



Department of Strategy

Programme of the Conference
"Polish Interests and Strategy towards Africa"
(October 29-30, 2025)

Venue: Professor Jan Baszkiewicz Lecture Hall (Faculty of Political Science and International Studies, University of Warsaw, 26/28 Krakowskie Przedmieście)

October 29, 2025 (5:00 PM - 6:30 PM)

Open lecture - "How to Talk About Africa in Europe and How to Talk About Poland in Africa?"

- Prof. Eghosa E. Osaghae, Director General, Nigerian Institute of International Affairs, Lagos
- Questions and answers

October 30, 2025 (9:00 AM - 5:00 PM)

Welcome address:

- Prof. Katarzyna Kołodziejczyk – Dean of the Faculty of Political Science and International Studies, University of Warsaw
- Wojciech Zajączkowski – Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland

Panel I (9:15 AM - 11:00 AM) Global and EU Visions and Polish Interests and Presence in Africa

Introduction (6-7 minutes each)

- Prof. Katarzyna Nawrot (University of Warsaw) – *UN and EU Strategy towards Africa – Recommendations for Poland*
- Piotr Kozłowski, Director of the Department of Africa and the Middle East, MFA – *Political and Diplomatic Presence of Poland in Africa*
- Jędrzej Czerep PhD (Polish Institute of International Affairs) – *Information Strategy and Countering Disinformation as Key to the Polish Presence in Africa*

Discussion - Participants:

- Konrad Adamowicz, Deputy Director of the Department of Strategic Communication and Countering International Disinformation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Prof. Wiesław Lizak – University of Warsaw
- Krzysztof Buzalski – minister-counselor, Department of Africa and the Middle East, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Moderator: Krzysztof Strzałka – minister plenipotentiary, Department of Strategy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Coffee Break (11:00-11:15)

Panel II (11:15 AM -1:30 PM) – Economic and Development Activities in Africa – Possible Synergies for Achieving Polish Foreign Policy Goals

Introduction (6-7 minutes each):

- Olga Jabłońska, Deputy Director of the Department of Development Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs – *Development assistance in Africa and economic and investment activities – the Polish perspective*
- Natalia Matyba – management board, Polish Investment and Trade Agency (PAIH)– *Poland's economic and investment presence in Africa – prospects and interaction among actors responsible for economic and development assistance*
- Agnieszka Falkowska, Director of the Department of International Development Instruments, The National Economy Bank (BGK) – *Effective Combination of Poland's Development and Investment Activities as Exemplified by the Global Gateway Program*

Roundtable – Synergy of Poland's Economic and Aid Activities in Africa (Through the Eyes of Entrepreneurs and NGOs)

Participants:

- Marcin Kaleta – President, Faspol Africa Ltd.
- Michał Łupkowski – Director for Emerging Markets, Lug Light Factory Ltd.
- Robert Zduńczyk – President, Poland-East Africa Economic Foundation
- Wojciech Wilk – President, Polish Center for International Aid

Moderator: Krzysztof Buzalski – minister-counselor, Department of Africa and the Middle East, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ad vocem (comments - 5 minutes each):

- Prof. Bara Ndiaye, University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn
- Prof. Boubacar Sidi Diallo, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań

Lunch break (1:30-3:00 PM)

Panel III (3:00 PM – 5:00 PM) – Models of cooperation with Africa – recommendations for Poland

Round table discussion on national strategies towards Africa with the participation of representatives from Spain, Turkey and Italy (3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m)

Participants:

- Prof. Giovanni Carbone (Università degli Studi di Milano, Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale, Head of Africa Programme) - Italy
- Prof. Diego Caballero Vélez (University of Messina) - Spain

- Prof. Elem Eyryce Tepeciklioglu (Centre for African Studies, Social Sciences University of Ankara)/Prof. Ali Onur Tepeciklioglu (Department of International Relations, Ege University) - Türkiye

Moderator: Patryk Kugiel PhD – Polish Institute of International Affairs

Ad vocem (comments - 5 minutes each):

- Prof. Eghosa E. Osaghae, Director General, Nigerian Institute of International Affairs in Lagos

- Prof. Andrzej Polus – Department of Regional and Development Studies, University of Wrocław

-Questions and answers

-Conference summary and acknowledgements (Director of the Department of Strategy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs)