This Africa Briefing will present the findings of the conference *The dynamics of decision making in Africa*, held in Pretoria on 8 and 9 November. That conference was organised by EGMONT – Royal Institute for International Relations, Institute for Global Dialogue and Institute for Security Studies and focussed on determining ‘how’ and ‘why’ positions are arrived at within Africa’s continental and regional organisations. These considerations may shed an interesting light on the third Africa-EU Summit in Tripoli on 29 and 30 November 2010 and the implications it has for future EU-Africa relations.

**09:15–11:00**  
**SESSION 1: THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE AFRICA-EU SUMMIT**

**CHAIR:**  
- **Thomas Cargill** (Assistant Head Africa Programme of Chatham House)

**PANEL:**  
- **Rudy Brieven** (Belgian Federal Public Service of Foreign Affairs)  
- **Brave R. Ndisale** (Ambassador of Malawi to the EU)  
- **Geert Laporte** (Head of Institutional Relations & Partnerships of European Centre for Development Policy Management)

**11:00–11:20**  
**COFFEE BREAK**
11:20–13:00  SESSION 2: DYNAMICS OF AFRICAN DECISION MAKING: CONFERENCE REPORT

CHAIR:
• Koen Vlassenroot  (Director of the Africa Programme of EGMONT)

PANEL:
• Jean-Christophe Hoste  (Research Fellow for the Africa Programme of EGMONT)
• Henri Boshoff  (Programme Head of the Institute for Security Studies)
• Siphamandla Zondi  (Director of the Institute for Global Dialogue)

Participants to this conference include African, EU and member state officials as well as a wide range of researchers and academics.

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