



## Working Visit Of APSTA Chairperson

The African Peace Support Trainers Association (APSTA), was honoured to welcome the Chairperson of APSTA, Col. Souleymane SANGARE and his team from EMPABB - Mali from Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July to Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024. He was accompanied by Col. Sissoko DRISSA and Miss. Madina Badian KOUYATE both of EMPABB. His visit formed part of efforts to meet the Executive Secretary, staff of the Secretariat and to receive updated briefings towards future plans and actions. The Executive secretary of APSTA, Dr. Cecile Oyono Thom together with staff of the secretariat, welcomed and received the Chairperson graciously. She was elated with the visit and very confident that, the meeting will push further, the necessary actions needed towards the executions of APSTA's mandate.

The conversations of the meeting were centered around APSTA's mandate, support mechanisms, proposed activities and budgets, preparations towards AGM and other required responsibilities needed to strengthen relations with Member Institutions and Centres of excellence. Taking stock of the work of the Secretariat and advancing ideas for growth and visibility were also observed and discussed.

The Executive Secretary and the entire Secretariat were very positive that, this visit was not only timely but appropriate for encouraging and strengthening the Secretariat to push more efforts in serving the African continent towards peace and stability of Africa.

There was a working session between APSTA, the Chairperson and APSTA Treasurer, Director of EIFORCES, Brigadier General Patrice BITOTE. These meeting sessions ended on a very high note with expectations towards stakeholders' engagement, more training and expansion of the scope of APSTA for visibility.

On Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 5 p.m., an audience was held in the meeting room of the Ministry of Defense to the **President of the APSTA Board of Directors, Colonel Souleymane Sangare** and his Delegation by the **Minister Delegate at the Presidency in charge of Defense Mr. Joseph Beti ASSOMO** accompanied by his Chief of Staff as well as the Head of the Military Cooperation Division, Colonel Messie NGOLLA Jean Vincent.

This Audience aimed to thank the Government of Cameroon in this case the **President of the Republic of Cameroon, His Excellency PAUL BIYA, Head of STATE** for his commitment in the areas of Peace and Security as well as the support of the Minister in all activities of APSTA. During this audience, three points were highlighted by the Minister Delegate to the Presidency in charge of Defense, namely: The involvement of Head of State, His Excellency PAUL BIYA, President of the Republic of Cameroon, in all initiatives aimed at preserving Peace and Security in Cameroon and Africa; The importance of APSTA for Cameroon as an association bringing together different Training Centers in peace and security in Africa; and the creation of a Task Force for the collaboration of the Ministry of Defense with the Ministry of External Relations in order to allow the change of status of APSTA to an International Organization.

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## MEMBER INSTITUTIONS NEWS

**KAIPTC - Ghana : Logistics in Peace Support Operations Course in Session**

The Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC), in partnership with the German Government, launched the second edition of its ten-day Logistics in Peace Support Operations Course.

The specialized program brought together a diverse group of 20 participants from nine African countries. The group comprised military personnel, police officers, and civilians, all united by a common goal, to strengthen logistics capabilities in peace support operations.

The program aims to equip participants with the knowledge, skills, and mindset required to effectively manage the logistical aspects of peace support missions, from planning and deployment to successful completion.

The Deputy Director of Training at KAIPTC welcomed the participants, emphasizing the crucial role of logistics in ensuring swift and efficient deployments ...

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The Commandant, National Defence College, Rear Admiral Olumuyiwa Olotu expresses commitment of the College to work with the US especially in the areas of research and military education. The Commandant reiterates this when he received in audience the outgoing United States Naval Attaché and Acting Defence Attaché to Nigeria, Commander Victoria Moore in his office in Abuja. The Commandant commended the outgoing Attaché for creating a favourable atmosphere and wonderful working relationship that strengthened bilateral military relationship between the Embassy of the US and Nigeria.

The outgoing Attaché introduced the new US Naval Attaché, Lieutenant Commander Bryan Marek to the Commandant and urges him to extend ...

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## **ACCORD - South Africa : ACCORD empowers peacebuilders with pre-election conflict related training**



### ***Building a Peaceful Path to South Africa's 2024 Elections.***

In the run-up to the pivotal South African 2024 elections, ACCORD through its “In Our Backyard” initiative conducted a series of online election conflict prevention training aimed at capacitating local peacebuilders with the tools and knowledge necessary to prevent and mitigate elections-related conflicts.

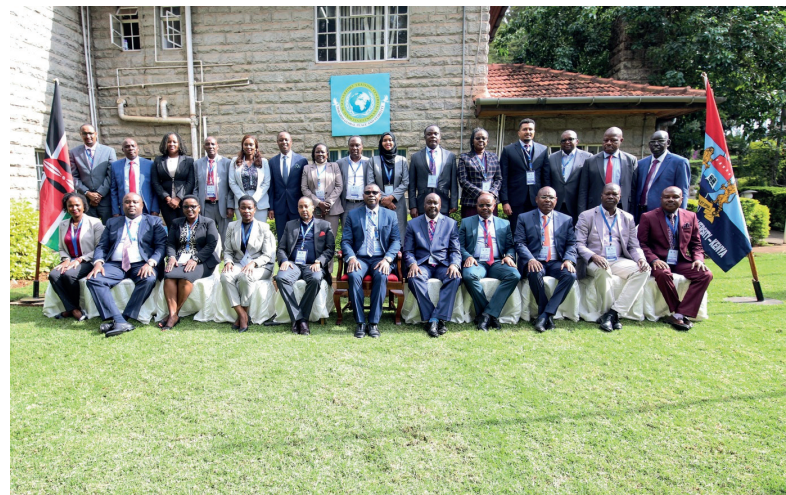
Kicking off the initiative with a powerful start, the first session zeroed in on promoting gender equality in electoral processes. The trainer, Ms. Joyce Titi Pitso discussed the critical need for inclusive elections with the participants, addressing violence against women during elections. One of the participants, Ms. Ntombenhle Rulumeni, Executive Director at Social Justice Women highlighted that her organisation had taken an active role in empowering other women and girls to actively participate in elections. The discussions also highlighted the persistent barriers ...

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## **IPSTC - Kenya : Ethics and leadership for National Security Course**

On July 2, 2024, Mr. Felix Koskei, the Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service, presided over the closing ceremony of the Ethics and Leadership for National Security Course titled « UNDERSTANDING ETHICAL LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE IN NATIONAL SECURITY SPECTRUM » hosted by the National Defence University Kenya (NDU-K) in collaboration with the Executive Office of the President. The course, held at the International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC) in Karen, Nairobi trained 43 Principal Secretaries from various ministries over three cohorts between June 25 and July 2, 2024 ...

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## IPSS - Ethiopia : Celebrating the Graduation of the MPSA Class of 2024: A Commitment to Diversity and Excellence in Peace and Security



On 6 July 2024, IPSS celebrated the graduation of the Managing Peace and Security in Africa (MPSA) MA programme. We are delighted to announce that the MPSA programme graduated 15 participants this year, representing a diverse group from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Ethiopia, Kenya, Namibia, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, and Uganda. This year, we achieved a balanced representation with seven (7) female and eight (8) male graduates, a testament to our commitment to diversity and inclusion.

The MPSA programme equips its participants with the skills, knowledge, and networks necessary to drive positive change across the continent. As these graduates embark on their professional journeys, we are confident in their ability to lead, inspire, and make significant contributions to Africa's sustainable peace, security, and development. Your work will be instrumental in shaping a more peaceful and secure future, and we are certain of the change you will bring.

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the MPSA Class of 2024 ...

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## AFRICA NEWS



## TfP Partners contribute to richer literature on contemporary peace and security challenges and threats and proffer innovative approaches, through the development and dissemination of key publications



For the first half of 2024, the TfP Partners produced key publications to enrich literature on thematic issues in peace and security, contribute to debates and knowledge gaps, and to provide new insights and recommendations to address the complex and evolving threats confronting the continent.

Through the Effectiveness of Peace Operations Network (EPON), two reports were published. The first one on [Misinformation, Disinformation, Malinformation and Hate Speech \(MDMH\) and its impact on the Effectiveness of UN Peacekeeping Operations \(UN PKOs\)](#) draws on four UN PKOs as case studies and further analyses two UN PKOs to provide and understand context-specific examples of the rising challenges that UN PKOs encounter on issues of MDMH. The four UN PKOs the study focuses on include the UN Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO); the UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA); the UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA); and the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS). The report identifies lessons and provides recommendations on how UN PKOs can broadly tackle MDMH and reinforce related efforts within these missions ...

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## APSTA NEWS



The African Peace Support Trainers Association (APSTA), received a delegation from the Dailaire Institute on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at the Secretariat in Yaoundé-Cameroon. The delegation was led by Major General (Rtd) Ferdinand Safari, Director of the African Centre of Excellence (ACOE) Kigali, Rwanda of the Dailaire Institute for Children Peace and Security, Canada. Included in their team were Mr. Anthony Di Carlo-Director of strategic relations, Ms. Madeline Zutt-Policy and advocacy manager and Ms. Divine Isimbi- Communications and executive assistant. Also in attendance were Mr. Achaleke Christian Leke (Executive Director of LOYOC: Local Youth Corner) and ATEFORJUDE FIANKOH (National Programmes Manager at LOYOC), a team that joined Dailaire to familiarize themselves with APSTA operations.

The Executive secretary of APSTA, Dr. Cecile Oyono Thom together with staff of the secretariat, welcomed and received the Dailaire team. The meeting was held in the Situation Room (SR) of APSTA. In her welcome remarks, she was pleased with the visit and charged the team to explore strategic avenues for collaborations and partnerships. She said the timing was apt as we seek strategic ways to community engagement and Corporate social responsibilities.

The meeting touched on various areas of partnerships through projects and creating lasting efforts to address issues of peace support operations through joint efforts from



international organizations and support mechanisms. Major General (Rtd). Ferdinand Safari, team lead for Dailaire Institute was pleased with the work of APSTA especially on leading the way on the African Continent in areas of IAPTC representations, training, institutional enhancement and capacity building alongside dialogue and research. He applauded the Secretariat for the many partnerships and joint initiatives in the past and hopes to explore future avenues for more collaborations.

The deputy Executive Secretary/Programmes Coordinator of APSTA, Mr. Christian C. M. Ichite, took the team through a comprehensive APSTA brief touching on programmes, projects, initiatives and future collaborations and highlighted the achievements and milestones of APSTA from 2020 to date. He also explained the scope of work, governance structure, team efforts and mandates towards PSO as a secretariat.

A project presentation by Mr. Ibrahim Aoudi Mouko dubbed: ***“Empowerment of street youth for development, peace and security”*** was delivered. The presentation touched on the project scope and concept, mechanism, justification, funding and monitoring strategy for implementation and sustenance. The conversation on the project further explored strategic ways to set into motion the agenda on community engagement, local and international support and corporate social responsibilities through partnership.

The meeting ended on a very high note, with possible partnership and signing of MOU between APSTA and Dailaire Institute on the proposed project. A call for other strategic international organizations was also made to facilitate and expand the impact.

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## AU &amp; RECS/RMS HEADLINES



11 July 2024

**In-mission Training for Staff Officers Deployed to the ECOWAS Mission in the Gambia (ECOMIG)**

The increasing spite of political instability and security challenges in the ECOWAS region has often necessitated the deployment of an ECOWAS Peace Support Operations (PSOs) mandated by the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government ...

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12 July 2024

**26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SADC Ministerial Committee of the Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation discuss peace and security issues in the region**

The 26th Meeting of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Ministerial Committee of the Organ (MCO) on Politics , Defence and Security Cooperation ...

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15 July 2024

**EASF Observers Deployed in Rwanda for General Elections**

From as early as 5.00 am local time, July 15th 2024, Eastern Africa Standby Force (EASF) observers were already in various polling stations in all four provinces including the capital city, Kigali. Voting went smoothly in most polling stations in Rwanda with a high voter turnout from 9.7 million registered voters ...

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## Peacekeeping This Month - July 2024

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 :



### DRC reverses call for UN peacekeepers exit in North Kivu



The Democratic Republic of Congo says it will not require the withdrawal of UN peacekeepers from its North Kivu province due to the presence of Rwandan forces and Rwanda-backed M23 rebels. The French News Agency (AFP) quotes the country's foreign minister as saying the situation in the east of the country was not conducive for a troop pullout. Reporter Al Katanty Sabiti Djaffar in the eastern DRC city of Goma, tells VOA's James Butty, local people do not approve of an extended stay for the peacekeepers ...

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