High-level conference

**Space for the African Citizen**

16.09.2010, Brussels

Slides & Speeches

Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union
High level conference “Space for the African Citizen”
16 September 2010, Brussels
Palais des Beaux-Arts – Paleis voor Schone Kunsten - Room M

SLIDES & SPEECHES

Welcome and introduction
9:00 – 10:00
- Mrs Sabine LARUELLE, Belgian Minister of SME’s, Self-employed, Agriculture and Scientific Policy
- Mr Herman VAN ROMPUY, President of the European Council
- Mr Jean-Pierre EZIN, Commissioner for Science and Technology of the African Union
- Mr Antonio TAJANI, Vice-President of the European Commission, Commissioner for Industry and Entrepreneurship

General overview and objectives of the conference
10:10 – 10:40
- Mr André NONGUIERMA, Geographic Information Systems Senior Officer, Information, Science and Technology Division, UNECA
- Mr Jean-Paul MALINGREAU, Head of Unit, JRC, European Commission

Thematic sessions
11:15 – 11:35 Session 1 : Economic Growth and Development
- Mr Makane FAYE, Officer-in-charge, e-applications, UNECA
- Mr Menghestab HAILE, Food Security Advisor, WFP

11:40 – 12:30 Session 2 : Environment, Resources Management and Country Planning
- Dr Jide KUPONJI, Secretary General, African Association of remote Sensing of the Environment (speaker excused)
- Mr Philippe OMONDI, IGAD Climate Prediction and Application Centre
- Mr Erick KHAMALA, Regional Centre for Mapping of resources for development
- Mrs Gina BONNE, Commission de l’Océan indien

12:40 – 13:50 Lunch, offered by ESA

14:00 – 14:20 Session 3 : Transport
- Mr. Michel BOSCO, deputy Head of Unit, EU satellite navigation programmes : International Aspects, European Commission
- Mr Georges GULEMVUGA, Commission internationale du Bassin du Congo

14:25 – 14:35 Session 4 : Health
- Dr Peter NGATIA, African Medical & Research Foundation (AMREF)

14:40 – 15:00 Session 5 : Education and Training
- Dr Guido GRYSEELS, Director General, Royal Museum for Central Africa
- Mr Justin AHANHANZO, Coordinator and Team Leader, UNESCO

15:05 – 15:35 Session 6 : Telecommunications
- Mr Abdul BAKHRANI, Intersat, Kenya
- Mr Apollinaire MALU MALU, President of the Independent Electoral Commission, DRC
- Mr Mohammed BEN AMOR, Centre d’Etudes et Recherches en Télécommunications, Tunisia

Discussion panel : perspectives, new ideas
15:40 – 17:15
Introduction by Mariano GAGO, Minister for Science, Technology and Higher Education of Portugal, chairing the panel
- Prof. Ayman EL-DESSOUKI IBRAHIM, Chairman of the National Authority for Remote Sensing and Space Sciences, Egypt
- Mr Paul COUNET, Director of Strategy and International relations, Eumetsat
- Mr Jean-Jacques DORDAIN, Director General, ESA
- Dr Seidu O. MOHAMMED, Director General, National Space Research and Development Agency of Nigeria
- Mr Peter MOORS, Director General, Belgian Development Cooperation
- Dr Val MUNSAMI, Deputy Director-General, Department Science & Technology (DST), South Africa
- Mr Vittorio PRODI, MEP, Chairman of the Sky & Space Intergroup, European Parliament
- Mr Klaus RUDISCHHAUSER, Director, DG Development, European Commission

Conclusions
17.15 – 17.30 Mrs Sabine LARUELLE, Belgian Minister for SMEs, the Self-Employed, Agriculture and Science Policy

Press briefing
17.40 – 18.00 Meeting with European and African media