

AFRICA AND EUROPE:

COLLABORATION FOR CLEAN WATER FOR ALL

The 10th Africa Day International Conference takes place under the auspices of the President of the Republic of Slovenia, His Excellency Mr Borut Pahor, and within the framework of the Bled Strategic Forum. Based on mutual understanding and enhanced cooperation between Europe and Africa, Slovenia's annual high-level Africa event seeks to improve policy outcomes for citizens in the two regions. The event is co-hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia, the London-based Chatham House Africa Programme, and the European Commission.

Expert discussions at the Conference will examine collaboration between Africa and Europe aimed at accelerating progress regarding a comprehensive approach to water management, which strongly affects the close connection between peace, development, and humanitarian activities. Water as a resource is critical for socio-economic development, stability, and the protection of ecosystems. However, the competition for water is on the rise as populations grow and the effects of climate change are already visible. Sustainable Development Goal 6 aims to ensure access to water and sanitation for all. Three years into the International Decade for Action on Water for Sustainable Development, expert discussions at this Conference will examine avenues through which African-European collaboration can foster greater progress towards, and effectiveness of, SDG 6.

09.00–10.00 Welcome and keynote addresses

H.E. Mr **Borut Pahor**, President of the Republic of Slovenia

H.E. Dr **Anže Logar**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Slovenia

H.E. Ambassador Ms **Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko**, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union Commission

H.E. Ms **Barbara Creecy**, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, Republic of South Africa

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H.E. Ms **Jutta Urpilainen**, Commissioner for International Partnerships, European Commission

H.E. Dr **Augusto Santos Silva**, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Portugal

H.E. Ms **Aïssata Tall Sall**, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Senegalese Abroad, Republic of Senegal

H.E. Mr **Pekka Haavisto**, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Finland

Chair: Ms **Natalia Al Mansour**, Head of the Department for Africa and the Middle East, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia

10.00–11.15 **Session 1 – Commitment, Collaboration and Governance for Faster Water-Related Results at Scale**

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Alderman Ms Xanthea Limberg, Councillor, City of Cape Town, South Africa; Chairperson, Cape Town Water Resilience Advisory Committee

Ms Sareen Malik, Executive Secretary, African Civil Society Network on Water and Sanitation, Kenya

Ms Carla Montesi, Director for Green Deal, Digital Agenda, Directorate-General for International Partnerships, European Commission

Ambassador Ms Anita Pipan, Director-General for Multilateral Affairs and Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia

Chair: **Bob Dewar CMG**, Associate Fellow, Africa Programme, Chatham House

11.15–11.30 **Performance of African diaspora artists**

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11.30–12.45 **Session 2 – Cooperation for Water Infrastructure: Financing, Management, Innovation**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Mr Oswald M Chanda, Acting Director, Water Development and Sanitation Department, African Development Bank

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Mr Matjaž Ivačič, Director, GeoCodis, Slovenia

Mr Matej Mirič, Integration Engineer, Litostrój Power, Slovenia

Mr David Sodnik, Director and owner, Valter Group, Slovenia

Ms Malani Padayachee-Saman, CEO, MPAMOT, South Africa

Chair: **Mr Ante Milevoj**, Senior Consultant, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia

12.45–13.00 **Session 3 – Creativity as a Driver of Sustainable Development**

Ms Angela Martins, Head of Culture Division, Social Affairs Department, African Union

Ms Aleksandra Maria Tor, Junior Political Officer, Political, Press and Information Section, Delegation of the European Union to Ethiopia

Chair: **Ms Petra Kežman**, Head of the Department for Public Diplomacy and International Cooperation in Culture, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia

13.00–13.30 **Closing Remarks**

Ambassador Mr Matjaž Šinkovec, National Coordinator for Relations with African Countries and Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia

Mr Ibrahim Nouhoum, Co-founder, International African Forum, Slovenia and Mali

Dr Mimi Ajibadé, Member of Council, Chatham House

Mr Koen Doens, Director-General, Directorate-General for International Partnerships, European Commission

Ambassador Dr Stanislav Raščan, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia

Chair: **Ms Natalia Al Mansour**, Head of the Department for Africa and the Middle East, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia

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