



A group photograph of participants, special dignitaries and experts at the International Workshop on Countering the financing of terrorism in Africa held at the APSTA Secretariat, Yaoundé - Cameroon from 1st - 2nd June, 2023

International Workshop on Countering the Financing of Terrorism In Africa

The African Peace Support Trainers Association (APSTA), organized an international workshop on: « **Countering the financing of terrorism in West and Central Africa** » on 1st and 2nd June, 2023. APSTA is a Pan-African Association mandated to harmonize and standardize Peace Support Operations training. The Association thus contributes to strengthening the capacities of actors to respond effectively to peace and security challenges in a dynamic African strategic environment. This constant reinforcement of capacities guarantees the efficiency of peace support operations under the aegis of the African Union.

The Yaoundé workshop is a high-level scientific and professional meeting, whose objective was to equip participants with best practice on countering the financing of terrorism in Africa, and raise awareness on the instruments, mechanisms as well as global and sectoral challenges against response. The participants are high-level actors and stakeholders on countering terrorism financing, drawn from various related sectors, particularly the defence and security sector, peace and security training institutions and centres, as well as practitioners and academics working on countering the financing of terrorism. The international workshop comprised an opening ceremony ...

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 Tour of APSTA Situation Room

The tour of APSTA Situation Room was observed after the opening ceremony. During the tour, **Mr. Christian ICHITE, Deputy Executive Secretary and Programmes Coordinator of APSTA**, explained the Situation Room's raison d'être, underscoring the need for reliable data that facilitates rigorous conflict analysis, in contrast to the pervading shallow and simplistic analysis of conflicts across the continent in recent time. This, he inferred may account significantly for disoriented interventions as well as resilience and spread of threats like terrorism, for which the Sahel alone currently accounts for 48% of global deaths. He affirmed that the room is dedicated to monitoring conflicts and interventions across Africa, emphasizing that while several institutions monitor conflicts, only few if any monitor interventions systematically ...

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 **KAIPTC - Ghana : KAIPTC, Danish Government to tackle issues of illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing in the Gulf of Guinea at three-day symposium in Ivory Coast**



12th May 2023; A symposium to address the “Trends and Impact of Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported (IUU) Fishing in the Gulf of Guinea (GoG)”, being organised by the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC) and the Danish Government, will come off on 15th to 17th May 2023, in Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

The three-day symposium will bring together stakeholders from various sectors, including government, academia, civil society, and the private sector, to discuss the nature, scope, and impact of IUU fishing in the region.

The symposium also aims to provide a platform for stakeholders to share experiences, best practices, and strategies towards sustainable fishing in the GoG. ...

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 **NDC - Nigeria : NDC Organises A One Day Roundtable On Sudan Crisis**



The National Defence College through the Centre for Strategic Research and Studies organised a one day Roundtable on Sudan Crisis themed, “Sudan Crisis: Implications for National and Regional Security”. The Commandant Rear Admiral MM Bashir while declaring the Roundtable Open in his remarks, said that Sudan had witnessed a lot of crisis such as two civil wars between the then central government and the Southern regions and the ongoing crisis in the western region of the country.

Rear Admiral Bashir noted that, the crisis had so far claimed the lives of about 200,000 people, in addition to the millions of people that had been displaced and taking refuge in neighboring countries ...

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ACCORD – South Africa : Staying abreast of global frameworks aiming to strengthen the youth, peace and security agenda



ACCORD attended a reflection session on the first year of implementing the “Five-year Strategic Action Plan for Youth Inclusive Peace Processes”. The discussion, which took place on 28 February 2023, was co convened by the United Nations Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and Office of the Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth, as well as Search for Common Ground.

The Five-year Strategic Action Plan seeks to move from youth-inclusive norms towards youth-inclusive practices in designing and implementing peace processes. To this end, the event provided an opportunity for the convening partners to reflect on completed, ongoing, and planned initiatives related to the Five year Strategic Action Plan, and to explore ways to collaboratively advance the Action Plan ...

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IPSTC - Kenya : 5th Africa Counter Improvised Explosive Devices Working Group

The 5th Africa Counter Improvised Explosive Devices working group, kicked off at the Humanitarian Peace Support School. IPSTC in partnership with British Peace Support Team - Africa and UNMAS planned the working group with the aim of building on the efforts of the past four years and enhancing the understanding of the complex environment in which IEDs are deployed.

The three-day working group participants are drawn from senior personnel involved in policy development with C-IED-related backgrounds Some of whom include those involved ...

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IPSS - Ethiopia : Statement by Ambassador Bankole Adeoye, African Union Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace And Security to the Unsc on 25 May 2023



Today is Africa Day. The 60th anniversary of the founding of our continental body symbolizes the significance and promise of an Africa that is free, united, peaceful and prosperous. Since the 1960s, the OAU and AU have continued to contribute to global peacekeeping peacebuilding and sustainable and inclusive development for shared progress. We join the UN the UN, after 75 years of Peacekeeping to salute our fallen heroes who paid the ultimate sacrifices for peace globally.

However, Parts of Africa remain the hotbed for global insecurity. We cannot continue to use traditional peacekeeping methods in the face of the complex nature of conflicts that involve terrorism and violent extremism. Hence, the need for a paradigm shift in concept of operations from Peacekeeping to Peace Enforcement.

On this auspicious day of marking Africa Day, we appreciate the very constructive and positive thrust of the Secretary General's Report which highlights ...

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ECOWAS Commission holds Dialogue on Protection and Human Security Issues with Resident Representatives, National Offices and Partners



The ECOWAS Commission, through the Department of Human Development and Social Affairs, organised an Online Dialogue on 1st June, 2023 on Protection and Human Security issues in the region with the ECOWAS Permanent/Resident Representatives, ECOWAS National Offices and Partners. The objective of the Protection and Human Security Program

of the Directorate of Humanitarian and Social Affairs, is the institutionalization of a whole of Government/State and Society approach in strengthening the protection web and guaranteeing protection and human security of the individual in the ECOWAS region ...

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AU & RECS/RMS HEADLINES**26 May 2023****SADC calls for accelerated disaster preparedness and resilient building as disasters continue to affect economic growth of the region**

The Committee of Ministers responsible for Disaster Risk Management of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) has called for accelerated disaster preparedness and resilience building to mitigate ...

[Source](#)**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](#)**20 June 2023****ECOWAS enhances the capacity of its Regional Women, Peace And Security Steering Group**

About fifty (50) Regional Stakeholders from the Regional Women Peace and Security Steering Group have converged in Lomé, the Togolese capital for a four (4) day Capacity Building Workshop (Training of Trainers), 19th -22nd June, 2023, organized by the ECOWAS Directorate ...

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AU & RECS/RMS HEADLINES**22 June 2023****XXIIIrd Ordinary Session of the CCEG-CEEAC: COPAX Experts follow suit**

After the Specialized Technical Committees on Budget & Finance Finance and Justice and Legal Affairs, namely the Experts segments on June 20 and 21, 2023, the preparatory meetings for the XXIIIrd Ordinary Session of the Conference of Heads of State and Government continue with ...

Source**26 June 2023****Statement of Dr Alhaji Sarjoh Bah, Director of the African Union Conflict Management Directorate, at the Quadripartite Summit of the East African Community, the Economic Community of Central African States, the International Conference of the Great Lakes Region**

I would like to thank all of you for participating in this meeting despite the short notice. Your presence here clearly ...

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Peacekeeping This Month - June 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 :



UN, AU call for calm as death toll in Senegal violence rises



At least 15 people have been killed in Senegal following an outbreak of violence after the sentencing of opposition leader Ousmane Sonko.

The United Nations and African Union have called for calm after the sentencing of opposition politician Ousmane Sonko sparked some of the deadliest violence in recent years.

Authorities have deployed the army on the streets of the capital, Dakar, and other cities as the death toll rose to 15. Nine people were killed on Thursday after Sonko was sentenced to two years

in jail on charges of corrupting youth, which may bar him from running in the 2024 presidential elections.

The army was deployed to the streets but fresh scuffles erupted on Friday night in parts of the capital, Dakar, and in Ziguinchor.

The violence left another six dead, government spokesman Maham Ka told AFP news agency.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres condemned the violence ...

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Mali urges immediate end to UN Minusma peacekeeping mission



Mali's foreign minister has called on the UN to withdraw its peacekeeping force from his country «without delay».

Abdoulaye Diop accused the force, Minusma, of having « become a part of the problem in fuelling intercommunal tensions ». He was addressing the UN Security Council.

Minusma has more than 13,000 troops. Its decade-old mission has failed to stop the spread of jihadist violence. Russian Wagner mercenaries are now assisting Mali's military rulers.

Western officials have accused Wagner of human rights abuses in Ukraine and parts of Africa, and last month the US announced *sanctions on Ivan Maslov*, whom it described as Wagner's top official in Mali.

Wagner has not commented on the Western allegations and its activities in Mali and other parts of Africa remain shrouded in secrecy ...

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