

EDC2020 Briefing to Parliamentarians and Policy-makers

29 October 2008, 12.00 - 4.30 pm, Brussels/Belgium

Title: The EU, Africa and China: opportunities and challenges of a trilateral cooperation

The European Commission has scheduled a communication on "The EU, Africa and China: Towards a trilateral dialogue and cooperation on peace, stability and sustainable development" to come out on 8 October 2008. Together with our panelists we will discuss this communication as well as the question which further opportunities and challenges occur and what they imply for political decision-making, policy-making and research.

Chair: **Jos van Gennip**, President Society for International Development Netherlands (SID)

Opening Speech: **Jean-Michel Baer**, Director Science, Economy and Society, European Commission-DG Research

Keynote Speech: **Karel Schwarzenberg**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic (*tbc*)

Panel Chair: **Sven Grimm**, Researcher, German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)

Speakers: **Uwe Wissenbach**, Coordinator for Africa-China relations, European Commission, DG Development

Helmut Reisen, Research Director, OECD Development Centre

Prof. Olusanya Ajakaiye, Research Director, African Economic Research Consortium

Prof. Dr. Xuewu Gu, Director, Institute of East Asian Studies, Ruhr-Universität Bochum

Ana Maria Gomes, European Parliament, Rapporteur on the report "Chinese policy and its effects on Africa"

The conference is particularly intended to facilitate interaction between parliamentarians, researchers and policy-makers.