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**EC calls for proposals: open / foreseen**

Various EC calls for proposals open/foreseen for some programmes of interest to local authorities can be seen at <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome>

• **Non-State Actors and Local Authorities thematic programme (NSA & LA)**

Countries	Deadline	Budget* (EURO)	Reference
South Africa	11/10/2016	2.450.000	EuropeAid/152000/DD/ACT/ZA
Caribbean region	open	855.000	EuropeAid/152400/DD/ACT/Multi
Comoros	open	3.000.000	EuropeAid/152099/DD/ACT/KM

• **EIDHR: European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights**

Countries	Deadline	Budget (EURO)	Reference
All countries	14/10/2016	31.034.000	EuropeAid/152550/DH/ACT/Multi
Papua New Guinea	open	295.000	EuropeAid/131030/L/ACT/PG

• **Food Security**

Countries	Deadline	Budget (EURO)	Reference
Madagascar	open	1.700.000	EuropeAid/134180/M/ACT/MG

• **Variou fields in ACP countries**

Countries	Deadline	Budget (EURO)	Reference
Ethiopia	open	29.300.000	EuropeAid/152810/DD/ACT/ET
Somalia	31/10/2016	7.500.000	EuropeAid/152739/DD/ACT/SO
Mauritius	open	56.000.000 (MUR)	EuropeAid/134113/M/ACT/MU
All ACP	open	7.000.000	EuropeAid/130741/D/ACT/Multi

Should you need assistance in responding to an EC call for proposals let the ACP-LG Platform know by sending an email to [platform@acplgp.net](mailto:platform@acplgp.net) and we will be pleased to help you register in the PADOR system, find partners, check your proposal, etc. You are also encouraged to read the article "How to write a good project" on our website [www.acplgp.net](http://www.acplgp.net)

**News from the EU**

**MEPs back continued cooperation with African, Caribbean, Pacific states**

The European Parliament's development committee has approved a new report about the future of EU relations with African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) states in view of the soon-to-expire Cotonou Agreement.

Set to expire in 2020, renegotiations will soon be underway. According to the European Parliament rapporteur and author of the report, Norbert Neuser, who is also the development coordinator for the Socialists & Democrats, a broad majority of the MEPs in the committee backed continued cooperation.

"Despite all the difficulties faced, this approach is bearing fruit today and shall be legally binding," he said. "We retained the advantage of having a large number of countries working together - China or the US would jump at the chance of having this sort of platform with ACP countries! On the other hand, in order to be more effective, we suggested an architecture that ensures tailor-made cooperation between smaller groups of countries. The human rights perspective will also be given more visibility and enforcement through a biennial reporting mechanism."

Another goal is to help partner countries to become economically independent.

"Trade is an important part of ACP-EU relations," explained Neuser. "The integration of ACP countries into the world economy has advanced in recent decades thanks to their cooperation with the EU, but more needs to be done to include them in international value chains. A new agreement must include legally binding human rights, social and environmental standards as a basis for future economic trade agreements."

Source: CTA Newsletter N 507 EN

## **The EEAS and the European Commission issued a Joint Staff Working Document evaluating the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement.**

The evaluation assesses to what extent the agreement has achieved its objectives, with particular attention being given to its effectiveness, sustainability, impact, efficiency, relevance, coherence and EU added value. It provides material for the recommendation to be submitted to the Council on the framework to be used to manage relations with the ACP countries and regions from 2020 onwards.

[https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/joint-staff-working-document-evaluation-cotonou-partnership-agreement\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/joint-staff-working-document-evaluation-cotonou-partnership-agreement_en)

### **European Investment Plan for Africa**

The President of the European Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker announced the launch of an investment plan for Africa which will give economic perspectives to candidates for emigration in Europe. "Today we launch an ambitious investment plan for Africa and its neighbourhood which can potentially leverage €44 billion of investment", declared the president of the European executive, during a speech at the European Parliament in Strasbourg. "If the EU Members States contribute, it can amount to €88 billion" he added. "This will complement our development aid and will allow us to respond to one of the causes of immigration" he continued, judging this new aid "crucial at a moment when the economic growth in developing countries is at its lowest level since 2003".

Source: CTA Newsletter N 509 FR

### **News from the ACP-EU**

#### **Could Brexit Be Bad For The Caribbean?**

Following the political earthquake that saw Britain vote to leave the EU, government ministers are already preparing for life outside the EU. But the Caribbean could be left behind. Among the many issues they considered was Britain's decision to leave the European Union. Their focus was on a secretariat paper largely intended for information. While they recognised the British people's decision represented a watershed in world affairs with far-reaching and long-lasting geopolitical and geo-economic repercussions, they decided that the best approach was to monitor developments as the process unfolds. It is a position that contrasts with that of many other nations that have begun to strategise, focus on priorities, and initiate an exploratory dialogue with British ministers, and in particular with the new Ministry of International Trade which will undertake all third country trade negotiations.

[http://www.voice-online.co.uk/article/could-brexit-be-bad-caribbean?utm\\_source=brussels.cta.int+feb+2014&utm\\_campaign=5186340caf-CTA\\_Brussels\\_Office\\_Newsletter\\_509\\_16\\_09\\_2016&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_f50a0786c3-5186340caf-78361057&goal=0\\_f50a0786c3-5186340caf-78361057&mc\\_cid=5186340caf&mc\\_eid=4454c92803](http://www.voice-online.co.uk/article/could-brexit-be-bad-caribbean?utm_source=brussels.cta.int+feb+2014&utm_campaign=5186340caf-CTA_Brussels_Office_Newsletter_509_16_09_2016&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f50a0786c3-5186340caf-78361057&goal=0_f50a0786c3-5186340caf-78361057&mc_cid=5186340caf&mc_eid=4454c92803)

#### **Opportunity for Pacific in future EU partnership agreement**

An opportunity to integrate issues the Pacific region is facing in a new partnership agreement between the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) States with the European Union (EU) beyond 2020 (post Cotonou Agreement), was one of the key focuses at a Pacific Forum Secretariat meeting on 8 September 2016 in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia. The Cotonou Agreement is the current ACP-EU Partnership Agreement signed on 23 June 2000 in Cotonou, Benin, which expires on 29 February 2020. It covers many policy areas under the three pillars of political dimension, economic and trade cooperation, and development cooperation which is attached to the European Development Fund (EDF). Dame Meg Taylor, the Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum, said the interests of Pacific Members must be at the heart of discussions when looking at how they could influence an effective future engagement through the ACP with the EU. "In moving forward, our voice in the wider ACP grouping as in other larger associations is stronger when we are able to organise effectively as a collective." "The ACP region is at a transformative juncture. As members of this 79 State Grouping, the 15 Pacific ACP States have a valuable opportunity to be part of this transformation. It is vital that we are well positioned in the future construct of the wider ACP collect," she said.

[http://matangitonga.to/2016/09/12/opportunity-pacific-future-eu-partnership-agreement?utm\\_source=brussels.cta.int+feb+2014&utm\\_campaign=5186340caf-CTA\\_Brussels\\_Office\\_Newsletter\\_509\\_16\\_09\\_2016&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_f50a0786c3-5186340caf-78361057&goal=0\\_f50a0786c3-5186340caf-78361057&mc\\_cid=5186340caf&mc\\_eid=4454c92803](http://matangitonga.to/2016/09/12/opportunity-pacific-future-eu-partnership-agreement?utm_source=brussels.cta.int+feb+2014&utm_campaign=5186340caf-CTA_Brussels_Office_Newsletter_509_16_09_2016&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f50a0786c3-5186340caf-78361057&goal=0_f50a0786c3-5186340caf-78361057&mc_cid=5186340caf&mc_eid=4454c92803)

#### **ACP: Brexit impact evaluation**

The Pacific Island Forum Secretariat has been tasked to undertake an assessment of the implications of Brexit on the African, Caribbean, Pacific group of states (ACP). This was agreed by ACP leaders and officials in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia at their meeting ahead of the 47<sup>th</sup> Pacific Island Forum Leaders meeting. Brexit is the withdrawal of the Britain from the EU, as a result of a June 2016 referendum whereby 52 per cent voted to leave the EU. At the meeting, the secretary general of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Dame Meg Taylor encouraged the strategic engagement of leaders in identifying the key elements that would form the region's position in the upcoming discussion on a new ACP-EU Partnership post 2020. She emphasised the importance of ensuring that the Pacific region's priorities and key regional processes were taken into account in the development of the wider ACP priorities for post-Cotonou discussions. She reaffirmed the commitment of the Forum Secretariat in supporting member states in progressing ACP issues and in the implementation of the Pacific Regional Indicative Program under the 11<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund.

[http://www.fijitimes.com/story.aspx?id=370273&utm\\_source=brussels.cta.int+feb+2014&utm\\_campaign=5186340caf-CTA\\_Brussels\\_Office\\_Newsletter\\_509\\_16\\_09\\_2016&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_f50a0786c3-5186340caf-78361057&goal=0\\_f50a0786c3-5186340caf-78361057&mc\\_cid=5186340caf&mc\\_eid=4454c92803](http://www.fijitimes.com/story.aspx?id=370273&utm_source=brussels.cta.int+feb+2014&utm_campaign=5186340caf-CTA_Brussels_Office_Newsletter_509_16_09_2016&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f50a0786c3-5186340caf-78361057&goal=0_f50a0786c3-5186340caf-78361057&mc_cid=5186340caf&mc_eid=4454c92803)

## New PIDF chair keen on new EU deal

The Chair of the Pacific Islands Development Forum (PIDF), Prime Minister Hon Manasseh Sogavare of Solomon Islands has highlighted the need for the organisation to start discussions on a new partnership with the European Union for the post-Cotonou era. When accepting the chairmanship of the PIDF from the Fiji Prime Minister Hon Frank Bainimarama, Prime Minister Sogavare said there are two key issues that he felt deserved the attention of the PIDF and engaging in its discussion through this platform. He said the issues are the need to begin consultations on the type of agreement to succeed the Cotonou Agreement when it concludes in 2020 and resettlement of Pacific Islands' people as a result of sea-level rise. The Cotonou Agreement is a treaty between the EU and the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States. It is the most comprehensive partnership agreement between developing countries and the EU. It has been the framework for EU's relationship with the 79 ACP Member States.

Source: CTA Newsletter N 501 EN

## News from the ACP

### Cameroon: GIZ supports local communes through the German cooperation

Through its cooperation organisation GIZ Germany is willing to accompany Cameroonian communes in the framework of decentralisation, through technical assistance and training of managers. GIZ Director in Cameroon, Ulrike Maenner, and the mayor of the Bagangté commune, Célestine Ketcha Courtes - situated in the western region of Cameroon, signed an agreement aiming at facilitating investments in the commune from Cameroonian diaspora living in Germany. This agreement has been concluded within the framework of the GIZ Migration programme for development.

Source: CTA Newsletter N 507 FR

## Announcement

### Local Leadership, 8-18 November 2016, Senegal (provisionally)

Data from international context and national dynamics lead to the fact that the principle of decentralisation of power is accepted and even fully integrated among the factors of an effective democracy. However, it must be noted that so far local government are not able to fully play their role as a catalyst of local development. Local government and leaders of civil society have often difficulty to encourage the dynamics of development due to the weakness of their leadership.

#### Objective

- To train trainers from French-speaking Africa to design, conduct and evaluate a training session of local elected officials and decision-makers on local leadership.
- To accompany trainers to develop an action plan for the development of a training programme in their respective countries.
- To lay the basis for exchange and mutualisation of knowledge on local governance and strengthening of leadership.

#### Target audience

This training is dedicated to French-speaking public and targets a group of 20 participants that will be selected among:

- Local elected officials and Responsible for technical services of local government;
- Senior officers of Ministerial departments and Institutions in charge of Governance and local development;
- Officials from institutions involved in support-advice to local government;
- Officials responsible for training on development projects and programmes;
- Leaders of the civil society;
- Practitioners of decentralisation and local development

#### Practical information

The course fee is €1.500 HT. This includes registration fees and training materials as well as coffee breaks and lunches. Travel, accommodation, breakfast and dinner are not included.

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### Maintenance of municipalities' equipment and infrastructures, 5-9 December 2016, Senegal (provisionally)

The issue of maintenance of public equipment and infrastructures increasingly arises as an essential dimension of public policies and of access to basic social services in the context of good governance. The involvement of beneficiaries in the participatory management of these municipalities' equipment and infrastructures is now a key element for the States, local government and partner institutions.

Therefore building the capacity of decision-makers, actors and users in the practice of maintenance and management of the municipalities' facilities and infrastructures is part of this perspective of improvement of attitudes and skills.

#### Objective

This training session will allow participants to acquire the concepts, tools and operational methods on maintenance of equipment and infrastructures through a participatory and decentralised approach, in view to improve sustained access and the quality of basic social services.

#### Target audience

This training is dedicated to French-speaking public and targets a group of 20 participants that will be selected among:

- Senior officers of Ministerial departments in charge of decentralisation, governance and local development;
- Officials from institutions involved in support-advice to local government;

- Officials responsible for training of NGOs, development projects and programmes;
- Local elected officials and Councillors willing to strengthen their skills to implement participatory budgeting in their communes.

#### Practical information

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#### Reading

##### **Sustainability and human rights in EPAs: A comparative analysis between the Caribbean and African EPAs**

Sustainability and human rights dimensions are at the centre stage of the international 2030 Agenda and the EU agenda, including in trade relations. A new ECDPM Discussion Paper analyses the content of the sustainable development and human rights dimensions of the recently concluded Economic Partnership Agreement by the EU with the East African Community (EAC), the Economic Community of West Africa States (ECOWAS) and a group of countries from the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), and compares them with the Caribbean Forum (CARIFORUM) EPA, the most comprehensive EPA concluded so far.

<http://ecdpm.org/publications/sustainability-human-rights-epas/>

**Seven principles to tackle the refugee crisis** in light of the fact that there will be higher migration pressures for the foreseeable future. The EU cannot survive without a comprehensive asylum and migration policy, argues George Soros.

<http://www.irishexaminer.com/viewpoints/analysis/seven-principles-to-tackle-refugee-crisis-420672.html>

**Brexit might cost €378m a year to poorest countries** warn the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) and the UK Trade Policy Observatory. Emerging markets in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP) run the risk of losing up to €203 million annually.

<http://www.euractiv.com/section/development-policy/news/brexit-could-cost-poorest-countries-e378m-a-year-warn-economists/>

**Migration within and from Africa: Challenges and solutions after the EU-Africa Valletta Summit.** Professor Aderanti Adepoju, director for the Human Resources Development Centre in Lagos (Nigeria).

<http://www.delmi.se/en#!/en/news/migration-a-mixed-blessing>

**Call for long-term policy of flexible solidarity to respond to migration crisis in Europe**, sense of urgency and short-term fixes are not enough. Pierre Vimont for Carnegie Europe.

[http://carnegieeurope.eu/2016/09/12/migration-in-europe-bridging-solidarity-gap/j5bf?mkt\\_tok=eyJpIjoiTkRjNU1qVTBabVptT1RWbSIsInQiOiJRUFhqSDBRd3lJMUUV3XC84V2NtZ01kd0VYTW9Ld3g1bzAzOFcrSURTamRWMzdcLzNWWmlWOEVvVkpCdGxVV3dxZGVsa3dmbGxiVmRBdU1ldUptd1l2dTQ5QVgzaFFTSXN5eGNDNTc0VnB5cjY0PSJ9](http://carnegieeurope.eu/2016/09/12/migration-in-europe-bridging-solidarity-gap/j5bf?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTkRjNU1qVTBabVptT1RWbSIsInQiOiJRUFhqSDBRd3lJMUUV3XC84V2NtZ01kd0VYTW9Ld3g1bzAzOFcrSURTamRWMzdcLzNWWmlWOEVvVkpCdGxVV3dxZGVsa3dmbGxiVmRBdU1ldUptd1l2dTQ5QVgzaFFTSXN5eGNDNTc0VnB5cjY0PSJ9)

**What the recent G20 summit means for Africa**, the Brookings Institute.

[https://www.brookings.edu/blog/africa-in-focus/2016/09/09/africa-in-the-news-us-concern-over-south-sudan-the-g-20s-mixed-reviews-and-south-africas-positive-growth-trends/?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=twitter&utm\\_campaign=global](https://www.brookings.edu/blog/africa-in-focus/2016/09/09/africa-in-the-news-us-concern-over-south-sudan-the-g-20s-mixed-reviews-and-south-africas-positive-growth-trends/?utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter&utm_campaign=global)

**In Challenge Lies Opportunity: How the World Must Respond to Refugees and Mass Migration.** The Elders launched their new report on refugees and mass migration and call for shared responsibility between countries for the protection of vulnerable peoples.

<http://theelders.org/article/challenge-lies-opportunity-how-world-must-respond-refugees-and-mass-migration>

**The 2030 Agenda must synergise with goals for least developed countries**, according to new UN report. Least developed countries experience positive trends, yet challenges remain and new risks and uncertainties emerge.

<http://unohrlls.org/custom-content/uploads/2016/08/State-of-LDCs2016.pdf>

**Forcibly Displaced - Toward a development approach supporting refugees, the internally displaced, and their hosts**, the World Bank.

<http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2016/09/15/forced-displacement-a-developing-world-crisis>

**The European Commission published proposals on the Mid Term Review of the EU's Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020.** An additional €2.5 billion will go to migration, security and external border control. €1,4 billion will be allocated to the External Investment Plan to support investments in regions outside the EU to address the root causes of migration. The proposals should be adopted by all the EU institutions by the end of 2016.

[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-16-2999\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-16-2999_en.htm)

##### **Four scenarios for the future of EU-African, Caribbean and Pacific relations**

ECDPM releases a new analysis, a tool aimed to help the EU, and the ACP, to make their own assessment of their future relations in light of the new world of international cooperation. The review of the ACP-EU agreement is a complex process due to drastic changes in international relations, in the European Union and the ACP countries and regions. Several institutional and political factors may constrain an open, well informed and result-oriented discussion.

<http://ecdpm.org/press/four-scenarios-future-eu-african-caribbean-pacific-relations/>

**The impact of the UK's post-Brexit trade policy on development**, ODI

<https://www.odi.org/publications/10549-impact-uks-post-brexit-trade-policy-development>

**Vision of Humanity launched 'Positive Peace 2016'** investigating the eight domains of Positive Peace, why they are important, and how they work together to reduce levels of violence and improve resilience and peacefulness.

<http://htl.li/zEkr3030eYP>

The report of the African Transformation Forum 2016, jointly organised by the African Centre for Economic Transformation (ACET) and the Government of Rwanda was published.

[http://acetforafrica.org/acet/wp-content/uploads/publications/2016/06/ATF\\_March2016\\_Summary\\_Report.pdf](http://acetforafrica.org/acet/wp-content/uploads/publications/2016/06/ATF_March2016_Summary_Report.pdf)

“Brexit Beyond the UK’s Borders: What It Means for Africa”, the German Institute of Global and Africa Studies  
<https://www.giga-hamburg.de/en/publication/brexit-beyond-the-uks-borders-what-it-means-for-africa#.V9KK9ZepbFI.twitter>

“Economic Partnership Agreements: implications for regional governance and EU-ACP development cooperation”.

This German Development Institute report says as regional integration is key for the economic development of ACP states, future cooperation should be aware of the need for alignment of EPAs, the SDGs, and the goal of regional integration.

<http://www.die-gdi.de//briefing-paper/article/economic-partnership-agreements-implications-for-regional-governance-and-eu-ACP-development-cooperation/>

Universality, integration, and policy coherence for sustainable development: Early SDG implementation in selected OECD countries

This World Resources Institute paper synthesises a number of case studies on early experience with implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The WRI paper shows there is a clear recognition that the SDG agenda calls not just for enhanced international cooperation, but also for review and possibly realignment of domestic policies, whether to reduce inequalities of income and opportunity, to improve access for all to health care, or to promote more sustainable consumption and production patterns.

<http://ecdpm.org/publications/universality-integration-policy-coherence-sustainable-development/>

The European Parliament analyses how the EU has aimed at contributing to governance reforms during the past decade. The study makes recommendations for future support.

[http://www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank/en/document.html?reference=EXPO\\_STU\(2016\)578012](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank/en/document.html?reference=EXPO_STU(2016)578012)

The changing global trade architecture and its implications for sub-Saharan Africa’s development, South Africa’s former Ambassador to the WTO, Faizel Ismail. He offers some policy recommendations for African policy-makers and trade negotiators.

<https://www.tralac.org/news/article/10226-the-changing-global-trade-architecture-implications-for-sub-saharan-africa-s-development.html>

“Region-building in Africa: Political and Economic Challenges”. This Centre for Conflict Resolution’s new book includes articles from both African and non-African scholars providing an assessment of regional integration processes in Africa.

[http://www.ccr.org.za/images/pdfs/region\\_building\\_in\\_africa\\_2016.pdf](http://www.ccr.org.za/images/pdfs/region_building_in_africa_2016.pdf)

“The African Union: Regional and Global Challenges”. This Centre for Conflict Resolution’s article reflects critically on the historical mission, progress, problems, and prospects of the African Union in a changing regional and global environment.

<http://www.ccr.org.za/index.php/media-release/policy-briefs/item/1515-the-african-union-regional-and-global-challenges>

“Child poverty, inequality and demography”. This new paper from ODI argues that with the right mix of policies in place, Africa could accelerate the pace of demographic transition - and reap a dividend from a rising generation of youth;

<https://www.odi.org/publications/10520-child-poverty-inequality-and-demography>

10 key factors that can enable or constrain women’s economic empowerment; suggestions for rebalancing accountabilities in development assistance, ODI

<https://www.odi.org/publications/10483-womens-economic-empowerment-navigating-enablers-and-constraints>

The German Development Institute published its contribution to the EU public consultation on the “UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and revising the European Consensus on Development”.

<http://www.die-gdi.de//publikationen/mitarbeiter-sonstige/article/revision-of-the-eu-consensus-on-development-towards-a-new-consensus-for-fair-and-sustainable-global-common-good-policies/>

Global trade slowdown, Brexit and SDGs: issues and way forward, Commonwealth Trade Hot Topics

<https://www.tralac.org/images/docs/10314/global-trade-slowdown-brexit-and-sdgs-commonwealth-trade-hot-topics-august-2016.pdf>

Trade implications of Brexit for Commonwealth developing countries, Commonwealth Trade Hot Topics

<https://www.tralac.org/images/docs/10314/trade-implications-of-brexit-for-commonwealth-developing-countries-commonwealth-trade-hot-topics-august-2016.pdf>

The Centre for Global Development finds that approximately three-quarters of global poverty, at the extreme poverty line of \$1.90 per day, if not higher poverty lines, could now be eliminated—in principle—via redistribution of nationally available resources. They argue that the findings provide a rationale for a stronger consideration of some national redistribution for purely instrumental reasons: to reduce or end global poverty faster, rather than waiting years for growth.

<http://www.cgdev.org/blog/gasoline-guns-and-giveaways-end-three-quarters-global-poverty-closer-you-think>

The African Development Report 2015 offers analysis, synthesis and recommendations that are relevant to questions such as: How does growth affect poverty and inequality? How can Africa overcome contemporary and future sustainable development challenges?

<http://www.afdb.org/en/knowledge/publications/african-development-report/african-development-report-2015/>

UNDP's African human development report 2016 analyses the political, economic and social drivers that hamper African women's advancement and proposes policies and concrete actions to close the gender gap.

<http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/librarypage/hdr/2016-africa-human-development-report/>

**Making politics work for development: Harnessing transparency and citizen engagement**

Too often, government leaders fail to adopt and implement policies that they know are necessary for sustained economic development. Political constraints can prevent leaders from following sound technical advice, even when leaders have the best of intentions. This World Bank report focuses on two forces—citizen engagement and transparency—that hold the key to solving government failures by shaping how political markets function.

<http://www.worldbank.org/en/research/publication/making-politics-work-for-development>

**The UK is likely to have less aid money and less influence**, The Guardian. The pound's precipitous fall has already sliced into the aid budget, and the vote to leave the EU could signal a more inward-looking agenda.

[https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2016/jul/07/brexit-uk-development-role-less-aid-money-less-influence?CMP=share\\_btn\\_tw](https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2016/jul/07/brexit-uk-development-role-less-aid-money-less-influence?CMP=share_btn_tw)

**Brexit's economic impact on Africa, and particularly sub-Saharan Africa, could be profound and incredibly damaging** to the continent's burgeoning development, according to new research from Barclays

<http://uk.businessinsider.com/barclays-research-the-impact-of-brexit-on-african-economy-2016-7>

**Caribbean needs a full response to Brexit**, according to David Jessop of the Caribbean Council

<http://www.caribbean-council.org/caribbean-needs-full-response-brexit/>

**Potential impacts of Brexit on business and investment across Africa** - from curbing exports and currency fluctuations to shifting markets and foreign investment. This is Africa.

<http://www.thisisafricaonline.com/content/view/full/22826?ct=true>

**China, who has provided foreign assistance since the 1950s, is now the largest developing country to provide aid outside of the Development Assistance Committee.** It has served a strategic purpose alongside other foreign policy priorities. Brookings.

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<http://pubdocs.worldbank.org/en/858011469113510187/Enhancing-the-Effectiveness-of-External-Support-in-Building-Tax-Capacity>

**What's in it for Africa interviews African Ambassadors on EU-Africa relations.**

<http://us12.campaign-archive2.com/?u=d73864a255a0e387f693202d0&id=fd8ab517fc&e=6f1770a490>

**A new generation of 'mega-regional trade agreements', currently in the making, address regulatory matters beyond questions of tariff barriers.** This shift makes it all the more urgent that the agreements set good governance standards, such as on regulatory transparency and anti-corruption provisions, at each step of the process, says Transparency International.

[http://www.transparency.org/whatwedo/publication/working\\_paper\\_2\\_2016\\_transparency\\_and\\_corruption\\_a\\_role\\_in\\_mega\\_trade\\_deals](http://www.transparency.org/whatwedo/publication/working_paper_2_2016_transparency_and_corruption_a_role_in_mega_trade_deals)

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<http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/906091469456194816/1f-politics-is-the-problem-how-can-external-actors-be-part-of-the-solution>

**The European Commission published its report on the annual accounts of the European Development Fund in 2015.**

<http://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-11347-2016-INIT/en/pdf>

**Implementation of the 2030 Agenda in the European Union: Constructing an EU approach to Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development**, ECDPM. Halfway through 2016, the EU is still grappling with how to translate the 2030 Agenda into actions, commitments, responsibilities and accountability that respect the priorities and circumstances in Europe. The EU Policy Coherence for Development (PCD) experience offers many insights into the international impacts of EU policy-making, but remains largely unrelated to broader work on ensuring internal coherence. This is part of the complex transition to working with Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development. Policy silos will need to be rethought within a universal paradigm of development. The single most important lesson from the EU PCD experience is that improving policy coherence is a long-term process that requires strong political leadership.

<http://ecdpm.org/publications/implementation-2030-agenda-european-union/>

**Shockwatch report: sub-Saharan Africa's economic downturn and its impact on financial development**

Sub-Saharan Africa is experiencing a deterioration in financial markets including a 'credit crunch' in the banking sector, reduced availability and increased expense of international finance - which has been made worse by the 'Brexit' shock - and increased financial fragility, according to ODI. On-going governance problems are making these issues worse.

Importantly for the region's long-term growth prospects, scarce banking finance is being used in sectors with little or no transformational effect such as extractives or middle class consumer finance. This is starving sectors that would transform the economy - such as manufacturing, trade and agri-processing - of the financing they need to grow, reducing the prospects for structural changes that would diversify the economy and create employment.

<https://www.odi.org/publications/10492-shockwatch-report-sub-saharan-africa-s-economic-downturn-and-its-impact-financial-development>

**Brexit: Why Africa will lose a voice in Brussels but gain the best of both worlds**, International Growth Centre.

<http://www.theigc.org/blog/brexit-why-africa-will-lose-a-voice-in-brussels-but-gain-the-best-of-both-worlds/>

**Brexit: What Happens Next? Our guide to how EU countries will approach UK exit negotiations**, London School of Economics

[http://www.lse.ac.uk/IDEAS/publications/Strategic-Updates/brexit\\_next.aspx](http://www.lse.ac.uk/IDEAS/publications/Strategic-Updates/brexit_next.aspx)

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**Experts weigh Brexit's implications for Africa**, ICTSD.

<http://www.ictsd.org/bridges-news/bridges-africa/news/experts-weigh-brexit%E2%80%99s-implications-for-africa>

**Three ways post-Brexit Britain can still be a leader on international development**, ODI.

<https://www.odi.org/comment/10426-three-ways-post-brexit-britain-can-still-be-leader-international-development>

**Seychelles Brexit statement: concerns about reduction in European Development Fund financing.**

<http://www.seychellesnewsagency.com/articles/5596/Seychelles+government+predicts+changes+in+economic+relations+with+UK+after+Brexit>

**The UN's Global Sustainable Development Report 2016** finds that a stronger bridge between science and policies is needed to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/globalsreport/2016>

**The UN's Sustainable Development Goals Report 2016** presents an overview of the 17 Goals using data currently available to highlight the most significant gaps and challenges. The latest data show that about one in eight people still lived in extreme poverty, nearly 800 million people suffered from hunger, the births of nearly a quarter of children under 5 had not been recorded, 1.1 billion people were living without electricity, and water scarcity affected more than 2 billion people.

<http://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2016/>

**"Better Policies for Sustainable Development 2016**, the OECD

[http://www.keepeek.com/Digital-Asset-Management/oecd/development/better-policies-for-sustainable-development-2016\\_9789264256996-en#page8](http://www.keepeek.com/Digital-Asset-Management/oecd/development/better-policies-for-sustainable-development-2016_9789264256996-en#page8)

**Measuring the Distance to the SDGs Targets.** This OECD study aims at helping OECD countries establish their priorities and design the policies they will need to bridge the gaps in order to achieve the SDGs.

<http://www.oecd.org/std/OECD-Measuring-Distance-to-the%20SDGs-Target-Pilot-Study-web.pdf>

**The SDG16 Data Initiative** is a collective project by a consortium of organisations seeking to support the open tracking of the global commitments made by more than 194 countries on peace, justice, and strong institutions.

<http://www.sdg16.org/map/>

**Development and Globalisation: Facts and Figures.** According to this UN report developing countries would be better able to finance the Sustainable Development Goals if rich countries were meeting their 2002 target to put 0.7 per cent of gross national income into overseas aid.

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**The OECD's Development Co-operation Report 2016** explores the potential and challenges of investing in developing countries, in particular through social impact investment, blended finance and foreign direct investment. The report provides guidance on responsible business conduct and outlines the challenges in mobilising and measuring private finance to achieve the SDGs.

<http://www.oecd.org/dac/development-co-operation-report-20147721.htm>

**The Business for 2030** website showcases business' past and continuing contributions to sustainable development through the prism of the SDGs.

<http://www.businessfor2030.org/about/>

**UNCTAD's World Investment Report 2016.** In 2015, global flows of foreign direct investment rose by about 40 per cent, to \$1.8 trillion, the highest level since the global economic and financial crisis began in 2008. However, this growth did not translate into an equivalent expansion in productive capacity in all countries.

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**UNECA's Assessing Regional Integration in Africa Report** examines how the three elements of regional integration, innovation and competitiveness are interlinked. It explores the prospects for harnessing them within the framework of Africa's normative regional integration development model oriented to foster structural change.

<http://www.uneca.org/publications/assessing-regional-integration-africa-vii>

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<http://stats.unctad.org/Dgff2016/>

**The South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA)** tracks the governance progress of 52 African countries through various indices.

<http://www.saiia.org.za/occasional-papers/the-state-of-governance-in-africa-what-indices-tell-us>

**Mapping Mining to the Sustainable Development Goals: An Atlas.** According to this UN report large-scale mining has the potential to play a critical role in helping to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in resource-rich countries.

[http://www3.weforum.org/docs/IP/2016/IU/Mapping\\_Mining\\_SDGs\\_An\\_Atlas.pdf](http://www3.weforum.org/docs/IP/2016/IU/Mapping_Mining_SDGs_An_Atlas.pdf)

The importance of distinguishing the global partnership for effective development cooperation's role in promoting effective development cooperation from that of the United Nations Development Cooperation Forum. The German Development Institute.

<http://www.die-gdi.de//externe-publikationen/article/sustaining-the-development-effectiveness-agenda-the-global-partnership-for-effective-development-cooperation/>

**UNCTAD's Economic Development in Africa Report 2016: Debt dynamics and development finance in Africa.** African Governments should add new revenue sources to finance their development, such as remittances and public-private partnerships, and clamp down on illicit financial flows. Debt looks unsustainable in some countries.

<http://unctad.org/en/pages/PublicationWebflyer.aspx?publicationid=1567>

**"EU International Cooperation and Development Results Framework".** This report provides a selection of results achieved in about 100 partner countries across the globe with the support of EU-funded projects and programmes.

[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-16-2543\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-16-2543_en.htm)

**African blocs fail to agree on Free Trade Area**

Twenty-six African countries have failed to agree on how traders would access a market of more than 600 million people through the proposed Tripartite Free Trade Area between the East African Community, the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa and Southern African Development Community. They differ on the kind of preferential treatment sensitive goods and services from one bloc would be offered in another.

<https://www.tralac.org/news/article/10126-african-blocs-fail-to-agree-on-free-trade-area.html>

The 2016 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development concluded with the adoption of a declaration that committed ministers from around the world to leaving no one behind in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

<https://www.tralac.org/news/article/10139-ministers-adopt-declaration-to-include-everyone-in-efforts-for-achieving-sustainable-development-agenda-as-high-level-political-forum-concludes.html>

**'Brexit: Africa's trade and development implications'** by UNECA's African Trade Policy Centre's David Luke. The UK should consider a continental approach to Africa he says.

<http://www.tralac.org/images/docs/10056/odi-brexite-speaking-notes-david-luke-7-july-2016.pdf>

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[http://www.cgdev.org/blog/brexit-threats-and-opportunities-global-development?utm\\_source=160712&utm\\_medium=cgd\\_email&utm\\_campaign=cgd\\_weekly&utm\\_&&](http://www.cgdev.org/blog/brexit-threats-and-opportunities-global-development?utm_source=160712&utm_medium=cgd_email&utm_campaign=cgd_weekly&utm_&&)

**"Brexit Breakdown: What Now for Global Development?"** The Centre for Global Development.

<http://www.cgdev.org/brexit-breakdown-what-now-global-development-podcast-owen-barder>

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<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/africa-in-focus/2016/07/15/africa-in-the-news-violence-escalates-in-south-sudan-the-brexit-affects-commodity-prices-and-moodys-downgrades-mozambiques-credit-rating/>

The Ramphal Institute held a livestreamed discussion on the implications of Brexit on Economic EU-Caribbean Partnership Agreements.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSOLjJMoeM&feature=youtu.be>

**"Setting the record straight on China's engagement in Africa"**, Brooking

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/order-from-chaos/2016/07/11/setting-the-record-straight-on-chinas-engagement-in-africa/>

**"Leaving no one behind: a critical path for the first 1,000 days of the Sustainable Development Goals"**. This ODI report not only makes the case for early action in implementing the SDGs, it also quantifies its benefits.

<https://www.odi.org/publications/10489-leaving-no-one-behind-critical-path-first-1000-days-sustainable-development-goals>

**"Emerging Opportunities in the West African Food Economy"**. This OECD report estimates the size and structure of this new food economy, and explores major policy implications.

[http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/development/emerging-opportunities-in-the-west-african-food-economy\\_5jlvfj4968jb-en](http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/development/emerging-opportunities-in-the-west-african-food-economy_5jlvfj4968jb-en)

**"Reframing Development in a Dynamic Global Era"**. This Institute of Development Studies report calls for new kinds of action and relationships, shaped by new kinds of research and engagement.

[http://www.ids.ac.uk/publication/reframing-development-in-a-dynamic-global-era?utm\\_source=eadi.org](http://www.ids.ac.uk/publication/reframing-development-in-a-dynamic-global-era?utm_source=eadi.org)

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**"Turning Ambition into Reality - Platforms and Partnerships for Delivering Agenda 2030"** by David Steven analyses the role that global platforms and partnerships can play in catalysing delivery of the new goals, bringing together actors from multiple sectors behind a common set of objectives, enabling each other to play to their strengths and maximising the contribution of others.

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**“Structural transformation in Africa: a historical view”**. This World Bank report presents a country-by-country historical analysis of structural change over the past four decades.

<http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/815661468257618676/Structural-transformation-in-Africa-a-historical-view>

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**‘China's engagement with Africa: from natural resources to human resources’**, Brookings

<https://www.brookings.edu/research/chinas-engagement-with-africa-from-natural-resources-to-human-resources/>

**A coalition of international organisations launched a website that tracks progress toward Sustainable Development Goal 16**, which commits global leaders to promoting ‘peaceful and inclusive societies’.

<http://www.sdg16.org/>

**The World Bank's Commission on Global Poverty's interim report was launched.**

<http://live.worldbank.org/commission-on-global-poverty>

**The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the EU and its Member States: analysis and action so far**

The German Development Institute explores how the EU and its Member States are getting ready for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and takes stock of the activities undertaken so far. With an analysis of existing ‘gap analyses’, it points to areas in which the EU and its Member States are facing specific challenges, where the need for action is comparably large in domestic and external policies and/or where there are significant knock-on effects. It argues that the translation of the universal SDGs into a national and regional/EU context should be pursued in three parallel tracks: domestic (domestic policies with domestic impacts); domestic-external (domestic policies with external impacts); external (external policies with external impacts), taking into account feedback loops and impacts of global megatrends.

<http://www.die-gdi.de/discussion-paper/article/how-are-we-getting-ready-the-2030-agenda-for-sustainable-development-in-the-eu-and-its-member-states-analysis-and-action-so-far-ineborg-niestroy-bonn/>

**Brexit will be terrible for Africa's largest economies**

[http://qz.com/715710/brexit-could-be-terrible-for-africas-largest-economies/?utm\\_content=buffer13d35&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=twitter.com&utm\\_campaign=buffer](http://qz.com/715710/brexit-could-be-terrible-for-africas-largest-economies/?utm_content=buffer13d35&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer)

**Brexit reignites UK-Africa conversation**

<http://www.gtreview.com/news/africa/brexit-reignites-uk-africa-conversation/>

**What's the likely impact of Brexit on development, aid and Oxfam?**

<http://www.oxfamblogs.org/fp2p/whats-the-likely-impact-of-brexit-on-development-aid-and-oxfam-any-opportunities-amid-the-gloom/>

**Less aid money, less influence: Brexit's likely hit to the UK's development role**

[https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2016/jul/07/brexit-uk-development-role-less-aid-money-less-influence?CMP=share\\_btn\\_tw](https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2016/jul/07/brexit-uk-development-role-less-aid-money-less-influence?CMP=share_btn_tw)

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**Sino-Africa cooperation: taking stock**

The African Union Commission's Deputy Chairman outlines the history and current Africa-China relations.

<http://www.herald.co.zw/sino-africa-cooperation-taking-stock/>

**The 2016 Social Progress Index measures social progress, not wealth.**

<http://www.socialprogressimperative.org/global-index/>

**MapAfrica 2.0.** The African Development Bank released a new online tool that enables anyone in the world to see at a glance how the Bank's projects are boosting Africa's economies and making Africans' lives better.

<http://mapafrica.afdb.org/index.html#/?k=kz67ce>

**African Economic Outlook website** from the African Development Bank. Access & compare data of 54 African countries.

<http://www.africaneconomicoutlook.org/en/countries>

**The OECD released guidance on the implementation of country-by-country reporting in relation to taxation of multinationals.**

<http://www.oecd.org/tax/new-steps-to-strengthen-transparency-in-international-tax-matters-oecd-releases-guidance-on-the-implementation-of-country-by-country-reporting.htm>

**The OECD launched a new online Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development (PCSD) Partnership Platform.**

<https://community.oecd.org/community/pcsdpartnership>

**“Into Africa: China's global security shift”**. The European Council on Foreign Relations' argues that, after decades of hiding behind the rhetoric of non-interference, China has undergone a paradigm shift in its thinking. This is spurred by the wish to build its reputation as a good global citizen and the wish to protect its interests on the continent.

[http://www.ecfr.eu/publications/summary/into\\_africa\\_chinas\\_global\\_security\\_shift](http://www.ecfr.eu/publications/summary/into_africa_chinas_global_security_shift)

**“Geopolitics in the 21st Century”**. Brookings launched a series of books that analyse the important issues and dynamics currently at work on the world stage, and put forward specific policy recommendations that can guide the world’s leaders and policymakers in renovating the current international liberal order.

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/brookings-now/2016/06/17/geopolitics-in-the-21st-century-book-series/>

**“Tax revenue performance and vulnerability in developing countries”**. This German Development Institute report addresses vulnerability of revenue to external shocks using export composition to capture economic structure and differentiating countries according to income levels, resource endowments and political regimes.

<http://www.die-gdi.de//externe-publikationen/article/tax-revenue-performance-and-vulnerability-in-developing-countries/>

**“Can mining promote industrialisation? A comparative analysis of policy frameworks in three Southern African countries”**. UNU-WIDER examines Botswana, Zambia, and Zimbabwe’s mineral sectors’ linkage development strategies. Variations have resulted in different outcomes in terms of local upgrading trajectories and institutional coherence.

<https://www.wider.unu.edu/publication/can-mining-promote-industrialization>

**“How to leverage Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) for service sector development in African countries?”** ICTSD Bridges Africa finds that FDI in services is critical to enable African LDCs and LICs to be active participants in the servicification of production and to ensure that they are not left out of Global Value Chains.

<http://www.ictsd.org/bridges-news/bridges-africa/news/how-to-leverage-fdi-for-service-sector-development-in-african>

#### **OECD Regions at a Glance 2016**

One of the challenges in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals is looking beyond national approaches to the powerful role that regions and cities play. The OECD’s **“Regions at a Glance 2016”** makes a critical contribution to advancing this global agenda, providing disaggregated data and unveiling the differences within countries that otherwise remain hidden behind national averages.

[http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/governance/oecd-regions-at-a-glance-2016\\_reg\\_glance-2016-en](http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/governance/oecd-regions-at-a-glance-2016_reg_glance-2016-en)

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<http://www.lse.ac.uk/internationalRelations/centresandunits/globalsouth/documents/LSE-GSU-Working-Papers/working%20papers/LSE-Working-Paper-FSoulekohndou.pdf>

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