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RENEWPAC SUMMIT

ABIJAN, IVORY COAST, 23 -25 February 2025

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ENHANCING EU-AFRICA COMPETITIVENESS FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

RENEWPAC SUMMIT AGENDA

DAY 1 | 23 FEBRUARY

09h30 - 10h30 | Panel

Shaping the Future: Youth Leadership and Innovation for Accelerated Growth

This panel is a direct result of the first The Next Big Idea for EU - Africa Cooperation that took place during the RenewPAC Summit in Dakar. The Next Big Idea will explore how young leaders and entrepreneurs across Europe and Africa can drive sustainable development by shaping policies, building innovative businesses, and leading change. The discussion will highlight the importance of investing in youth potential to address socio-economic challenges and unlock competitive advantages for both regions.

10h30 - 11h00 | Coffee Break

11h00 - 12h00 | Roundtable

Youth-Driven Innovation: Unlocking Competitiveness in the Digital Age

This roundtable will feature a dynamic conversation on how the younger generation can harness the power of digital technology and innovation to boost competitiveness. It will bring together youth leaders, policymakers, and experts to explore ways to foster collaboration and create new opportunities for sustainable growth in the digital economy.

12h00 - 13h30 | Lunch



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14h00 - 15h00 | Panel

Harnessing Artificial Intelligence for Inclusive Growth: Opportunities and Challenges

As we enter the age of Artificial Intelligence, the transformative power of this technology has become undeniable. From revolutionizing industries and enhancing public services to driving economic growth, AI presents unprecedented opportunities. Yet, these advancements also bring significant challenges, including the risk of deepening inequalities and excluding vulnerable populations. This panel will explore how AI can be harnessed to promote inclusive growth, ensuring that no one is left behind.

15h00 - 15h30 | Coffee Break

16h00 - 17h00 | Roundtable

Healthcare Systems Resilience: Preparing for Future Challenges

This roundtable will bring together experts from both regions to discuss how to strengthen healthcare systems in the face of global challenges. Topics will include pandemic preparedness, addressing systemic weaknesses, and ensuring long-term resilience for public health systems that are critical to sustainable development and economic stability.

18h00 - 19h00 | The Next Big Idea

2nd Edition of The Next Big Idea for EU-Africa Cooperation

The Next Big Idea will provide all participants to present ground-breaking ideas that have the potential to transform EU-Africa cooperation. The session encourages forward-thinking solutions that tackle pressing challenges such as climate change, economic inequality, and sustainable growth, fostering collaboration between the two regions. The top three vote-getters from The Next Big Idea initiative will be developed into panels, roundtables, or high-level events, by RENEWPAC.

19h00 - 20h00 | Welcome Reception

20h00 - 21h30 | Networking Dinner



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DAY 2 | 24 FEBRUARY

09h00 - 10h30 | General Assembly

RenewPAC General Assembly (*dedicated agenda*)

10h30 - 11h00 | Coffee Break

11h00 - 12h00 | Opening Ceremony

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12h00 - 13h30 | Opening Ceremony Lunch

14h00 - 15h00 | Panel

Governance and Justice: Strengthening National and International Institutions

The effectiveness and legitimacy of national and international institutions are pivotal for fostering a fair and competitive world order. This panel will explore the pressing need for reforming these institutions to ensure they uphold justice, equity, and inclusivity in a rapidly changing global landscape. Panellists will reflect on how international frameworks can be restructured to address systemic imbalances, promote transparency, and support the rule of law.

15h00 - 16h00 | Panel

Counterterrorism and Peacekeeping: Building Effective Strategies for Regional Stability

This session will address the evolving security challenges in regions like the Sahel, focusing on counterterrorism and peacekeeping strategies through EU-Africa cooperation. Discussions will include strengthening regional forces and multilateral peace efforts.

16h00 - 16h30 | Coffee Break



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16h30 - 17h30 | Panel

Boosting Trade and Investment: How to Build Competitive Economies

This roundtable will discuss ways to enhance trade relations between the EU and Africa and stimulate investment that supports the growth of competitive economies. The session will focus on identifying key sectors, removing trade barriers, and building stronger business ecosystems.

19h30 - 21h00 | Networking Dinner

DAY 3 | 25 FEBRUARY

09h30 - 10h30 | Roundtable

Climate Change and Environment: Aligning Sustainability with Economic Development

This panel will explore how EU-Africa cooperation can align climate action with economic development. The focus will be on policies ensuring both environmental sustainability and growth through green technologies, renewable energy, and climate-friendly investments.

10h30 - 11h00 | Coffee Break

11h00 - 12h00 | Panel

Agriculture and Food Security: Enhancing Resilience through Innovation and Partnerships

This session will examine how innovation in agriculture, supported by EU-Africa partnerships, can boost resilience against climate change, improve yields, and promote sustainable practices in African agriculture.

12h00 - 13h30 | Lunch



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13h30 - 14h30 | Panel

Blue Economy: Unlocking Maritime Potential for Sustainable Growth

This panel will discuss the potential of the blue economy in fostering sustainable development, focusing on fisheries, maritime transport, and coastal tourism. The discussion will also explore how EU-Africa partnerships can sustainably manage maritime resources.

15h00 - 18h30 | Field Trip TBC

20h00 - 22h00 | Closing Ceremony

Official Reception at the Presidential Palace *hosted by HE President Alassane Ouattara*