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UK - EU - AFRICA EXCHANGE SUMMIT ON PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY CHAINS

Theme: "Building Resilient, Transparent and Sustainable Supply Chains for Africa, Europe and the UK"

Dates:
26 - 30 April 2027

Venue:
VH EUROSTAR TIRANA
CONGRESS & SPA,
Albania

Duration:
5 Days

ABOUT THE SUMMIT

Global disruptions from COVID-19, climate change, and geopolitical shifts have exposed critical weaknesses in procurement and supply chain systems. For Africa, Europe and the UK, the challenge is to move from crisis response to building resilient, digital, and sustainable supply chains that deliver in Health, Agriculture, Education and Trade.

The UK - EU - Africa Exchange Summit is designed as a high-level policy, academic, and business platform to align procurement standards, share technology, and unlock investment.

Tirana, Albania is chosen as a neutral convening hub with access for UK, EU and African stakeholders.

SUMMIT OBJECTIVES

1. Policy Alignment: Harmonize procurement policies and standards between UK, EU and African institutions
2. Resilience: Build supply chain resilience in 4 priority sectors: Health, Agriculture, Education, Trade & Environment
3. Investment: Create deal-making platforms between African governments, EU/UK suppliers, and development financiers
4. Capacity Building: Train procurement officers and institutions on transparency, digitalization, and ESG compliance
5. Partnerships: Launch joint UK-EU-Africa pilot projects and framework agreements

WHO SHOULD ATTEND (TARGET PARTICIPANTS - 400+ Delegates)

- Governments: Ministers, Permanent Secretaries, Procurement Authorities from Africa, UK, EU, Western Balkans
- Institutions: Universities, Teaching Hospitals, Research Centres
- Private Sector: Manufacturers, Logistics firms, Pharma, Agri-tech, Ed-tech, Green tech companies
- Development Partners: World Bank, AfDB, EU Commission, FCDO, UN Agencies
- Academia & CSOs: Supply chain researchers and policy think tanks

VISA & TRAVEL ADVISORY

Due to visa processing challenges for Albania, all African delegates are advised to attend using a valid multiple-entry UK, USA, or Schengen visa to enter Albania.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE

€1,450 PER DELEGATE



The fee covers:

- Conference Registration & Delegate Kit
- 5 Nights' Accommodation in Tirana - 4 Star Hotel
- Meals: Daily Breakfast & Lunch for 5 days
- Welcome Reception: Gala Dinner on Day 1
- Summit Materials: Conference bag, materials, certificate
- Access to B2B meetings & Networking

International flights and Visa fees are not included.

5-DAY CONFERENCE AGENDA

DAY 1: MONDAY 26 APRIL 2027 - ARRIVAL & WELCOME RECEPTION

Theme: "Connecting UK - EU - Africa"

Delegate Arrival | Registration | 18:30 - 21:00 Official Welcome Reception & Networking Gala

DAY 2: TUESDAY 27 APRIL 2027 - HEALTH SYSTEMS & PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPLY CHAINS

Theme: "From Fragility to Resilience"

- Keynote: Global health procurement after COVID-19
- Panel 1: Building resilient pharmaceutical and medical supply chains in Africa
- Panel 2: EU/UK regulatory alignment and quality assurance for African markets
- Masterclass: Digital procurement & e-tendering for health ministries
- B2B: Health equipment and pharma supplier meetings

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY 28 APRIL 2027 - AGRICULTURE & FOOD SECURITY SUPPLY CHAINS

Theme: "Feeding Nations, Securing Futures"

- Keynote: Climate-smart agriculture and logistics
- Panel 1: Farm-to-market cold chain infrastructure in Africa
- Panel 2: EU Green Deal and UK trade standards for African agri-exports
- Masterclass: Traceability, anti-counterfeit and food safety systems
- B2B: Agri-inputs, storage, and processing equipment deals

DAY 4: THURSDAY 29 APRIL 2027 - EDUCATION & KNOWLEDGE SUPPLY CHAINS

Theme: "Procurement for Learning and Innovation"

- Keynote: Building resilient supply chains for universities and research
- Panel 1: Procurement of digital learning tools, labs, and infrastructure
- Panel 2: Capacity building for university procurement officers
- Masterclass: Sustainable procurement and ESG in education institutions
- B2B: Ed-tech, library systems, and research equipment exhibitions

DAY 5: FRIDAY 30 APRIL 2027 - TRADE, ENVIRONMENT & CLOSING

Theme: "Green, Digital and Inclusive Trade"

- Keynote: UK-EU-Africa trade corridors and the Global Gateway
- Panel 1: Green supply chains and carbon tracking
- Panel 2: Customs, ports, and trade facilitation for African exports
- Masterclass: Anti-corruption, transparency and procurement law
- Closing Plenary: Launch of "Tirana Declaration on UK-EU-Africa Procurement Cooperation" + Signing of MoUs

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

1. Tirana Declaration: A policy framework for UK-EU-Africa procurement cooperation
2. \$500M+ Pipeline: Investment and supply deals across 4 sectors
3. Capacity Program: Launch of **AEIP Procurement Academy for African officials**
4. Digital Platform: Procurement Exchange Portal for suppliers and buyers

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