



Considerations for Mission Leadership in United Nations Peace Operations



APSTA Attends The Virtual Launch Of The Challenges Forum On Mission Leadership Digital Tool

The African Peace Support Trainers Association, APSTA, led by the Executive Secretary, Dr. Cécile OYONO, took part in the virtual launch of the Challenges Forum Mission Leadership Digital Tool on May 3, 2023. This great platform has been developed for free utilization intended to help MIs and training partners on Mission Leadership. APSTA is pleased to be associated with this system and urges all MIS and Regional units/offices to adopt it in addition to their training curricula. The [link to the platform](#) also allows for free download of the files.

The Challenges Forum's Mission Leadership toolkit is a genuine and impressive international team effort, developed by the Challenges Forum Partners in consultation with the UN Department of Peace Operations (DPO) and Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA). The International Forum for the Challenges of Peace Operations (Challenges Forum) is responsible for developing the digital mission leadership tool, in close cooperation with expert institutions in UN member states and the UN secretariat. The Challenges Forum has a broad partnership that includes many IAPTC members. *The digital tool is in several aspects relevant also for mission leaders in operations and missions led by regional organizations and arrangements ...*

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**KAIPTC - Ghana : Federal Chancellor of Austria Karl Nehammer visits KAIPTC to strengthen bilateralities**

2nd May 2023; His Excellency Mr. Karl Nehammer, Federal Chancellor of the Republic of Austria has visited the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC) as part of his maiden three-day official visit to Ghana from 24th – 26th April, 2023. As the first Austrian Chancellor to visit Ghana, and therefore the KAIPTC, his visit has consolidated the near-decade fruitful relations between Austria and KAIPTC, which began in 2014. As part of the visit, the Chancellor planted a symbolic “tree of life” to signify the everlasting bond and partnership between the Austrian Government and the Centre ...

[Read More](#)**NDC - Nigeria : NCD to Host a workshop on Policing Sustainable Peace: The Role of Police/Gendarmerie Officers in the Management of Peace Support Operations**

The CSRS-NDC will be hosting a workshop on *Policing Sustainable Peace: The Role of Police/Gendarmerie Officers in the Management of Peace Support Operations (PSO)*. In multifaceted Peace Support Operations, the Military, Police, and Civilian components are all deployed. However, the police component plays an integral role in PSOs be it globally, continentally or regionally. In this regard, policing issues and the mission of the police component have become a vital part of the policy, planning and mission management structures of ECOWAS at all levels ...

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ACCORD – South Africa : Capacity strengthening initiative for local South African women peacebuilders

ACCORD's Capacity Strengthening Initiative for Women-Led NGO's / CBO's in South Africa



ACCORD begins the third year of its Capacity Strengthening Initiative, themed, *“From Capacity Strengthening to Policy Awareness”*. The initiative aims to continue supporting the existing cohort of South African women peacebuilders with policy knowledge and awareness in the context of South Africa. Stemming from an evaluation of the 2021-2022 capacity-building efforts, ACCORD found that the actual policy tools to support the women in their peacebuilding initiatives were not fully available or accessible to all. The 2023 initiative will thus transition from capacity building to policy knowledge and awareness, with an emphasis on key elements of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 and South Africa's National Action Plan (NAP) on Women, Peace and Security (WPS) ...

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IPSTC - Kenya : Benchmarking Visit By Centre Of Advanced Learning Zambia Airforce Command

A delegation from the Centre of Advanced Learning (CAL) of the Zambia Airforce Command recently visited the National Defence University in Kenya to participate in a benchmarking exercise at the International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC). During the exercise, both centers shared their experiences and knowledge. The Vice Chancellor of the National Defence University, Lt. Gen. Jonah Mwangi, expressed the significance of the visit, stating that it demonstrates the need for a continuous exchange of knowledge, experience, and skills between

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CCCPA - Egypt : CCCPA Hosts Regional Expert Consultation on Climate Security in North Africa in partnership with Adelphi



The Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding in Cairo (CCCPA) hosted, in partnership with Adelphi and the support of GIZ, the regional expert consultation on climate security in North Africa on 30 April 2023, with the participation of the African Union Commission (AUC), COP27 Presidency and representatives from the North Africa Regional Capability (NARC), Union du Maghreb Arabe (UMA), as well as the African Union Youth Ambassador for Peace for North Africa. In attendance were also representatives and experts a number of international organizations and thinktanks such as the Arab Water Council ...

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WORLD NEWS

 **Southern Africa Approves Deployment of Troops to DR Congo**

The Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) on Monday approved the deployment of a regional force to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to help restore peace and security in the eastern part of that country. The decision was taken following the extraordinary summit of the Organ Troika of heads of state and government held in Windhoek.

The leaders approved a SADC common position to have a more coordinated approach, «given the multiple deployments under multilateral and bilateral arrangements in the eastern DRC.»

They further urged the DRC government to put in place the necessary conditions and measures for effective coordination among sub-regional forces and bilateral partners operating in the country. In a communiqué, the leaders expressed concern over the deteriorating security situation prevailing in the eastern DRC and reiterated their strong condemnation of the upsurge of conflicts and activities of armed groups, including the resurgence of M23 rebels ...

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AU & RECS/RMS HEADLINES**06 May 2023****Statement: The Chairperson of the African Union Commission Reaffirms the Imperative of Ceasefire in Sudan as Saudi Arabia/US-facilitated Talks Begin in Jeddah**

Addis Ababa, 6 May 2023 - The Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Moussa Faki Mahamat, is closely following the Saudi Arabia - United States facilitated talks between the Sudanese ...

Source**08 May 2023****Extraordinary Organ Troika Summit, SADC Troika Plus Force Intervention Brigade (FIB) Troop Contributing Countries, Windhoek, Namibia**

The Southern African Development Community (SADC) will hold the Extraordinary Organ Troika Summit (EO-OTS), SADC Troika Plus Force Intervention Brigade (FIB) Troop Contributing Countries, Windhoek, Namibia ...

Source**06 March 2023****Capacity building of ECOWAS Member States towards operationalising the implementation and monitoring mechanisms of the Digital Transformation Strategy for Africa 2020-2030**

Experts from Member States of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) involved in the process of achieving a Digital Africa were sensitized on the Digital ...

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Peacekeeping This Month - May 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 :



Meeting of the Extended Mechanism on the Sudan Crisis



The Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC), Moussa Faki Mahamat, will tomorrow, 2 May 2023, convene a follow-up meeting to the Peace and Security Council meeting of 16 April 2023 and of the Ministerial Special Session on Sudan held on 20 April 2023.

The meeting, which will take place at 2:00pm EAT, aligns with the conclusions and spirit of the Ministerial meeting, which requested the Chairperson of the AU Commission to take appropriate measures to ensure full and efficient coordination of international efforts

on the Sudan crisis.

Representatives of all participants at the ministerial meeting were invited to the meeting. The meeting, therefore, aims to identify priorities to be addressed, strengthen the unity and cohesion of the international community, consolidate ceasefire, alleviate the suffering of the Sudanese people, and lay the groundwork for the processes that will return Sudan to the path of transition to democratic, inclusive civilian rule ...

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ECOWAS Commission Strengthens Diplomatic Relations With African Union Through Engagements Of The Permanent Representative



The ECOWAS Commission has strengthened diplomatic relations with the African Union through the various engagements by the Office of the Permanent Representative of ECOWAS to the African Union. The Ambassador, H. E Francis Gabriel OKE, in furtherance of his mandate, paid courtesy calls to his peers of RECs and RMs of the African Union.

He further undertook planned visits to key actors of the African Union and the ECOWAS Group of Ambassadors in Addis-Ababa including HE Ambassador Bankole Adeoye, AU Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security; HE Mrs Cessouma Minata Samate, AU Commissioner for Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development; HE Fafre Camara, Ambassador of Mali and former dean of the ECOWAS Group of Ambassadors; HE Mrs Amma Adomaa Twum-Amoah, Ambassador of Ghana; HE Mrs Maria Antonieta Pinto Lopes D'Alva, Ambassador of Guinea Bissau and HE Victor Adekunle Adeleke, Ambassador of Nigeria ...

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22nd ECCAS Summit : The United Nations Reiterates Its Support For Effective Regional Integration



The Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Central Africa and Head of the United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa (UNOCA), Mr. Abdou Abarry, participated in the 22nd ordinary session of the Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), held on 25 February in Kinshasa, the capital of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). In his speech, Mr. Abarry underlined the immense potential of the sub-region in terms of natural and human resources, as well as the many challenges to peace and security that Central Africa continues to face despite progress achieved. In this context, he mentioned the commitment of the ECCAS Commission to cooperate with the United Nations.

“ECCAS, now in full swing, shows a strong determination to fully play its role as a pillar of the African Peace and Security Architecture in Central Africa. In this regard, I would like to welcome the process of linking the Multinational Force for Central Africa (FOMAC) to the new institutional framework of the Community,” Mr. Abarry noted.

The Head of UNOCA also added that ECCAS, further supported to accomplish its mandate, could respond more effectively to issues related to political governance, youth engagement for peacebuilding, inter-community or cross-border violence, and the promotion and protection of human rights ...

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