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The EU is constantly analysing and reviewing its relations with Africa at continental, regional and national levels. The Joint Vision for 2030¹, adopted by EU and African Heads of State and Government at the 6th EU-African Union (AU) Summit in 2022, in Brussels, is guiding the partnership. With its Member States, the EU remains Africa's first trading partner and investor, first partner on peace and security, first official development assistance provider and humanitarian donor. The Global Gateway Africa-Europe Investment Package², targeting at least EUR 150 billion of investments by 2027, is being implemented in a Team Europe approach to maximise impact. It grows Africa's key infrastructure in energy, digital and transport, strengthens its health, education and research systems, and serves EU's strategic autonomy.

The 3rd EU-AU Ministerial meeting on 21 May 2025 in Brussels witnessed strong participation and genuine interest, with 15 EU and 31 AU Foreign Ministers present. It also served as a platform for extensive bilateral exchange (more than 100 bilateral meetings, including 11 from the High Representative/Vice-President), to listen to each other, and give new impetus to the partnership. The monitoring report for the Ministerial meeting shows significant progress made on mutual priorities and joint commitments³.

AU and Europe have a shared interest in political dialogue and long-term, mutually beneficial cooperation. The EU-AU partnership marks its 25th anniversary in 2025 with increased engagement that will cumulate in the 7th AU-EU Summit on 24-25 November 2025 in Angola. The EU works closely with Africa on issues of common concern, from sustainable economic development and prosperity to peace and security, from multilateral reform to climate change, demography and migration.

¹ https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/54412/final_declaration-en.pdf.

² https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/policies/global-gateway/initiatives-sub-saharan-africa/eu-africa-global-gateway-investment-package_en.

³ https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/pbappigp/en_preliminary_monitoring_report.pdf.