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Top News

[A New Framework for European Relations with Africa \(18/10/11\)](#)

Speech delivered by Nick Westcott, Managing Director Africa EEAS, on 'EU-Africa foreign policy after Lisbon', outlining a new framework for European relations with Africa, following the setting up of the European External Action Service. The central message of his speech is that "the EU must put the African people at the heart of its policy in Africa".

["Increasing the impact of EU development policy and the future approach to budget support" \(20/10/11\)](#)

Andris Piebalgs European Commissioner for Development: "Launching the Agenda for Change. Increasing the impact of EU development policy and the future approach to budget support" Conference Brussels, 19 October 2011: 'The Agenda for Change you have in front of you introduces a raft of important changes to how we do development policy, while at the same time building on the good things that have come out of our development policy, and the European Consensus on Development in particular'.

[EU report highlights concerns over rise in protectionism across G20 \(19/10/11\)](#)

EU Commissioner Karel De Gucht said: "Protectionism poses a real threat to the economic recovery. I am concerned to see that the overall picture has not improved and that more trade restrictive measures have been introduced by our trading partners. The EU will therefore, in bilateral and multilateral talks, continue to remind its partners to stick to their commitment to reduce trade barriers."

[Farewell speech by Jean-Claude Trichet, President of the ECB \(19/10/11\)](#)

'Since August 2007, we have experienced a crisis of a new kind. A global phenomenon that has no equivalent since World War II, in its nature and dimension. For the first time since 66 years, the epicentre of the global crisis was the financial system of the advanced economies'.

[Statement by President Barroso following the Tripartite Social Summit \(17/10/11\)](#)

'The crisis has made it obvious that Europe must reform – and effective reform is not easy. ' Today we have discussed some of those reforms. I cannot say we have agreed on all topics, but at least on one there was a very broad agreement. The message that we received both from the business side and the trade union side is to do whatever is necessary to protect the financial stability of the euro zone, to restore confidence in the euro zone and in the European Union'.

[Commission launches a campaign on resource efficiency \(17/10/11\)](#)

An EU campaign designed to encourage consumers to make resource efficiency a habit, "*Generation Awake. Your choices make a world of difference!*", was launched in Poland by European Environment Commissioner Janez Potočnik and Polish Environment Minister Andrzej Kraszewski. Its aim is to raise awareness about the need to use scarce natural resources wisely, and to encourage citizens to think about their impact on the planet when making purchasing decisions.

[Three months of famine: European Commission increases its aid to Horn of Africa \(20/10/11\)](#)

The European Commission is mobilising an additional €24 million to assist vulnerable people threatened by famine and the effects of drought in the Horn of Africa. The extra funding is on top of the €160 million provided by the Commission so far.

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