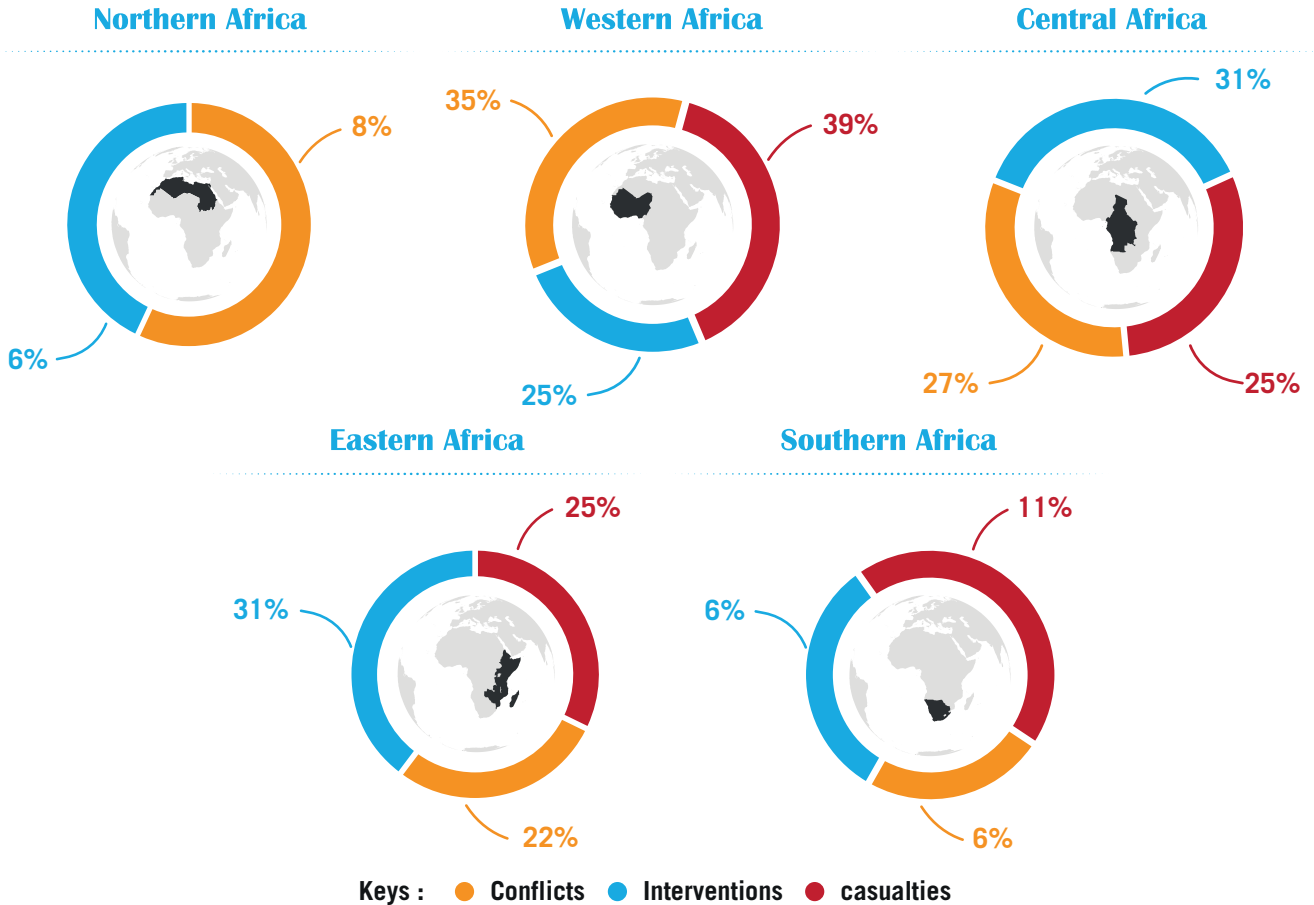




## Regional distribution of conflicts and interventions across Africa in July 2023



### Notes :

**Northern Africa :** In Tunisia, the row over migrants especially from sub-Saharan Africa continues despite various interventions.

**Western Africa :** Coup in Niger on 26th July increased the number of coups in the region, it also signalled increased rapprochements with Russia Wagner group.

**Central Africa :** Separatists attack on civilians in North West and South West Cameroun as well as militia attacks in Eastern DRC continued.

**Eastern Africa :** In Sudan, disagreement between Generals Hemedti and Al-Burhan worsened the situation, causing more casualties and displacements.

**Southern Africa :** This region continues as the most stable, except for fatal attacks in South Africa and on-going conflicts in Cabo Delgado Province of Mozambique.

Source : APSTA Situation Room

## MEMBER INSTITUTIONS NEWS

**KAIPTC - Ghana : KAIPTC signs MoU with UNOAU to strengthen cooperation and promote peace and security in Africa**

5<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 : The Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the United Nations Office to the African Union (UNOAU) to strengthen their collaboration and cooperation.

The MoU, which was signed in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, will provide a framework for collaboration between the UNOAU and KAIPTC to support the African Union, its Regional and Economic Communities, Regional Mechanisms and Member States. It will further strengthen the UN-AU-KAIPTC partnership in the areas of contributing to addressing peace and security on the African continent.

The MoU also marks a significant step for KAIPTC in furthering its strategic priority to support the African Union Commission ...

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**NDC - Nigeria : Rear Admiral OM Olotu Takes over as the Commandant National Defence College Nigeria**

Rear Admiral OM Olotu, today assumed duty as the 20th Commandant of National Defence College Nigeria. Rear Admiral Olotu is an Underwater Warfare Specialist of the Nigerian Navy and a Member of 39 Regular Course of Nigeria Defence Academy. The Admiral attended military and civil courses during the course of his career both here in Nigeria and abroad. He was at Germany Naval College for his young officer training courses and Armed Forces Command and Staff College for his Junior and Senior Staff Courses before proceeding to Royal College of Defence Studies for his strategic course.

Some of the appointments held by Rear Admiral Olotu includes; Navigating Officer, NNS NWAMBA ...

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## **ACCORD – South Africa : 10<sup>th</sup> Annual African Standby Capacity (ASC) Coordination Meeting**



The African Union Commission (AUC) through the Peace Support Operations Division (PSOD) held the 10th African Standby Capacity (ASC) Annual Coordination Meeting from 27 – 30 June 2023 in Kampala, Uganda. In line with the Memorandum Of Understanding on Cooperation in Areas of Peace and Security between the AU and Regional Economic Communities/Regional Mechanism (RECs/RMs), the ASC Annual Coordination Meeting is held with the aim of enhancing the relationships among stakeholders of the ASC Roster and to promote information exchange regarding the generation and preparation of civilian capabilities of the African Standby Force (ASF). Additionally, the meeting contributes to improving the standardization of generating and training of civilian capabilities for the African Standby Force.

As a platform that brings together the Civilian Component from the AUC ...

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## **IPSTC - Kenya : Africa Amani Journal Special Issue Launch**

Africa's borders are potent with innovation, creativity and economic prowess. They have the capability of utilizing their human and natural resources bar the conflicts that continuously surface in these regions. IPSTC's Africa Amani Journal special issue set out to provide insights on issues experienced in the borderlands. This was in close conjunction with the United Nations Development Programme - African Borderlands Center (UNDP-ABC).

The journal presents opportunities for collaboration and partnership to address peace, security and sustainable development. It was authored by scholarly fellows affiliated with peace and security matters from the countries of Nigeria and Kenya ...

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## AFRICA NEWS



## The AU and UNDP jointly launch Africa Facility to Support Inclusive Transitions



The African Union Commission (AUC) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) launched the Africa Facility to Support Inclusive Transitions (AFSIT), on the side-lines of the 5th African Union Mid-Year Coordination Meeting, in Nairobi, Kenya, on 15 July 2023. AFSIT aims at providing support to countries undergoing complex political transitions and countries at risk.

In May 2023, African Union (AU) Heads of State and Government reiterated a zero-tolerance stance against unconstitutional

changes of government (UCG) and called for collective action in developing a robust mechanism for deepening democracy and collective security on the continent. In response to this call, the AU Commission and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have joined efforts to launch the AFSIT, an innovative initiative aimed at providing comprehensive programmatic support to African countries undergoing ...

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**AU & RECS/RMS HEADLINES****02 June 2023****Summit adopts Verification Report of Somalia to join EAC ....  
Appoints new Deputy Secretaries General and Judges**

East African Community Headquarters, Arusha, Tanzania, 6th June, 2023: The 21st Extra-Ordinary Summit of the East African Community Heads of State Summit held in Bujumbura, Burundi adopted the Report of the Verification of the Application of the Federal Republic ...

**Source****11 July 2023****Strategic Reflection of The African Governance Platform on  
Strengthening Collaboration in Democracy, Governance and  
Promotion of Human Rights In Africa**

On the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the operationalization of African Governance Architecture (AGA), Members of the African Governance Platform (AGP) held a strategic reflection retreat from 9-11 July 2023 in Nairobi ...

**Source****17 July 2023****Regional Workshop on the Operationalisation of the ECOWAS  
Gender Observatory (ECOGO) Platform for the Collection,  
Analysis and Management of Reliable and Consistent Data  
on Gender Equity Programmes**

The ECOWAS Gender Development Centre (EGDC), with support from the Regional Service Centre for Africa of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) ...

**Source**

## Peacekeeping This Month - July 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 :



### Mali asks UN to withdraw its peacekeeping mission « without delay »



*The West African nation’s military rulers criticised MINUSMA’s «failure» to respond to security challenges.*

Mali has called on the United Nations to withdraw its peacekeeping mission from the country “without delay,” denouncing its “failure” to respond to security challenges.

Foreign Minister Abdoulaye Diop, who is part of Mali’s interim military authorities, told a UN Security Council meeting on Friday that the peacekeeping force known as MINUSMA should withdraw its troops

from the West African nation.

«It’s a decision that the council has to make,» he told reporters. «But the point I’m making, and I believe it’s a point that everyone agrees on, is that peacekeeping is based on the principle of consent from the host country and absent that consent, of course, operations are nearly impossible.»

Al Jazeera’s Kristen Saloomey said that the mandate for the mission is due to expire at the end of the month ...

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The AGA was established in 2011 by an Assembly Decision as a « **a pan-African platform for dialogue between the various stakeholders** » mandated to promote good governance and strengthen democracy in Africa, in addition to translating the objectives of the legal and policy pronouncements stipulated in the African Union (AU) shared values instruments.

The strategic reflection retreat discussed the role of the African Governance Platform in promoting peace and security; as well as enhancing synergy and coordination amongst the African Union Commission, AUC, AU organs, Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and the Regional Mechanism (RMs). Discussions also reiterated the importance of setting the tone for the strategic direction and areas of collaboration and coordination over the next five years. The retreat informed the strategic direction of the Platform and identified ways to table the integration and good governance agenda at the MYCM of the Union ...

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