, Member of AU Specialized Technical Committee on Education, Science and Technology (STC-EST),</p>