



EU Global Action event:

Future EU Space Programme and satellite connectivity opportunities for Africa: added value of the IRIS² programme for local stakeholders

Date: 24 October 2023

Location: King Fahd Palace Hôtel Sénégal, Dakar, Senegal
Room B

Language: French and English

Time: 15:00 – 18:30

Moderator: Dr Maram Kairé, Director General, Senegalese Agency for Space Studies

Timing	Session Name and Description	Presentations	Speakers
14:30-15:00	Registrations		
15:00-15:15 (15 minutes)	Opening remarks	Opening remarks	<p>Ms Catherine Kavvada, Director for Secure and Connected Space, Directorate General for Defence Industry and Space (DG DEFIS), European Commission</p> <p>Dr. Souleymane Astou Diagne, Director Cabinet, Ministry of Communication, Telecommunications and Digital, Republic of Senegal</p> <p>H. E. Prof. Mohamed Belhocine, Commissioner for Education, Science, Technology, and Innovation, African Union Commission</p>
15:15 – 15:45 (30 minutes)	Perspectives on Unlocking the Potential for Connectivity in Africa	<p>Senegal's national strategy for digitalisation and connectivity</p> <p>Perspectives on the potential for space-based connectivity in Africa</p>	<p>Mr Alhousseynou Koulibaly, Director of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communication, Telecommunications and Digital, Republic of Senegal</p> <p>Mr Timothy Adi Ashong, Acting Director General, Regional African Satellite Communications Organisation (RASCOM)</p>





Dr João Zolana, General Manager, Angolan Space Office

Q&A

15:45- 16:45
(60 mins)

An Introduction to IRIS² and related opportunities for collaboration with Africa

IRIS² and EU Space-based connectivity opportunities in Africa

Mr Anas Hanan, Policy Officer, Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space (DG DEFIS), European Commission

Dr Tomasz Husak, Adviser - Digital Agenda and Data Technologies, Directorate-General for International Partnerships (DG INTPA), European Commission

Perspectives connectivity opportunities in Africa

Mr Rodrigue Guiguemde, West Africa Regional Manager, Smart Africa Alliance

Synergies between GMES&Africa and IRIS2 programme

Dr Tidiane Ouattara, Space Science Expert and Coordinator for GMES & Africa Programme, African Union

Synergies between ANGA, EGNSS and IRIS2 programme for Africa

Mr Semou Diouf, Director, SatNav Africa Joint Programme Office

Q&A

16:45-17:15
(30 mins)

Coffee break

17:15- 18:15
(60 minutes)

Roundtable: Future Prospects and Innovations for connectivity in Africa

Mr Anas Hanan, Policy Officer, Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space (DG DEFIS), European Commission

Dr Tidiane Ouattara, Space Science Expert and Coordinator for GMES & Africa Programme, African Union (tbc)

Mr Mohsen Chirara, CEO, ARC TELECOM

Ms Maimouna Dia, CEO, 2SI





18:15- 18:30
(15 minutes)

Closing remarks

Ms Catherine Kavvada, Director for Secure and Connected Space, Directorate General for Defence Industry and Space (DG DEFIS), European Commission

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Networking cocktail

