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Foreword

Africa's relations with Europe date back several centuries. Although the ties are sometimes acrimonious, the two continents have continued to work together in diverse ways. One reason for this resilience is geographical propinquity; separated from each other only by the narrow Strait of Gibraltar that connects the Atlantic Ocean to the Mediterranean Sea. From such a perspective, it is indeed arguable that the two continents cannot ignore each other especially in an era of unprecedented globalization, because what happens in one is bound, sooner or later, to impact the other. One major platform used by Europe to maintain close ties with Africa and other developing countries was the Lome Convention signed by 71 African, Caribbean and Pacific, ACP, countries, in February 1975 in the Togolese capital, Lome. The Agreement was aimed at providing a broad framework for economic cooperation between the EU and the ACP; whereby agricultural and mineral exports from the latter entered the EU "duty free", under a preferential scheme. The EU was also to provide substantial development aid to ACP countries to boost development. The Lome Convention was reviewed three times, Lome II, III and IV, in deliberate attempts to adjust what was by then a lopsided relationship in favour of Europe. Above all, the Lome regime did not address most of Africa's fundamental developmental challenges. Africa remained overwhelmingly an agrarian continent while millions of Africans remained below the global poverty level. Another attempt to fine-tune Euro-Africa relations was undertaken in 2000 under the Cotonou Agreement of 23 June that year. It is significant to note that the unscrambling of the ACP bloc and Africa, especially, by the EU started with the Cotonou Agreement. The

Process continued in the Economic Partnership Agreements EPAs, which provided for interim and full membership; new Rules of Origin (RoOs) and a Generalized System of Preferences (GSP); all of which have directly and indirectly created tension in intra-African relations on the one hand, and in Africa's relations with Europe, on the other hand..Arguably, the dismantling of African solidarity vis-à-vis the EU, was completed in the December 2007 Africa-EU Strategic Partnership Agreement, which is anchored on eight broad sub-themes, including peace and security.

Africa and Europe in the 21st Century critically examines the effects of the Joint Strategic Partnership Agreement on African countries individually and collectively; the continent as a whole; and the future of Euro-Africa relations, in the context of the rapidly changing global landscape with emerging influential actors like Brazil, Russia, India, and China, the so-called BRIC states. The book is the outcome of a two-day international conference on the *AU-EU Strategic Partnership Agreement: Implications for Nigeria*, held at the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs, Lagos, from 7th to 8th July 2010. Divided into five parts and with a total of 16 original chapters, the book captures some of the most salient issues in the latest attempt by Africa and Europe to enhance their mutual cooperation. It is a most welcome development, especially as it is coming on the eve of the 3rd Africa-EU summit in November 2010. It is my sincere hope, therefore, that the book will make significant contribution to the debate on the utility and the future of the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership Agreement. Students of integration and development, foreign policy, diplomats, policy makers, bureaucrats in the EU, the AU and the various regional economic communities, RECs, as well as members of civil society organizations, will find in the book an indispensable companion

and reference source. It will certainly add to the already lively debate on the pros and cons of the latest, and perhaps the most elaborate, agreement between Africa and Europe. I warmly recommend it to libraries and research institutes in Africa and abroad, and to all those who are interested in promoting equitable and sustainable partnerships between Africa and Europe, this century and beyond.

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Abbreviations

AAGM	Associated African States and Madagascar
ACP	African, Caribbean and Pacific countries
AEC	Asian Economic Community
AfDB	African Development Bank
AFTA	Asian Free Trade Association
AGOA	African Growth Opportunity Act
APF	Africa Peace Facility
APRM	African Peer Review Mechanism
APSA	African Peace and Security Architecture
ASEAN	Association of South Eastern Asian Nations
ATVF	Abuja Technology Village Foundation
AU	African Union
AUC	African Union Commission
C2C	College to College Meetings
CA	Cotonou Agreement
CAFTA	Central America Free Trade Association
CARICOM	Caribbean Community and Common Market.
CET	Common External Tariff
CFSP	Common Foreign and Security Policy
CMI	Chaing Mai Initiatives
COMESA	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
CPA	Cotonou Partnership Agreement
CSOs	Civil Society Organizations
DCI	Development Cooperation Investment
DFID	Department for International Development

DRC	Democratic Republic of Congo
EBAs	Everything But Arms
EC	European Commission
EC	European Community
ECA	Economic Commission for Africa
ECCAS	Economic Community of Central African States
ECDPM	European Centre for Development Policy Management
ECOSOC	Economic, Social and Cultural Council
ECOWAS	Economic Community/Commission of West African States
ECU	European Currency Unit
EDF	European Development Fund
EEC	European Economic Community
EESC	Economic and Social Communities
EIB	European Investment Bank
EMCAP	Economic Management Capacity Building Programme
ENP	European Neighbourhood Policy
ENPI	European Neighbourhood Policy Investment
EPADF	Economic Partnership Agreement Development Fund
EPAs	Economic Partnership Agreements
EU EOM	European Union Election Observation Mission.
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FARA	Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa

FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
FOCAC	Forum on China and Africa Cooperation
FRN	Federal Republic of Nigeria
FTAAs	Free Trade Agreements for the Americas
FTAs	Free Trade Areas
GATs	General Agreement on Trade Services
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GNI	Gross National Income
GNP	Gross National Product
GSP	Generalised System of Preferences
ICSFAD	International Centre for Soil Fertility and Agricultural Development
ICT	Information Communication Technology
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
IFS	Instrument for Stability
IMF	International Monetary Fund
Its	Implementation Terms
JAES	Joint Africa-EU Strategy
JEGs	Joint Expert Groups
LDCs	Least Developed Countries
MAP	Millennium Partnership for African Recovery Programme
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
NAFTA	North America Free Trade Association
NEEDS	National Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy
NEPAD	New Partnership for African Development

OAU	Organization of African Unity
ODA	Overseas Development Assistance
PAP	Pan-African Parliament
PSC	Peace and Security Council
QSP	Quick Start Packages
R&D	Research and Development
RECs	Regional Economic Communities
REPAS	Regional Economic Partnership Agreements
RoO	Rules of Original
SADC	Southern Africa Development Community
SMEs	Small and Medium Enterprises
SPA	Strategic Partnership Agreement
SPFS	Special Programme for Food Security
SPS	Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary Standards
SROs	Sub-regional Organizations
SSA	Sub-Saharan Africa
STWSP	Small Town Water Supply Project
TDCA	Trade and Development Cooperation Agreement
TDCA	Trade Development Cooperation Agreement
TRII	Trade, Regional Integration and Infrastructure
TRIPS	Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights
UEMOA	Union Economique et Monitaire Ouest Africaine
UK	United Kingdom
UMA	Union du Mangreb Arabe
UN	United Nations
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference of Trade and Development

UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
US	United States
USSR	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
WHO	World Health Organization
WID	Women in Development
WTO	World Trade Organization

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PART ONE

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