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The fourth EU-Africa summit will take place in Brussels on 2-3 April under the theme "Investing in People, Prosperity and Peace". Building on the spirit of their 2007 Joint Strategy, Africa and the European Union will discuss as equal partners how to deepen cooperation under these three areas.

Africa and the European Union are jointly committed to foster human capital through education and training, to create additional incentives for investment, and to find ways of stimulating growth that will create jobs in particular for young people. They work closely together for peace and security, which are prerequisites for prosperity and growth. .

The European Union will be represented by President of the European Council Herman Van Rompuy and President of the European Commission José Manuel Barroso. The summit will bring together the Heads of State and Government of the European Union and the African continent, together with the leaders of the EU and African Union institutions. A range of high-ranking international observers will also be associated.

"Both Africa and the European Union will come together to address the challenges that each of our continent faces and the ones that face the world as a whole. The theme we have chosen addresses the everyday concerns of our citizens– their safety and security, their job prospects, and their future as families and individuals. I am looking forward to a summit that will further reinforce our partnership and contribute to improve the quality of hope of our population ", said President Van Rompuy.

President Barroso ahead of the meeting said: "Fulfilling the vision set out in the Joint Africa-EU Strategy, the summit will deepen our partnership of equals and seize further cooperation opportunities by expanding political, economic and people to people contacts. This includes the pursuit of durable and sustainable economic growth generating opportunities and well-being for all our citizens".

More information

Factsheet on EU-Africa relations:

http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-14-246_en.htm

Background on EU-Africa summit:

http://www.european-council.europa.eu/media/1329122/140217_summit_background_note.pdf

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