



United States Defence Attaché visits APSTA Secretariat

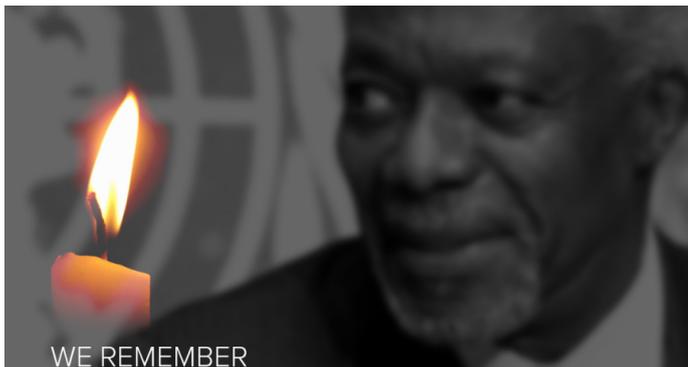
The United States Marine Attaché, Embassy of the United States of America in Cameroon, Major Emma C. Quinn and the Assistant Defence Attaché, Mr. Joel Erman, paid a courtesy visit to the Secretariat, African Peace Support Trainers Association (APSTA), on Friday 11 August 2023. Received by the APSTA Executive Secretary, Dr. Cecile Oyono THOM, the dignitaries got first-hand information on the raison d'être, programmes and activities of the Association, during a briefing in the Situation Room, by APSTA Deputy Executive Secretary/Programmes Coordinator, Mr. Christian ICHITE. The Secretariat highlighted the Association's milestones over the last 20 years of its existence, as well as current areas of focus on programmes/activities, underscoring domains of possible partnership ...



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KAIPTC - Ghana : Five Years On : KAIPTC remembers Kofi Annan's unique legacy of leadership, diplomacy and commitment to improving lives



“To live is to choose, but to choose well, you must know who you are, what you stand for, where you want to go, and why you want to get there.” That was Kofi Annan, former UN Secretary General in his commencement address at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on June 06, 1997. Kofi Annan always followed his inner compass and listened to his own drum. This compass led him to great achievements.

In the annals of diplomatic history, few names shine as radiantly as Kofi Annan's. As the seventh Secretary-General of the United Nations, his leadership from 1997 to 2006 left an indelible mark on global politics, peacekeeping efforts, and humanitarian advocacy.

Today, as we mark the 5th anniversary of his passing, which shook the world, we reflect ...

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NDC-Nigeria: The Chief of Defence Staff General CG Musa declares Exercise STRANEX open at National Defence College on 14 August 2023



The Chief of Defence Staff, General Christopher Musa delivering his keynote address at the commencement of Ex STRANEX 2023 at the Main Auditorium, National Defence College – Nigeria.

General Musa made this known in Abuja while declaring open the National Defence College Course 31 Strategic National Security Exercise (EX-STRANEX 2023) in conjunction with the Services War Colleges, said the importance of the training was to bring armed forces together and develop capacity of it's personnel for optimal performance.

Speaking earlier, the Commandant National Defence College, Rear Admiral Olumuyiwa Olotu stated that the exercise was designed to develop participants understanding ...

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ACCORD – South Africa : ACCORD Network (ACCNET) officially launched



This online community will now work collectively & collaboratively to address peace and security challenges.

ACCORD officially launched the ACCORD Network (ACCNET) online community on 23 August 2023, as a pledge to help peace practitioners connect with each other, build skills, and access resources to assist in peace and security initiatives.

The network members will be presented with opportunities to attend ACCORD trainings and events, and to strengthen their conflict management skills through online courses. The members will also have access to resources and tools on conflict analysis, dialogue, negotiation, mediation, and peacebuilding via the ACCNET portal.

ACCNET offers various avenues for multi-dimensional stakeholders to connect with each other, exchange knowledge, pool multidisciplinary expertise, generate ...

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IPSTC - Kenya : IPSTC and EMPABB sign memorandum of understanding

IPSTC and Alioune Blondin BEYE Peacekeeping School EmpabbBamako established a collaborative partnership under the leadership of IPSTC's Director, Brigadier Joyce C Sitienei, and EMP-ABB's Director General, Colonel Souleymane Sangare. A significant milestone in this partnership was marked by the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU).

The primary objective of this MOU is to foster cooperation between the two institutions in various areas of mutual interest, all aimed at promoting peace and stability in the African continent.

During the delegation visit from EMP-ABB, they were provided with comprehensive insights into IPSTC's functioning, including its diverse range of courses, research initiatives, and the HPSS (Humanitarian Peace Support School). ...

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CCCPA - EGYPT : CCCPA Director General visits Japan to discuss strengthen peacekeeping and peacebuilding cooperation



Ambassador Ahmed Nehad Abdel-Latif, Director General of the Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding (CCCPA), visited Japan from 23 to 30 July on an invitation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. The visit aimed to reinforce cooperation between the Center and a number of Japanese institutions.

The visit included meetings with the Assistant Foreign Minister for African and Arab Affairs in the presence of Ambassador Mohamed Abu Baker, Ambassador of Egypt to Japan. Ambassador Abdel-Latif also met with members of the Japanese House of Representatives, senior officials at the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) as well as a number of experts from think tanks and research centres. In addition, CCCPA's Director General visited the Japan Peacekeeping Training ...

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Africa faces increasingly complex peace and security challenges, and there is a shortage of human resources to address them. To help bridge this gap, the IPSS focuses on developing knowledge and skills in the field of peace and security. IPSS offers both short-term and long-term training and capacity building and can leverage its extensive experience in giving training in the field of peace and security. The institute has access to a broad network of experts from across Africa and beyond who provide scientific and educational support in various peace and security topics ...

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The President of the ECOWAS Commission addresses International Press on The Political Situation in Niger



The President of the ECOWAS Commission, H.E. Dr Omar Alieu Touray, has during a Press Conference at the ECOWAS Commission HQ, today, August 25, 2023, emphasised that ECOWAS is working towards an amicable solution to restore constitutional order in the Republic of Niger.

President Touray assured the citizens of Niger that ECOWAS is very interested in their economic prosperity and social welfare and believes that their aspirations can only be met through democratic means and participatory governance ...

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1st Regional Popularization Workshop of the New AU Policies on the Prevention of Trafficking in Persons (TIP) and Smuggling of Migrants (SOM) in Africa



The African Union Commission Department of Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development held the 1st Regional Popularization Workshop of the new AU Policies on the Prevention of Trafficking in Persons (TIP) and Prevention of Smuggling of Migrants (SOM) in Africa from 15 to 17 August 2023 in Port Luis, Mauritius.

The Commission recently adopted the new policies on the Prevention of TIP and SOM in Africa envisioning the harmonization of the policy framework at regional and national levels to support the effective prevention of this transnational crime. These policies provide proposals that will not only aim at building the capacity of national institutions to respond to the challenges associated with TIP and SOM, but also to build a framework for partnership and collaboration. In the context of taking this into action, the 3-day popularization workshop was organized ...

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AU & RECS/RMS HEADLINES**21 August 2023****Samia to assume SADC role**

Luanda, ANGOLA: PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan is expected to take over from President Hakainde Hichilema of Zambia as a chairperson of the Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation in the coming year.

This was disclosed in a Communiqué of the 43rd Ordinary ...

[Source](#)**21 August 2023****CEEAC/FOMAC: one General succeeds another**

Libreville (Gabonese Rep.), August 21, 2023 – After more than ten years of loyal service at the head of the Force Multinationale de l'Afrique Centrale (FOMAC) headquarters, Brigadier General Daniel Raimundu Savihemba (Angolan national) hands over to Major General Audace NDUWUMUNSI. The senior Burundian officer was sworn in as the new Regional ...

[Source](#)**21 August 2023****African Union suspends Gabon following military coup**

The African Union's Peace and Security Council said Thursday it had decided to «immediately suspend» Gabon following the military coup this week. The body said on X, formerly Twitter, that it «strongly condemns the military takeover of power in the Republic of Gabon which ousted President Ali Bongo on 30 August 2023» ...

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AU & RECS/RMS HEADLINES**22 August 2023****Negotiations between EAC and Federal Republic of Somalia for admission into EAC begin in Nairobi, Kenya**

East African Community Headquarters, Arusha, Tanzania, 22nd August, 2023: Negotiations between the East African Community (EAC) and the Federal Republic of Somalia for the entry of Somalia into the EAC begun in earnest in Nairobi, Kenya today. The nine-day negotiations have brought ...

[Source](#)**22 August 2023****ECOWAS Commission Briefed Ambassadors on the Implementation Status of the Regional Early Warning and Response Mechanism**

Abuja, Nigeria, August 22, 2023. The Vice-President of the ECOWAS Commission, H.E. Mrs Damtien L. Tchintchibidja has briefed Ambassadors of the Republics of Togo, Benin, Senegal, and Cabo Verde on the implementation ...

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Peacekeeping This Month - August 2023

The APSTA “Peacekeeping This Month” is an Online Journal for interested institutions and individuals to express informed opinion or share perspectives on all matters peacekeeping, peace operations or peace support operations (PSOs). The Secretariat: was able to cover stories in Africa on peacekeeping as follows :



Africa’s Peace mission to Ukraine & Russia : Towards a strategy of active non-alignment?



The recent peace mission to Ukraine and Russia, led by African Heads of State may herald the emergence of a shift in the continent’s strategy as Africa takes a more proactive role.

African countries have been on the receiving end of a relentless diplomatic offensive seeking to sway their positions on the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. The recent peace mission to Ukraine and Russia, led by African Heads of State may herald the emergence of a shift in the continent’s strategy as Africa takes a more

proactive role, speaking on behalf of those not directly involved but still heavily impacted. The delegation comprised leaders and assigned representatives from seven countries – Comoros, Congo-Brazzaville, Egypt, Senegal, Uganda, Zambia, and South Africa.

Both those sceptical and those welcoming of the initiative have pondered whether this represents a new form of active non-alignment that presents the continent ...

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UN chief « firmly condemns » Gabon coup, notes reports of election abuses



UN Photo/Cia Pak | Ali Bongo Ondimba, President of the Gabonese Republic, addresses the general debate of the General Assembly's 77th session.

30 August 2023 Peace and Security.

The UN Secretary-General on Wednesday firmly condemned the on-going coup attempt in Gabon, while acknowledging that “serious infringements of fundamental freedoms” appear to have taken place during elections at the weekend.

Spokesperson Stéphane Dujarric said that UN chief António Guterres was following the evolving situation in the capital Libreville “very closely”.

While condemning military action as “a means to resolve the post electoral crisis”, the Secretary-General said he had noted the announcement by the Central African nation’s electoral body of a win for incumbent president Ali Bongo with “deep concern” given reports of serious irregularities at the polls. This announcement of a military takeover in the capital by a group of officers who declared the election results void and the dissolution of State institutions, would mark the eighth coup – if successful – in West and Central Africa since 2020 ...

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