

## Background

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Since 2012, CLEAN-AFRICA e.V. in partnership with the African Good Governance Network (AGGN) have held Good Governance Debate Series regularly (GGDS). Both AGGN and CLEAN-AFRICA see **Good Governance** as the cornerstone of **sustainable development** in Africa and other developing countries. Most students with relevance to developing countries are potential leaders and community representatives. There is need to stimulate their interest in the art of competitive healthy debate and dialogue especially on good governance on a “North” – “South” and “South” – “South” Level.

The Theme of GGDS for 2017 is: **‘The Refugee Crises is the Brain-Child of the EU failed Foreign Policies not Climate Change’**

The EU is one of the most influential international development partners of Africa and the “South”. EU foreign and security policy which covers peace and security, diplomacy and partnership, peacekeeping missions, the means to intervene and European neighbourhood policy aims to ensure that development and good governance is attained. However, there are suggestions that the EU’s development policy has achieved little in the past twenty years.

EU aid to Africa is often attached to certain conditions. There has been debate over the effectiveness of aid conditionality being unable to bring about the sustained economic and political change. The EU has been unable to effectively implement the Cotonou-Partnership Agreement whose three pillars: Development-, Political-, Economic- and Trade- Cooperation would move the Continent forward.

Combined with the upsurge of conflict in the bigger part of Africa, these factors have led to refugee influx in Europe. The E, however, points more to climate change. It assumes that climate change impacts have the potential to undermine policies or projects aimed at poverty alleviation and economic development hence the push factor.

## Purposes of the GGDS Debate

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- Promote intellectual debate and discourse on issues related to Good Governance in the “South”;
- Harness and train the rhetoric capabilities, assertiveness and talents of potential leaders of Developing Countries and their “Northern” counterparts;
- While promoting cooperation and networking the Debates also encourage not only African students but also Graduates from the global “South” to take more initiatives in bringing sustainable growth and development to their home countries.

## Target groups

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- Graduates, Postgraduates from the “North” and “South” with focus on developing countries;
- Scientists and researchers with interest on developmental topics;

## Keynote Speakers

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- Magdi El Gizouli (Rift Valley Institute)
- DAAD, Head of Group 43 Development Cooperation
- EU-Representative on EPA, CPA

## Prizes

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- A. Winners**
  - ✓ Trophy for the winning school
  - ✓ Notebooks + Certificates + Medals for Winners
- B. Runners-up**
  - ✓ Certificate for the School
  - ✓ Medals + Fair Package + Certificates for debaters
- C. All Participants**
  - ✓ Training
  - ✓ Networking
  - ✓ Certificates

## Venue

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Gästehaus ABZ Stuttgart  
Bruckwiesenweg 10, D-70327 Stuttgart

## Call for Papers

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You are invited to submit Application / Paper based on one of the topics outlined as debate topics below. The Papers should not be no more than **1page** or **500 words** and should be submitted by the latest **before 31<sup>th</sup> Oct., 2017 at 24:00**. The topic you are presenting should be the heading of your Paper. Completed papers should be electronically submitted to **ggds2017@gmail.com**

Five papers from each school would be chosen to constitute the team for the selected school or course. To be fair to all interested participants, each person must submit one paper only. Those not chosen can still attend the Debate as cheers.

The language of the workshop and debate tournament is **English**.

## Debate Topics

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- **Conditional Aid: How much can we expect?**
- **Preventing Conflict and Responding to Crises: Implementation Dilemmas**
- **Democratization and the Rule of Law-incompatible ingredients for African States**
- **The Economic Partnership Agreement and its effect on Regional Stability in sub-Saharan Africa**
- **EU Arms Trade and its impact on the Development in the South**
- **EU Stand on African Immigrate: Right or Wrong?**
- **EU and Africa Partnership on Tackling Climate Change: Is it feasible?**

## Programs

Submission of Papers / Application & Registration

31 Oct. 2017

Acceptance of Papers & Selection of Contestants

01. Nov. 2017

Training Workshops

05 - 07. Nov. 2017

Preliminary Debates to Quarter Finals

08-09 Nov. 2017

Semi Finals, Grandfinale & Award ceremony

10. Nov. 2017

Detailed information on the programs click [www.cleanafrica.de](http://www.cleanafrica.de)

## Registration

Participation fee is **FREE!**

Transport costs with DB (2.Class) can be Re-imbursed.

Food and Accommodation will be taken care of.

A commitment fee of 10€ has to be paid.

Please send your filled-out registration form and/or paper (PDF) via E-Mail to: [ggds2017@gmail.com](mailto:ggds2017@gmail.com)

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**About CLEAN-AFRICA e.V.**

CLEAN-AFRICA e.V. is an international non-profit organization whose overall goal is to actively drive the promotion of sustainable development in Africa ahead. Founded by African professionals and students, CLEAN-AFRICA holds an international and patron board without political, religious, ethnic, social or gender discrimination. The organization pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes with the following priorities: Sustainable Community Development, Sustainable Poverty Alleviation, Environmental Education and Awareness.

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**GOOD GOVERNANCE  
DEBATE SERIES 2017**

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the EU failed **FOREIGN POLICIES**  
not **CLIMATE CHANGE**:

**05<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2017**

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