ABSTRACT

This paper constitutes an attempt to provide a critical review of the EU-Africa Dialogue. It raises two main questions:

1. To what extent is the EU as presently structured capable of championing (through its commitments) the AU/NEPAD goal of political and economic regeneration of the African continent?

2. What are the reasons for the AU commitments to Africa? And it is structured in three parts:

Part 1, provides a background to AU/NEPAD and their implications to the EU-Africa relations, part 2 provides an introduction to EU-AU Dialogue (Cairo summit), reasons for these commitments. And the developments, which have taken place in the African continent since Cairo summit and part 3, is an overview of the EU commitments to Africa, challenges in implementation strategy, conclusion giving a brief critique of this Dialogue and attempts to provide a tentative way forward.