

Development Policy,  
**Colonial Continuities,**  
and Futures of Partnership

**July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**  
10 – 12:30 CEST

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# AGENDA

(all times are CEST)

**10:00 - 10:10**

Welcome and Introduction

**Aisha Camara**

Moderator

**10:10 - 10:15**

Opening Remarks

**Olumide Abimbola**

Executive Director,  
Africa Policy Research Institute (APRI)

**10:15 - 10:30**

Institutional Remarks

**Rethinking Development  
Cooperation in a Changing  
Geopolitical Landscape**

**Birgit Pickel**

Director General for Sustainable  
Development and Climate,  
German Federal Ministry for Economic  
Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

**Anna Sophie Herken**

Management Board Member,  
Deutsche Gesellschaft für  
Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

**10:30 - 10:50**

Presentation of Research: Findings and  
Recommendations

**APRI**

**10:50 - 11:50**

Podium Discussion, Q&A with the  
audience

**Navigating Power, Interests and  
Partnership Practices in a Changing  
Global Context**

**Joshua Kwesi Aikins**

Head and Senior Fellow of the Economy  
and Society Programme, APRI

**Birgit Pickel**

Director General for Sustainable  
Development and Climate, BMZ

**Anna Sophie Herken**

Management Board Member, GIZ

**Valerie Viban**

Policy Advisor for Antiracism and  
Decoloniality,  
Brot für die Welt e.V.

**11:50 - 12:15**

Closing Remarks

**Introduction of Interactive Explorer  
of Report Recommendations and  
Interactive Tool to Explore  
Conceptual Debates about  
Development Cooperation**

**Joshua Kwesi Aikins**

Head and Senior Fellow of the Economy  
and Society Programme, APRI

**12:30 - 14:30**

Reception with lunch

