



**African Standby Force
15th Annual Training Implementation Workshop
1 - 3 November 2023 - Cairo -Egypt**



15th African Standby Force Training Implementation Workshop, Cairo, Egypt

The African Union Commission (AUC) held the 15th African Standby Force (ASF) Training Implementation Workshop (TIW) from 1 to 3 November 2023 in Cairo, Egypt. The TIW is an important annual platform that brings together key decision-makers at the Continental and Regional Planning Elements (PLANELMs) to coordinate and harmonize training activities in accordance with the Training Policy and Training Directives of the ASF. The African Standby Force (ASF) Training Implementation Workshop (TIW) is an annual stock-taking platform which is aimed at coordinating and harmonizing training activities with Regional Economic Communities/Regional Mechanisms (RECs/RMs), Training Centres of Excellence and Training Institutions (TCEs/TIs) and African Union mandated and authorised missions in accordance with the ASF Training Policy and Directives.

To ensure that issues of compliance and accountability to IHL and IHRL are given prominence in the new ASF Training Directives to be issued for 2024-2026 and also integrated in the training regimes of participation TCEs/TIs and AU PSOs, the 15th Annual Training Implementation Workshop worked under the theme : «Implementing Compliance and Accountability in AU ...



MEMBER INSTITUTIONS NEWS

**KAIPTC - Ghana : Preventing GBV:
Let's adopt appropriate strategies
to strengthen capacities of local
actor – KAIPTC Commandant**

Major General Richard Addo Gyane, Commandant, Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC), says an effective approach to eliminating Gender-Based Violence (GBV) will be to re-examine approaches and adopt appropriate strategies to strengthen the capacity of local actors to engage in strong advocacy and education at the community level.

He said eliminating GBV violence was a complex challenge that required sustained and concerted efforts at individual, community, institutional, and societal levels.

Research conducted by the Women, Youth, Peace and Security Institute in 2020 revealed that the high rate of gender-based violence in West Africa, particularly at the ...

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**NDC - Nigeria : National Defence
College Nigeria Graduates 2,750
Participants In 31 Years**

The Commandant, National Defence College (NDC), Rear Admiral OM Olotu says the College has graduated 2,750 participants comprising 2,466 from Nigeria and 296 officers from other countries in 31 years. Rear Admiral Olotu said this at the Inauguration Ceremony of NDC Course 32 with the Inaugural Lecture titled, "Strengthening National Unity for Security and Development in Nigeria," delivered by Dr Ibrahim Abubakar Kana, Permanent Secretary Ministry of Defence on Friday in Abuja.

The Commandant said the College had, since its establishment in 1992, trained several senior military officers, police and other security agencies and strategic ...

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ACCORD – South Africa : ACCORD attends the 6th African Union - International Committee of the Red Cross Annual Roundtable



Operationalizing the African Union Strategic framework for Compliance and Accountability in PSOs

From 2-3 October 2023 the African Union (AU) in partnership with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), hosted the AU-ICRC 6th Annual Roundtable discussions on Compliance and Accountability in Peace Support Operations (PSOs), which took place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Over the years, it has become pertinent and beneficial for African deployed PSOs to align themselves with AU authorized, endorsed or recognized PSOs, to ensure that missions operate under international standards and international legal frameworks. Accordingly, the AU and ICRC undertook discussions that focused on the regional dissemination and harmonization of Strategic Frameworks on Compliance and Accountability in PSOs. The roundtable initiated discussions amongst the AU, ICRC, United Nations (UN), European Union (EU), Regional Economic ...

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IPSTC-Kenya : Ambassador Albuquerque Visits IPSTC

We were privileged to host H.E. Silvio Albuquerque, Brazil ambassador in Kenya at our headquarters in Karen.

His visit to IPSTC focused on collaborative talks in the areas of the protection of civilians, Gender and enhancing engineering capabilities for troop contributing countries.

During the talks, he expressed his confidence stating «institutions like these can change the reality of the world».

The visit was commemorated with a tree planting session where he dedicated the tree to Sérgio Vieira de Mello, a Brazilian United Nations fallen diplomat.

Also present were instructors from the Brazilian army conducting training at the Humanitarian Peace Support School ...

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CCCPA - EGYPT : League of Arab States and CCCPA Conduct New Training for Arab Women Peace Mediators Network



The Secretariat of the League of Arab States (LAS) - Department of Social Affairs- and Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding (CCCPA) concluded a joint training for members of the Arab Women Mediators Network (AWMN) on “Women Mediating Access to Resources in Climate-Affected Contexts» with the support of the Regional Office for Arab States of UN Women (ROAS).

H.E. Dr. Ambassador Haifa Abu Ghazaleh, Assistant Secretary General, Head of the Social Affairs Sector at LAS and H.E. Ambassador Ahmed Nehad Abdel-Latif, CCCPA's Director General expressed appreciation of the on-going cooperation to strengthen capacities of Arab countries in the fields of conflict resolution and peacebuilding, asserting that this training, held during the period 1-3 October 2023, comes in the context of the implementation of the MoU signed between ...

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EMPABB - Mali : International Day of Peace: Peace operations at the heart of the celebration!



Mali, like the international community, celebrated this Wednesday, September 21, 2022, the International Day of Peace. It is the School of Peacekeeping which served as the framework for this commemorative day under the theme: «the evolution of peace operations: Challenges and prospects in a complex environment» with the general objective of evaluating the doctrines and approaches governing peace operations in the face of the complexity of the current environment. The opening of the ceremony was chaired by the representative of the Minister of Defense and Veterans Affairs, Major General Sidiki Samake, in the presence of the director general of the peacekeeping school Alioune Blondin Beye, col Souleymane Sangaré, representatives of international organizations and the United Nations and eminent personalities.

Let us first recall that each year, on September 21, the United Nations invites all peoples to lay down their arms and reaffirm their will to live in harmony with each other. This common aspiration is more topical than ever. The International Day of Peace urges us to also act for equality in order to end racism and build peace. For the occasion, two interventions marked the opening of the ceremony ...

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AFRICA NEWS



Centering women in trade and peace sectors is a smart move for sustainable development



African women have been trading before trade agreements and are champions of cross-border trading for generations. Women's informal cross-border trading has been key in addressing challenges of unemployment, rural-urban migration, poverty, and food insecurity. Women also play a key role in creating community cohesion, sustainable peace, and stability along with the facilitation of trade and peace as an enabler for sustainable development.

However, during conflicts, women continue to be targeted, victimized, and displaced while taking the burden of care in the family unit. Coupled with cultural, systemic, and structural disadvantages, the role of women in leadership and decision-making process has not been adequately recognized and acknowledged.

The Gender Pre-Forum to the High-Level dialogue convened in Addis Ababa on the 4th October 2023 provided women a collaborative space to discuss various thematic areas on “women's Role in delivering peace dividends through the implementation of the AfCFTA.” The forum held indepth analysis on the nexus between trade, peace and security and avenues to close gender ...

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AU & RECS/RMS HEADLINES**09 October 2023****Regional Experts kick off the Development of Additional Risk Calculation Technique for the ECOWAS Early Warning and Response Network (ECOWARN)**

ECOWAS experts met in Abidjan from 3 to 5 October 2023 to support the ECOWAS Early Warning Directorate in the development of an additional approach to human security risk assessment in the region ...

[Source](#)**11 October 2023****Exercise NGUIZANI concludes with firm commitment to strengthening the operational capacity of the SADC Standby Force**

Exercise NGUIZANI also known as a Logistics Exercise 2023 (LOGEX 2023) which was hosted by the Republic of Angola was concluded on 6 October 2023 with a firm commitment ...

[Source](#)**12 October 2023****Concern over the deteriorating security situation in north kivu and negative propaganda against the EACRF : East African Community Headquarters, Arusha, Tanzania, 12th October, 2023**

The East African Community (EAC) is deeply concerned by the increasing hostilities perpetrated by Armed Groups in the East African Community Regional Force (EACRF) ...

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS



Speakers in Security Council Call for Expanding United Nations-African Union Partnership to Tackle Rising Violence, Humanitarian Crises across Africa



The African Union and United Nations must deepen already expanding cooperation and mutual support to address the uptick and increasing complexity of conflicts across Africa, promoting regionally led solutions, speakers told the Security Council today during its annual debate on strengthening UN relations with the 55-member bloc.

There were calls for predictable, reliable, and sustainable financing of African Union peacekeeping operations, as the continent grapples with a host of rising challenges, including terrorism, unconstitutional changes of Government, insurgencies, humanitarian crises, economic hardship and climate change.

Africa “is facing huge changes, the implications of which are not fully realized yet”, said Parfait Onanga-Anyanga, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Office to the African Union. Presenting the Secretary-General’s latest report on strengthening the United Nations-African Union partnership and key recent developments in Africa’s peace and security landscape (document [S/2023/629](#)), he said fruitful discussions between UN Security Council members and African Union representatives in the Ethiopian ...

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Peacekeeping This Month - October 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 isn't ready for a withdrawal of peacekeepers



Somalia, Mali and the DRC face significant security vacuums, which will undermine safety and worsen humanitarian conditions.

Peacekeeping operations have played a crucial role in stabilising fragile situations across Africa for over 60 years. More than 13 United Nations (UN)-led [missions](#) in Africa and about 27 African-led peace support [operations](#) since 2000 have incurred billions of dollars annually and cost thousands of peacekeepers' lives.

While these missions haven't met all their host countries' expectations, they have helped prevent state

collapse, notably in Somalia, Mali and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

But are peacekeeping missions fulfilling their mandates? In Mali, persistent insecurity and the demands of the 2020 coup leaders led to the withdrawal of UN peacekeepers. Continuing violence in eastern DRC, despite the UN Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) being in the country for over 20 years, fuelled similar calls. Funding ...

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