

## How food can foster stronger relations between Europe and Africa

Chef Elijah Amoo Addo to address EurAfrican Forum on how food can foster stronger relations between Europe and Africa. Addo is the founder and executive director of the Food for All Africa Programme, which recovers surplus food from supermarkets, restaurants and other sources in Ghana and distributes it mostly to facilities for children, the elderly and mentally-challenged persons.



Chef Elijah Amoo Addo.

Addo says three out of five children on the streets of Ghana are out of school because they don't get enough to eat. The programme works with community-run, free schools to provide meals.

The [EurAfrican Forum](#) organisation () announced that Addo, will deliver a pitch about how food can be a link between people and regions to establish stronger relations for Europe and Africa, on the first day of the event, July 4, at the Forum's lunch.

"The EurAfrican Forum is a major platform which addresses the realities of Europe's influence on Africa and the need for Europeans to work with youth-led African organisations and entrepreneurs to address challenges facing both continents.

"I am resolute on partnering with European partners to explore youth led opportunities driven by technology and would ensure Food for All contributes to an efficient and sustainable means of nutrition for by 2032," stated Addo, who will also be collaborating with the event on the preparation of the Forum's set menu, along with the Portuguese chef Marcelo Tomás.

Addo left full-time work as a chef to start his food programme in 2012. He was inspired by a mentally-challenged man who recovered food from street vendors and shared it with others in need.

The programme also runs "SDG 2" (Zero Hunger) crop and livestock farms and stores to foster agricultural employment and distribute rural products in urban centers. Addo aims to grow his network of public and private-sector partners with the help of a stakeholders' forum and the government.

The second edition of the EurAfrica Forum will follow the discussions towards a *Partnership of Equals: Sharing Values, Sharing Prosperity* – a new approach and paradigm for the relationship between Europe and Africa, changing the narrative for both continents to create an accountable, prosperous and sustainable future together.

By invitation-only, the EurAfrican Forum is a networking and discussion platform underpinned on the power of Diasporas for connecting people, cities, regions and continents, gathering prominent and influential people that are forging enduring ties between the two continents - government officials, high profile business personalities, investors, young entrepreneurs, activists, social influencers, NGOs and media.

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