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POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A EUROPEAN-AFRICAN COOPERATION USING SPACE  
BASED APPLICATIONS

**Abstract**

Africa and Europe as geographic neighbours share a long-standing history and traditions with cultural and social exchange. The cooperation at various levels between the European and African countries dates back centuries ago but over the last decade it has been significantly strengthened and sealed by the political commitment of their leaders through the European-African Partnership. Africa is in need of maintaining these long-lasting partnerships and finding new effective instruments supporting its efforts to achieve sustainable development.

There is only little overview, on how space applications are utilized by African actors and how cooperation between Africa and Europe is organized and conducted on the various levels. This paper gives the necessary overview in order to provide recommendations for institutional actors in European-African partnerships in view of space applications for sustainable development.

The Africa-EU partnership is analysed according to political, economic, social, technological and legal environmental factors and respective policy recommendations are drafted on this basis. Recommendations are directly addressed to the relevant European and African stakeholders. No other continent can benefit more existentially from space applications than Africa. It will be partnerships as the one between Europe and Africa, which will be crucial for realizing this great potential.