

# The Long Road to African Unity

## Continental Cooperation and Integration in Africa: Achievements, Challenges and Future Outlook

**Conference hosted by the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung in cooperation with the German Africa Foundation on occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of the Organisation of African Unity**

### Hybrid Event

Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 | 14:30 – 18:30 CEST

Academy of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Tiergartenstraße 35, Berlin,  
and via Zoom

**Language: English, with simultaneous translation to German and French**

### Speakers:

H.E. Monique Nsanzabaganwa, Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission (tbc)

H.E. Amb. Bankole Adeoye, AU Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security (PAPS)

H.E. Amb. Albert Muchanga, AU Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals (ETTİM)

H.E. Amb. Tom Amolo, Ambassador of the Republic of Kenya to Germany

H.E. Amb. Yusuf Tuggar, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to Germany

Stefan Rouenhoff, MP, Chairman of the Africa Working Group of the CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group in the German Bundestag

Dr. Martin Acheampong, Research Fellow, GIGA Institute for African Affairs

Dr. Olumide Abimbola, Executive Director, Africa Policy Research Institute

Dr. Mesfin Mulugeta Woldegiorgis, Economist, Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena

### Dear Sir or Madam,

On 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023, Africa and the world celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU). In 1963, African leaders confirmed their vision of African unity and took the continent on a journey of economic and political integration, carried forward by the African Union (AU) since 2002.

To commemorate this milestone, the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) and the German Africa Foundation (DAS) are inviting you to a conference on the theme “The Long Road to African Unity”. The event will take place on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023, at the Academy of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung in Berlin.

Together with representatives from the African Union, African diplomats and selected experts we will critically assess the achievements, challenges as well as future perspectives with regard to integration and cooperation on the African continent. In two panels we shall be looking at the thematic areas of two key departments of the African Union: The first panel will focus on the area of Political Affairs, Peace and Stability (PAPS) while the second panel will focus on the area of Economic Development and Trade (ETTİM).

We hope that this offer will arouse your interest.

As it is a hybrid event, virtual participation via Zoom is possible.

The discussion will be held in English with simultaneous translation to French and German.

For those who are able to join us at the Academy in Berlin, the event will be followed by a networking reception.

In order to attend, kindly register [here](#) by Thursday, 8th June 2023.

With kind regards,

Dr. Stefan Friedrich  
Head of the Department for Sub-Saharan Africa

Sabine Odhiambo  
German Africa Foundation

#### **PROGRAMME:**

<b>14:00 hrs</b>	<b>Arrival and Registration</b>
<b>14:30 hrs</b>	<b>Welcome Remarks by Dr. Stefan Friedrich, Head of Department for Sub-Saharan Africa, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung</b>  <b>Video Statement by H.E. Monique Nsanzabaganwa, Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission (tbc)</b>
<b>14:50 hrs</b>	<b><u>Panel Session 1:</u></b> <b>The Road to Peace and Democracy</b>  Opening Input: <b>H.E. Amb. Bankole Adeoye, AU Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security (PAPS) (via Zoom)</b>  Panelists: <b>H.E. Amb. Tom Amolo, Ambassador of the Republic of Kenya to Germany</b> <b>Dr. Martin Acheampong, Research Fellow, GIGA Institute for African Affairs</b> <b>N.N.</b>  Moderator: <b>Mathias Kamp, Policy Advisor, East Africa and Multilateral Issues in Sub-Saharan Africa, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung</b>
<b>16:20 hrs</b>	<b>Tea/Coffe Break</b>  <b><i>Video Clip: Young Voices on African Unity</i></b>
<b>16:40 hrs</b>	<b><u>Panel Session 2:</u></b> <b>The Road to Growth and Prosperity</b>  Opening Input:

**H.E. Amb. Albert Muchanga, AU Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals (ETTIM) *(via Zoom)***

Panelists:

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Moderator: **Sabine Odhiambo, Secretary General, German Africa Foundation**

**18:10 hrs**

**Closing Remarks by DAS**

**18:15 hrs**

**Networking Reception**