

HIGH LEVEL CONFERENCE EBOLA: FROM EMERGENCY TO RECOVERY

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What?

Formally opened by the Queen of Belgium and the Belgian Prime Minister, the European Union and key partners are organising a high-level international conference on Ebola: "Ebola, from emergency to recovery". The event will take stock of the fight against the outbreak, coordinate further action for the total eradication of the disease and discuss the recovery process in the most affected countries.

When?

3 March, 2015

Where?

Palais d'Egmont, Place du Petit Sablon, 8, 1000 Bruxelles

Participants

The event will be co-chaired by the Presidents of Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia (tbc), as well as Togo - as Ebola coordinator of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the United Nations and the African Union.

The European Union will be represented by:

- Vice-President and High Representative, **Federica Mogherini**
- EU Ebola coordinator and Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management, **Christos Stylianides**
- Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development, **Neven Mimica**
- Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, **Vytienis Andriukaitis**

More than 80 delegations have been invited, including Ministers from all West African countries and EU Member States, other countries that are contributing to the fight against Ebola, and relevant partners, such as UN agencies, the IMF, the World Bank, NGOs, the private sector and research institutes.

Media Opportunities

- Media are invited to the event and will be able to follow the sessions via video link
- A press working room will be available
- A press conference is foreseen at 13h
- Photos of the event will be available at <http://ec.europa.eu/avservices/photo/>
- Europe By Satellite will broadcast the opening and closing session as well as the press conference live: <http://ec.europa.eu/avservices/ebs/schedule.cfm>

Register here:

Please fill in the registration form on this link **no later than 25 February**, indicating 'media' as your profession in the "function" field: <https://scic.ec.europa.eu/fmi/ezreg/EBOLA2015/start>
Once you are registered, a media guide with practical information will be sent to you closer to the event.

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Background information

West Africa is currently facing the largest and most complex Ebola epidemic on record. The outbreak primarily affects three countries: Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. So far, more than 22,500 cases have been confirmed and more than 9,000 victims have died.

The European Union has been monitoring the spread of Ebola and taken collective action at home and abroad. It has mobilised humanitarian, political, financial and scientific resources to help contain, control, treat and ultimately defeat the virus. The EU and its Member States have pledged over €1.2 billion to fight the epidemic. The EU is contributing €414 million to provide emergency measures and longer-term support, as well as the development of vaccines and treatments.