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Post-Cotonou Africa-EU Partnership Africa-Europe Alliance

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The ACP-EU Partnership

- Unites **more than 100 countries** (EU member states & 79 countries in **A**frica, the **C**aribbean and the **P**acific).

- Impacts **over 1.5 billion people worldwide**.

- Is the **largest of its kind** in the world.

- Is ruled by the **Cotonou Agreement,** which is **due to expire in February 2020**.

  ↳**Negotiations** on a new ACP-EU agreement were **launched in September 2018** in New York (EU negotiation mandate – June 2018)

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Main ambitions

- To move **beyond the donor-recipient relationship** & **work as equal partners on key common or intersected interests**

- To **preserve key components** of the Cotonou agreement, whilst deepening our partnership with a new **legally binding agreement.**

- To focus on **obtaining concrete results** in the areas of:

- To make the most of this **strategic platform**, including **building powerful alliances**, as the **EU and ACP countries** altogether **represent more than half of the UN members**

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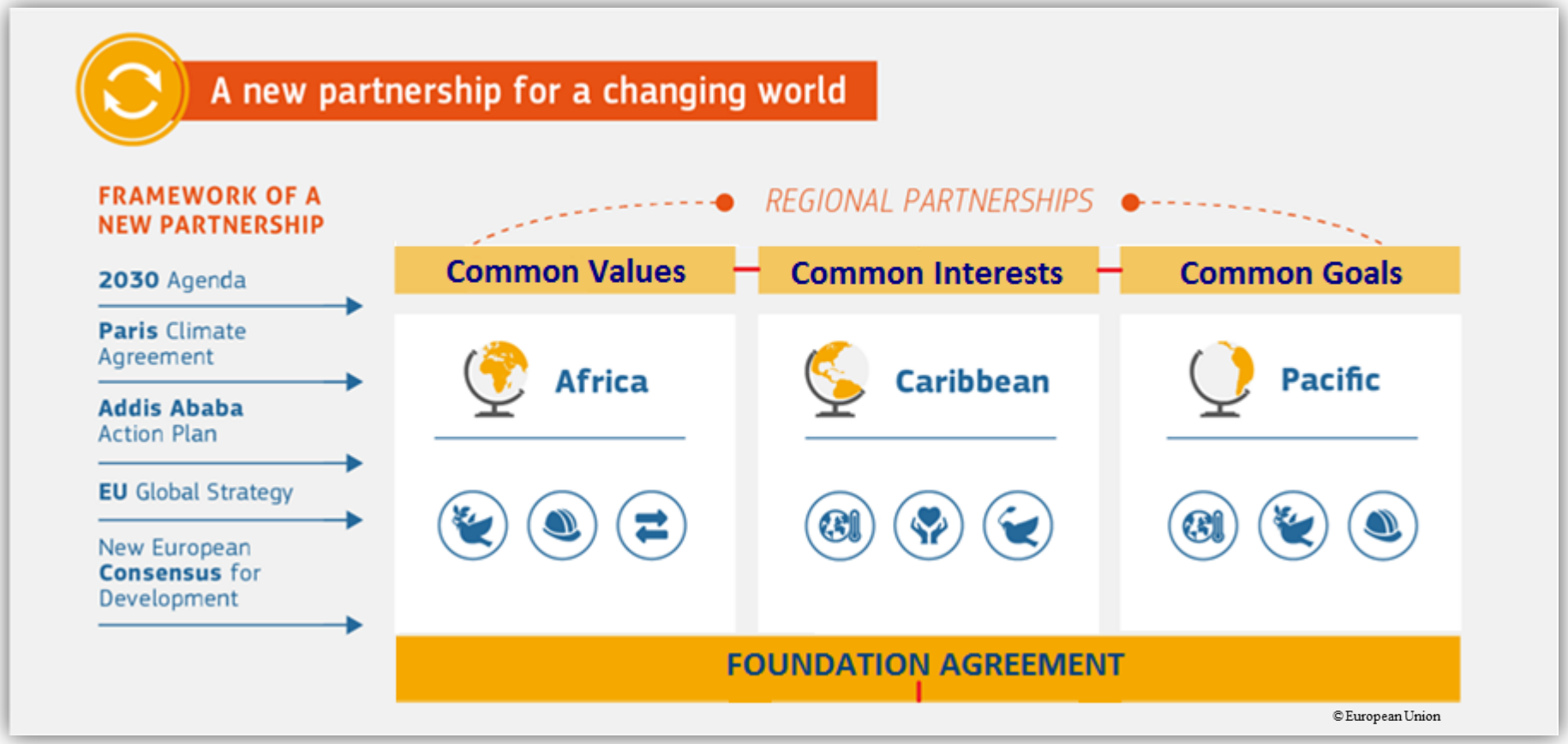
Proposed New Structure

A foundation agreement at ACP level, in combination with **3 regional pillars**.



State of Play of the Negotiations

- **Good progress** made on the Foundation

- Negotiations on the 3 regional partnerships **started last spring**

- **Signature and ratification process** before entry into force of the new EU-ACP partnership

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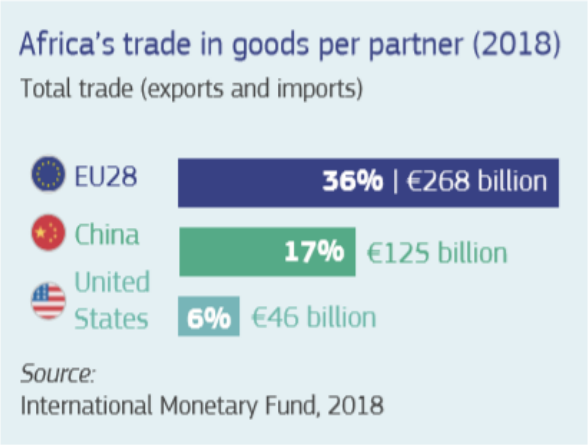
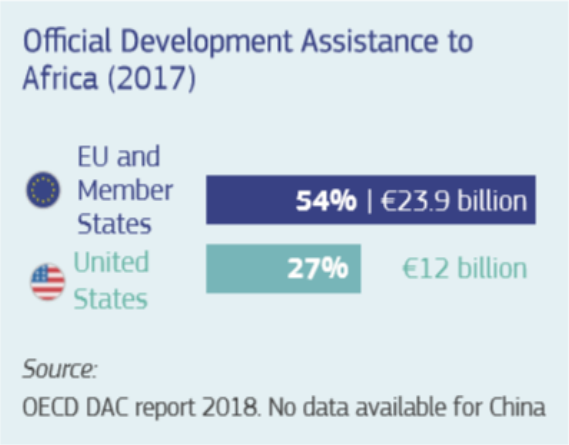
The EU and Africa





Several cooperation frameworks govern EU cooperation with Africa:

- **Africa-EU Partnership** and Joint Africa-EU Strategy
- **Cotonou Partnership Agreement** with Sub-Saharan Africa, Pacific and Caribbean countries
- **Euro-med Partnership** with North Africa and the European Neighbourhood policy

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The Africa-EU Partnership

- **Africa as one**
- Complements the other existing frameworks with focus on actions at continental and cross regional level
- **Formal channel** to work together (Summit, Ministerials,…)
- Shared **long-term vision** for EU-Africa relations
- Reinforce **political relations** and jointly address global common challenges
- Enshrined in the ***Joint Africa-EU Strategy (2007)***

Key developments

5th AU-EU Summit: "*Investing in Youth for a Sustainable Future*", November 2017

- **Abidjan Declaration**

AU-EU Commission-to-Commission Meeting, May 2018

Ministers of Foreign Affairs from EU and AU Meeting, January 2019

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- Launched in **September 2018** by Commission President Juncker
- A response to the commitments taken at the **AU-EU Summit Abidjan 2017**
- **Economic strategy** for EU-Africa relations
- Key target is **job creation**
- African and European **investments** are the main vehicle
- **4 key strands of** action:

Strategic investment and job creation

Investment in education and matching skills and jobs

Business environment and investment climate

Economic integration and trade

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The Africa-Europe Alliance

- Expected results

Investment through the Alliance will create up to 10 million jobs in Africa in the next 5 years.

€44 billion leveraged investment funding will be mobilised by 2020 through the EU External Investment Plan.

105,000 students and academics will benefit from Erasmus+ by 2027;

750,000 people will receive vocational training for skills development.

€300-350 million per year will be earmarked for business and investment climate reforms.

- Key instruments and programmes:
  - **EIP, ERASMUS+, Africa Trust Fund, Panafrican programme…**