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PolyCIVIS Agora Forum

Polycrisis: Towards adaptation and transformation through collaboration

Wednesday, 23 September 2026 from 13H00 to 17H45

PROGRAMME

Chairperson: **François Heinderyckx**, Professor - Media Sociology and Political Communication, Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Advisor to the Rector of the ULB for the European University Alliance CIVIS, and PolyCIVIS Project Advisor

13:00 Registration

13:30 Opening remarks (Welcome & Opening)
Anne Weyembergh, Professor, PolyCIVIS Project Director & Vice-Rector for External Relations and Cooperation, Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB)

13:45 Keynote addresses (African & European speakers)
- **H.E. Henry Tachie-Menson**, Ambassador of Ghana to the EU
-**Udo Bullmann**, MEP TBC

14:30 Roundtable I: Advancing the Polycrisis framework: Insights from PolyCIVIS
Chair: **Anne Weyembergh**

Speakers:
- **Amandine Sabourin**, Member of the PolyCIVIS Board of Advisors and Senior Policy Analyst, ECDPM
-**PolyCIVIS [Virtual]**: **Malte Brosig**, Professor, University of the Witwatersrand (South Africa) // **Kamatara Kanifa**, Professor, Makerere University (Uganda) //
Emilio Tostão, Professor, Eduardo Mondlane University (Mozambique) //
Dimitris Gouscos, Professor, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Greece)
-**Frank Mattheis**, Research Fellow, UNU-CRIS
-**Minako Manome**, Senior Advisor, Head of Risk Anticipation Hub, UNDP Crisis Bureau [Virtual] //
Nabil Shiltagh, Partnership and Policy Analyst, UNDP Crisis Bureau // **Melis Alguadis**, Partnership Specialist, UNDP Crisis Bureau

15:50 Coffee Break

16:10 Roundtable II: Governing the Polycrisis: From evidence to action
Chair: **Emmanuel Boon**, Professor, International Centre for Enterprise and Sustainable Development (ICED)

Speakers:
- **Asad Beg**, Senior Expert and Team Leader, EU-AU Affairs, Pan-African Affairs Division, EEAS
-**Mohamed Nejib Ben Saad**, Data Quality Manager, Afrobarometer [Virtual]
-**Jesper Bjarnesen**, Senior Researcher, Nordic Africa Institute
-**Humbert de Boilley**, Deputy Head of Office, CoE Liaison Office to the European Union
-**Carol Georges Zakhour**, EU YPS Network

17:30 Concluding reflections, next steps and closing remarks - François Heinderyckx

17:45 Reception

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