

NEXUS<sup>25</sup> ETTG Policy Conference

# EU-AFRICA RELATIONS IN TRANSITION

ROME, 29 OCTOBER 2024

*At the 2023 Africa Climate Summit, leaders produced the “African Leaders’ Nairobi Declaration on climate change and call to action”, stressing the importance of climate-positive growth, green industrialisation, and local value creation while recognizing the cascading effects of climate change across sectors and borders and into African economies, food systems and water resources, health, education, peace, and security. Ultimately, enhanced governance and institutional collaboration between state and non-state actors, as well as the EU and African stakeholders, is key to strengthening mitigation and adaptation policies and providing adequate investments to reduce the vulnerabilities of affected communities and the risks related to climate change.*

*This partnership may be not limited to the implementation of a fruitful climate action but could be expanded to support the achievement of the Agenda 2030 goals to foster sustainable development, reduce poverty, and promote peace and prosperity across the continent in view of a longer-term structural change.*

*The Nexus<sup>25</sup> Project is a joint initiative between the [Istituto Affari Internazionali \(IAI\)](#) in Rome and the [Center for Climate and Security](#) in Washington, DC funded by [Stiftung Mercator](#) in Germany. After successful discussions on food security and climate finance at this year’s Munich Security Conference, World Bank Spring Meetings and other multilateral venues, the project is partnering with the [European Think Tanks Group \(ETTG\)](#) to convene a high-level discussion on enhancing EU-African partnerships from the lens of mitigation, adaptation, and the energy transition.*

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## MORNING SESSION – PUBLIC CONFERENCE

### HIGH-LEVEL PANEL

## EU-AFRICA RELATIONS IN TRANSITION

TIME: 10:30-12:00 CET

*h. 10:00 Registration of participants*

PALAZZO DE CAROLIS  
VIA LATA, 3 - ROME

*Working language: English  
The event will be recorded*

*This high-level conversation will cover the state of EU-Africa relations, current challenges, and opportunities for regional collaboration in the era of the sustainable transition. This discussion will be open to the public.*

10:30-10:40

### WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

**PIER CARLO PADOAN**, Chairman, UniCredit, and Vicepresident, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)  
**NATHALIE TOCCI**, Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

10:40-10:45

### BACKGROUND ON NEXUS25

**MICHAEL WERZ**, Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress, and Nexus<sup>25</sup>

10:45-11:25

### PANELIST COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION

- **ANTHONY AGOTHA**, Climate & Environment Ambassador, European External Action Service (EEAS)
- **DIANA ACCONCIA**, Director for International Affairs and Climate Finance, DG Clima, European Commission
- **AFEIKHENA JEROME**, Special Adviser to the Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Development of the African Union Commission
- **MITHIKA MWENDA**, Executive Director, Panafrican Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA)

11:25-12:00

### Q&A

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