



After the Financial Crisis

A Progressive Agenda for Africa



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Conference venue & accommodation

The conference will be held at the Winchester Mansions, located at 221 Beach Road (Sea Point), Cape Town 8005.



The Winchester Mansions, situated along the Sea Point Promenade and facing the Atlantic Ocean, has earned its reputation as Cape Town's iconic and leading sea front hotel among local and international guests.

The original Cape Dutch architecture combined with personalised hospitality and professional service from the hotel's unique signature of classic elegance. Business and leisure travellers enjoy the Winchester Mansions' relaxing atmosphere, set against the backdrop of the mountain and overlooking the swell of the Atlantic.

Location



Directly on Sea Point's promenade

Less than 10 minutes from the V&A Waterfront and the Cape Town city centre as well as N1 and N2

10 minutes from the famous Clifton and Camps Bay beaches

20 minutes from Cape Town International Airport

GPS co-ordinates:

S 33° 54' 38.1"

E 18° 23' 26.5"

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Conference Programme

10th May

Afternoon: Arrival of participants

19.30 Dinner

11th May Coping with Global Imbalances

09.30 **Opening Ceremony**

Welcome Addresses:

John A. TESHAI, Executive Secretary, Africa Forum

Ernst STETTER, Secretary General, FEPS

A Progressive Agenda for Africa: Introduction

Luisa DIAS DIOGO, former Prime Minister of Mozambique

Zita GURMAI, MEP, President of PES Women, Vice-President of FEPS

11.00 Coffee Break

11.30 **Session 1:**

Africa in a multipolar world: a progressive agenda for global governance

Chairperson: John A. TESHAI, Executive Secretary, Africa Forum

Introduction: Matlotleng P. MATLOU, Africa Institute, South Africa

Discussants: Eileen Mbuywana IMBWAE, MP National Assembly of Zambia
Gerrit OLIVIER, Director, Centre for European Studies, Pretoria
Christa RANDZIO-PLATH, Vice-President, VENRO (German civil society organisation)

Klaus VOLL, India Europe Consultancy

12.30 Lunch

14.00 **Continuation of Session 1**

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15.30 Coffee Break

16.00 Session 2

Post-Copenhagen conditions: agriculture, natural resources and climate justice

Chairperson: Carmen DE PAZ NIEVES, IDEAS, Spain

Introduction: Mamadou FAYE, former Minister for Water Resources, Senegal

Discussants: Jean-Christophe HOSTE, Egmont Institute, Belgium

Louis LEMKOW, Institute of Environmental Science and Technology,
Barcelona

Matanki MOKHABI, Assistant Minister of Labour and Employment,
Lesotho

Pär NUDER, former Minister for Finance, Sweden

12th May Reshaping the Economics of Development

09.30 Session 3

Migration and Fortress “Europe”

Chairperson: Ben TUROK, ANC MP

Introduction: Javier MORENO, Global Progressive Forum

Discussants: Isabella Bongi KATAMZI, Senator, Swaziland

Tara POLZER, Senior Researcher, Forced Migration Studies Programme,
University of the Witwatersrand

11.00 Coffee Break

11.30 Session 4:

Finance, trade and the real economy

Chairperson: Gerard FUCHS, Fondation Jean Jaurès, France

Introduction: Brendan VICKERS, Institute of Global Dialogue

Discussants: Stephany GRIFFITH-JONES, Initiative for Policy Dialogue

Columbia University, New York

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Simba MAKONI, former Executive Secretary, Southern African
Development Community (tbc),

Babacar NDIAYE, former President of the African Development Bank

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13.00 Lunch

14.00 **Continuation of Session 4**

16.00 Coffee Break

16.30 **Closing session:**

The Way forward: A New Social Contract for Development

Chairpersons: John TESHAN and Ernst STETTER

Karl August OFFMANN, former President of Mauritius

H E Mr Pablo BENAVIDES ORGAZ, Spanish Ambassador to South Africa

Preliminary conclusions and discussions on follow-up

18.00 End of programme

19.15 Departure for Restaurant

Dinner at: Sevriga

Shop 4 – Quay 5 – V & A Waterfront

13th May Final day of conference and departure

08.15 Departure from Hotel for Mandela Gateway

Visit to Robben Island

Prison where Nelson Mandela was held for 19 years

Departure of guests

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About the organisers

FEPS – Foundation for European Progressive Studies




FEPS is the European progressive political foundation. Close to the Party of European Socialists (PES) but nevertheless independent, FEPS embodies a new way of thinking on the social democratic, socialist and labour scene in Europe. FEPS establishes an intellectual crossroads between social democracy and the European project, putting fresh thinking at the core of its action. As a platform for ideas, FEPS works in close collaboration with social democratic organisations, and in particular national foundations and think tanks, to tackle the challenges that Europe faces today.

From the very early stages of its creation, FEPS was conceived as a platform to bring together progressive actors and partners in synergy with an ambition to foster a real European space for debate.

Since its last General Assembly of 18th November 2009, FEPS counts among its members 39 political foundations and think tanks from all over Europe, to which are added the Party of European Socialists, its full member parties and political groups within the European institutions.

Outside Europe, FEPS has been actively engaged in developing links with like-minded organisations throughout the world. This has been seen through strategic cooperation in the Mediterranean region, Latin America, the United States and India. Since its inception, FEPS has assiduously fostered partnerships with progressive organisations in Africa. Indeed, FEPS Secretary General, Dr Ernst Stetter, spent many years living and working in Senegal and West Africa before returning to Europe.

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Africa Forum



The Africa Forum constitutes an informal network of former African Heads of State and Government and other African leaders designed to support the implementation of the broad objectives of the African Union (AU) and its initiative, the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), at national, sub-regional and regional levels.


With the specific functions of advocacy and think tanking, the Africa Forum helps harness the experience, moral authority and good offices of former African Heads of State and Government and other African leaders with the view to assisting the advancement Africa's social and economic development.

During the past ten years, the political landscape in Africa has changed profoundly towards constitutional order, political stability and democratization. Increasingly, African states have renounced the culture of military and single party rule and presidency for life. Multiparty democracy, new political and constitutional dispensations are now a common practice. Many African states have limited the presidential terms of office. African leaders are now relinquishing power through democratic elections. A new leadership style and culture are gradually emerging.

Three major political trends are increasingly discernable as democracy takes root in Africa. The first is that the era of unconstitutional changes of government, particularly by the military, has sharply declined. This is anchored on the decision of the 36th Summit of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) held in Algiers, Algeria in 1999, not to accept any unconstitutional change of government in member countries; this decision was later adopted as one of the major principles of the African Union, enshrined in its Constitutive Act.

The second trend is that the proliferation of inter-state conflicts, which also characterized African politics in the post-independence period, principally, as a result of colonial demarcation of African boundaries, is also residual.

The third trend marks a new wave of democracy in Africa in which democratic processes are being consolidated.

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In spite of these welcome trends, positive political, social and economic changes within the African continent have been limited and sometimes undermined by a new generation of conflicts within a number of African States. Former African Heads of State and Government should be encouraged to support efforts aimed at addressing the scourge of these intra-state and inter-state conflicts. Indeed, these continue to hamper and slow down Africa's political transition to democratic governance and sustainable social and economic development.

The new generation of conflicts is clearly associated with the structure and nature of power in a number of African states, unequal distribution of resources and wealth as well as the scope of social stratification along ethnic lines inherited from colonial regimes. It is encouraging to note that there is clear evidence of strong commitment and determination, on the part of African leaders, including those who have vacated office, to address decisively the present internal scourge of conflicts in Africa. Indeed, the commitment and determination of African leaders to move ahead with the democratization agenda remains firm.

It was for this reason that the OAU established the Commission for Mediation, Conciliation and Arbitration and subsequently the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution, which did a good job for the continent. With the creation of the AU, the Mechanism was replaced by the Peace and Security Council, with the objective of promoting peace and find solutions to the scourge of conflicts in Africa. The major objective of the OAU Mechanism had to deal with the scourge of conflicts in Africa. As the continent's democratization process continues to take root, concerted efforts are being deployed to avoid the politics of exclusion while efforts at the inculcation of a culture of political tolerance and inclusion in Africa are intensified. The transition from the OAU to the AU and the elaboration of NEPAD are a clear manifestation of the commitment of the leadership in Africa to the democratization of African societies. It also signifies the determination and commitment of African leaders to promote peace, security and sustainable development on the continent.

Global Progressive Forum



The Global Progressive Forum (GPF) is a common initiative of the Party of European Socialists along with its political group in the European Parliament, and the Socialist International. The GPF sprang up from the success of the first World Social Forum held in January 2001 in Porto Alegre, in Brazil. The Global Progressive Forum aims to bring together a diversity of peoples from Africa, Europe, Asia, the Middle East, India, and Latin America to discuss and propose alternatives to the negative aspects of the current Globalization process which specifically affects Under Developed countries, Third world countries and developing countries.

Following the first global conference in November 2003 and the second on September 2005 in Milano, the Global Progressive Forum held its 2009 Conference in Brussels. This conference gave the opportunity to gather key worldwide international players to elaborate progressive ways of tackling the negative outcomes of globalization while engaging in a new vision of a globalised world from which we can all benefit.

Fundación IDEAS




IDEAS (Foundation for Progress) is an umbrella Foundation which comprises the already existing foundations connected to the PSOE to establish a new progressive think-tank.

The Foundation's objective is to establish a new "think-tank with the capacity to bring novel progressive ideas to the arena of political and social debate in an ever changing world. To this end its mission shall be to identify challenges and opportunities and offer possible solutions to these issues, innovative and imaginative solutions that are at the same time rigorous from a scientific point of view and politically deliverable.

One of the most important tasks facing any political party, and more so if it is left-wing, is to continuously come up with fresh ideas. Renewal is essential to all human projects but if we are referring to a political project this need becomes even more pressing and is intrinsic to its survival, now so more than ever before. The challenges we face in 2008 are not the same as those of just five years ago, and any political Project which stays entrenched in the past and is not in tune with the problems of the time and lacks the capacity to propose adequate and imaginative responses runs the risk of losing the public's interest.

This is the prime reason why at the 37th Federal Congress of the PSOE the decision was made to create the foundation "IDEAS para el Progreso". Now more than ever before we must foster the renewal of progressive thought which means identifying the most pressing issues currently facing society and understanding where the challenges and threats of the mid and long-term future lie so that rigorous, imaginative and politically deliverable solutions can be found. We must continue to be guided by the same values as always, those of solidarity, a fair and just society, and the fight for equality and freedom. But the measures which translate these values into political action must be constantly renewed. The aim is to establish a centre of innovative, rigorous thought, a centre of prestige, with the capability to offer Spanish society a modern and innovative political project for the mid and long-term.

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Fondation Jean-Jaurès



The mission of the Fondation Jean Jaurès is to provide a forum for the renewal of socialist thought through global and practical solutions. Founded in 1992, the Foundation's work is characterised by intellectual, open, innovative, action and is characterized by two features: The international experience, because the FJJ works with many progressive foundations around the world, but also because a department of the Foundation is dedicated to supporting democracy in countries where it is most fragile. The FJJ works well, particularly in Africa and Central Europe, to raise issues of democratic governance, staff training policy and support the most innovative and promising initiatives in these areas.

Historically, the FJJ has partnered with the Socialist Party and the Office of University Research Socialists to create within the Foundation the Centre of Socialist Archives which allows researchers to take advantage of the vast wealth of socialist history. The Foundation follows a strategy of collective work, bringing women and men from different backgrounds - politicians, union leaders, business leaders, and multidisciplinary academic experts - who too often do not work together. This collaboration is aimed at serving everyone, that is, the common good.

Olof Palme International Center



The Palme Center works in the spirit of Olof Palme for democracy, human rights, and peace. We cooperate with people and organizations throughout the world, in nations such as Brazil, Burma, South Africa, Palestine, and Moldova.

Through our development projects, we seek to empower people to change their societies and thereby their own lives. Women, youth, and grassroots activists are our main target groups. The Swedish labour movement's extensive international network enables cooperation with global partners who share our values.

Through party-oriented democracy support, the Social Democrats and the Palme Center support sister parties throughout the world. We do this in nations that already have struggling democracies as well as in dictatorships such as Belarus and Zimbabwe. The efforts focus on training for party leaders and party members, organizational development, and the sharing of knowledge and experience.

Our strength is the understanding of the role that popular movements' play in democratization. Such strength has supported the organizing of people wanting to achieve changes through which all can benefit. Such experience provides unique opportunities to support others.

An important task for the Palme Center is the sharing of knowledge in order to facilitate discussion of international questions and stimulate debate. Along with publishing books and study materials, we organize seminars and public meetings where cooperating partners, politicians, experts and debaters can actively participate. Additionally, to support those who manage our projects, we provide specific materials, which can be downloaded on this website.

Dr Karl Renner Institut



The Renner Institute is the political academy of the Austrian Social Democratic movement. In this capacity, it foremostly aims at

- involving experts from various fields in the development and realization of new political positions by establishing a discourse between experts from various fields and the Austrian Social Democratic Party;
- generating a forum for political discussion and thus helping to introduce social democratic positions into public discussion;
- training representatives of the Austrian Social Democratic Party so that they are optimally prepared for their present and future tasks;
- fostering the organizational development of the Austrian Social Democratic Party in order to open up and modernize party structures.

In order to fulfill these tasks as well as possible, the Renner-Institute and its nine regional offices (one in each of Austria's federal provinces) try to orient and modify their individual programmes according to their customers' demands, needs and wishes. A broad variety of publications, debate evenings, seminars and lectures appeal at a politically interested public while special conventions and seminars aim to invite experts, teachers and educators.

SOLIDAR



SOLIDAR was founded in 1948 by the Committees of the Socialist International and formally set up in 1951 under the name of International Workers Aid (IWA). It laid down the foundations for international cooperation between socialist parties and social aid organisations. The members of IWA were traditionally associated to workers movements and social democratic values, such as the Arbeiterwohlfahrt in Germany (Workers' Aid Germany).

It is a European network of NGOs working to advance social justice in Europe and worldwide. With 53 member organisations based in 25 countries, 20 of which are EU member states, SOLIDAR works in cooperation with progressive civil society organisations, social democratic and socialist parties and trade unions. SOLIDAR aims to influence EU and international policy, and links members together to network and carry out humanitarian and development projects. Much of this activity is focussed in three primary areas: social affairs, international cooperation and education.


In Social Affairs, SOLIDAR's overarching theme is the call for a more Social Europe. This means access to high-quality, accessible, affordable social care for all members of society; a balanced approach to economic, employment and social policy; social inclusion and freedom from discrimination and the active involvement of civil society (citizens) in policy-making.

In International Cooperation, SOLIDAR works on the issues of development cooperation and humanitarian aid, international trade, migration and integration, and also plays a coordinating role in cooperation in the field regarding humanitarian aid projects in areas including Sri Lanka, India, the Western Balkans and the Middle East. SOLIDAR is a member of the Decent Work Decent Life Alliance and coordinates The Global Network project.

When it comes to education, SOLIDAR focuses on access to education for all, lifelong learning (LLL) and professional training and accompanying social services.

List of Participants

Name	Position	Organisation	Country
Adebajo, Adekeye	Executive Director	CCR	South Africa
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Dias Diogo, Luisa	Former Prime Minister		Mozambique
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Espejo, José Antonio	Coordinator of International Affairs	PSOE	Spain
Faye, Mamadou	former Minister for Water Resources		Senegal
Fuchs, Gerard	Director	Fondation Jean Jaurès	France
Griffith-Jones, Stephany	Professor/ Director	Columbia University/ IPD	USA
Gurmai, Zita	President/Vice-President	PES Women/FEPS	Hungary
Hoste, Jean-Christophe	Research Fellow	Egmont Institute	Belgium
Imbwae, Eileen Mbuywana	MP	National Assembly	Zambia
Kagia, Ruth	Chief of Mission	World Bank	South Africa
Kapoor, Sony	Managing Director	Re-Define	Belgium
Katamzi, Isabella	former Senator		Swaziland
Kitching, David	Junior Policy Advisor	FEPS	Belgium
Lemkow, Louis	Director	ICTA	Spain
Makoni, Simba	former Secretary General	SADEC	Zimbabwe
Mantashe, Gwede	Secretary General	ANC	South Africa
Matlou, Matlongleng	Chief Executive Officer	AISA	South Africa
Matshe, Thoko	Regional Coordinator	Olof Palme International Centre	South Africa
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Minet, Alexandre	Coordinator of International Dept	Fondation Jean Jaurès	France
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Moreno, Javier	Secretary General	GPF	Belgium
N'diaye, Babacar	former President	ADB	Senegal

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