

# **AU-EU Space Dialogue**

**Co-chaired by Prof. Belhocine AUC Commissioner for Education, Science, Technology and Innovation and Mr Pesonen, Director-General, DG DEFIS, European Commission**

## **Agenda**

**Wednesday 25 October 2023**

**Preparatory meetings** (08:30- 15:30 GMT)

- **Preparatory session on Earth Observation (8h30 -12h30)**
  - Presentation of AU-EU side's political and institutional context
  - Presentation of AUC and EU initiatives and projects of relevance (EC side: focus on Copernicus and Space Flagship)
  - Joint discussions, potentially on topics such as: data access, reinforcement of service applications, research support, uptake strategy & downstream sector, satellite infrastructure
  - Reporting of joint discussions
  - Conclusions & Recommendations
  
- **Preparatory session on Positioning, navigation and timing / Satellite navigation (13h30-15h30)**
  - Presentation of AU-side's perspective on the topic
  - Presentation of AUC and EU initiatives and projects of relevance (EU side: EGNOS, Galileo; Space Flagship)
  - Presentation by ASECNA (tbc)
  - Presentation by JPO (tbc)
  - Conclusions & Recommendations

### **1. Space Dialogue's introduction and welcome speeches / greetings by the co-chairs**

*16:00 – 16:30 GMT*

*Prof Belhocine, Commissioner, Education, Science, Technology and Innovation , African Union Commission*

*Mr Pesonen, Director General, DG DEFIS, European Commission*

## 2. AU and EU Space Policies and Strategies

16:30 – 18:30 GMT

Topic	Timing	Lead/speaker
African Space Policy and Strategy (including AfSA) and its contribution to the African Union's 2063 Agenda	16:30 – 17:30	AUC
EU Space Programme and its contribution to Africa's green and digital transition	17:30 – 18:30	EC

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### 3. Strategic discussion on Earth Observation

09:00 – 10:30 GMT

Topic	Timing	Lead/speaker
State-of-play of ongoing Earth Observation programmes and initiatives (e.g. Copernicus, GMES & Africa, ClimSA)	09:00 – 09:30	AUC EC
Feedback from preparatory meeting: results and suggestions for way forwards	09:30 – 10:00	EC AUC
Recommendations in terms of next steps, priorities, alignment, synergies, complementarities (between components of the space programme)	10:00 – 10:30	Discussion

Coffee break (10h30-11h00)

### 4. Strategic discussion on SatNav

11:00 – 12:30 GMT – Hybrid (Dakar + Webex)

Topic	Timing	Lead/speaker
State-of-play of ongoing SatNav programmes and initiatives (e.g. Galileo, ANGA)	11:00 – 11:30	AUC or ASECNA/JPO EC
Feedback from preparatory meeting: results and suggestions for way forwards	11:30 – 12:00	EC AUC

Recommendations in terms of next steps, priorities, alignment, synergies, complementarities (between components of the space programme)	12:00 – 12:30	<i>Discussion</i>
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## Lunch break

*12:30 – 14:30*

## 5. Strategic discussion on Space-based connectivity

*14:30 – 15:30 GMT*

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Lead/speaker</b>
IRIS <sup>2</sup> contribution to Africa's green and digital transition	14:30 – 15:00	<i>EC</i>
Recommendations in terms of next steps, priorities, alignment, synergies, complementarities (between components of the space programme)	15:00 – 15:30	<i>Discussion</i>

## 6. Conclusion / wrap-up

*15:30 – 16:00 GMT*

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Lead/speaker</b>
Summary of Actions and Next Steps, including tentative dates for next Dialogue	15:30 – 15:45	<i>AUC</i> <i>EC</i>
Closing remarks	15:45 – 16:00	<i>EC</i> <i>AUC</i>