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## APSTA Partners KAIPTC On Mental Health Course

APSTA Secretariat in collaboration with KAIPTC, sponsored 15 nominees from Member Institutions (MIs) for the online course on Mental Health and Psycho-Social Support (MHPSS) organised by KAIPTC. The course was aimed at enhancing the capacity of participants to respond effectively to mental health and psychosocial issues in Peace support Operations and the work environment. The introduction and course navigation were held on 4th June 2024 virtually by KAIPTC e-learning team for all participants. The course was self-paced with each module taking approximately 45-70 minutes to view. Each module consisted of text, images, infographics, audios, videos, case studies, self-tests and quizzes. A final test of 40 questions with a pass mark of 80% was required for completion and certification. The course objectives were to: Understand the basic concepts, strategies of dealing with psychological and psychosocial impact of violent conflict; Understanding the extent to which violent conflict shatters the social fabric of the family unit, community and nation; The impact of trauma and post-traumatic stress on peacekeepers and mission as a whole; and Developing skills to manage stress in a mission environment ...



## MEMBER INSTITUTIONS NEWS

**KAIPTC - Ghana : Addressing Challenges of Global Peace & Security Requires Agile, Adaptive Strategies - Major General Gyane**

In a critical address at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, Major General Richard Addo Gyane, Commandant of the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC), highlighted the urgent need for agile, adaptive, and effective strategies to address global peace and security challenges.

Major General Gyane emphasized that the African peace and security landscape has faced numerous threats over the past decade, including election security, cybersecurity, migration, terrorism, and violent extremism and these multifaceted challenges demand robust and non-negotiable strategies.

Speaking at a high-level seminar and expert symposium, the Commandant noted that peacekeeping remains an essential tool for establishing lasting peace ...

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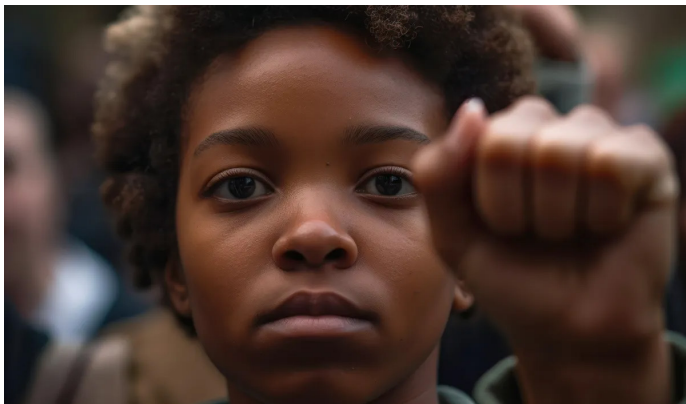
**NDC - Nigeria : NDC organised Two - Day Workshop on Promotion of Women's Network/Association in the Security Sector**

The Commandant, National Defence College (NDC), Rear Admiral Olumuyiwa Olotu, says that balanced gender representation can significantly improve operational outcomes in the security sector. The Commandant, who was represented by College Secretary, Air Vice Marshal Titus Dauda, said this at Two-Day Workshop on Promotion of Women's Network/Association in the Security Sector organised by NDC on Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024 in Abuja. The theme of the workshop is, "Enhancing Gender-Responsive Security Operations and Community Dialogue Project in Nigeria (Phase II).

He said the event had created opportunity for wives associations of the Nigerian army, Navy, Air Force, Police and Civil Defence ...

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## **ACCORD - South Africa : The powerful role of African women in resolving conflict and sustaining peace**



### ***Advocating for greater inclusion of women at formal negotiation tables.***

Women - those who carry the heaviest brunt of suffering and the most painful wounds of victimisation amid conflicts - have perspectives and aspirations that are critical to lasting conflict resolution and effective nation-building. They are not only victims, but they bring solutions. Their pain informs their unique insights upon which the foundations for sustainable peace and nation-building can be grounded. We must create spaces to listen to and respect the different voices, the diverse intonations, and the varied octaves in women's perspectives, in order to enjoy the harmonious and lasting chords of peace.

Despite overwhelming evidence demonstrating that women's participation in conflict resolution is key to ending violence, and nearly 25 years of the adoption of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325, women remain a minority at negotiating tables globally ...

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## **IPSTC-Kenya : Pre-deployment Training Course**

The Kenya Defence Force (KDF) Quick Response Force 4 (QRF 4) and the Kenya Signals 3 (KENSIG 3) commenced today a two-week Pre-Deployment Training Course at our Humanitarian Peace Studies School (HPSS) at Embakasi. The Centre's Director, J C Sitienei, welcomed the Chief Guest, General Officer Commanding Eastern Command (EASTCOM) who officially opened the course.

The aim of the course is to enhance field conditions knowledge, readiness, safety and security awareness, and basic peacekeeping policies and procedures before encountering any peace support operations areas ...

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 **IPSS - Ethiopia : Announcement of 11<sup>th</sup> Tana Forum**11<sup>th</sup> Edition**TANA HIGH-LEVEL FORUM  
ON SECURITY IN AFRICA****“AFRICA IN AN EVOLVING  
GLOBAL ORDER”****SAVE  
THE DATE**  
25-27 October 2024  
Bahir Dar, Ethiopia

Dear participants, partners, and friends of the Tana Forum,

We are pleased to inform you that the Tana Forum Secretariat has finalized dates for the 11th edition of the Tana High-Level Forum on Security in Africa. The Forum will take place from 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024 in Bahir Dar, Ethiopia under the theme “Africa in an Evolving Global Order.”

We would like to express our gratitude to all our partners and participants for their continued commitment and support towards the overall objective of the Forum. We believe that by coming together and sharing our knowledge and experiences, we can work towards finding sustainable African-led solutions to the security issues facing Africa.

We look forward to welcoming all invited participants to Bahir Dar in October 2024 for what promises to be a productive and insightful Forum. Thank you for your continued commitment to promoting peace and security in Africa.

Thank you! ...

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## AFRICA NEWS

 **Is Ghana heading towards election-related unrest?**

*Ahead of the December 2024 elections, heightened mistrust in state institutions and unresolved tensions threaten to disrupt the polls.*

On 7 December, Ghanaians will vote for a new president and 275 Members of Parliament. This will be the country's ninth consecutive election since returning to constitutional rule in 1992.

Ghana is renowned in West Africa for democracy and political stability partly because disputes over the results of two of these elections (2012 and 2020) were resolved through the law courts. Also, power has peacefully alternated between the country's two main political parties, the ruling New Patriotic Party (NPP) and the opposition National Democratic Congress (NDC), three times - in 2001, 2009 and 2017.

However the NDC says the NPP plans to rig the elections, and the two parties disagree on the neutrality of the Electoral Commission (EC) and the courts and security services. This could lead to violence and instability ...

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**AU & RECS/RMS HEADLINES****13 June 2024****SADC Chiefs of Police pledge to combat transnational organised crimes collectively**

The call was made by the Chiefs of Police Sub-Committee/Southern African Regional Police Chiefs Cooperation Organisation (SARPCCO) during their 29<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held in Lusaka, Republic of Zambia from 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024 ...

[Source](#)**14 June 2024****Implementation of the ECOWAS Strategic Framework on Child Protection Systems Strengthening and Presentation of the Updated Database and Status Report on Child Protection in the ECOWAS Region**

The ECOWAS Directorate of Humanitarian and Social Affairs held an Online consultation with Member States Directors Responsible for Child Protection on the Implementation ...

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**Peacekeeping This Month - June 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 :

**UN funds for AU peace operations : Somalia as a test case**



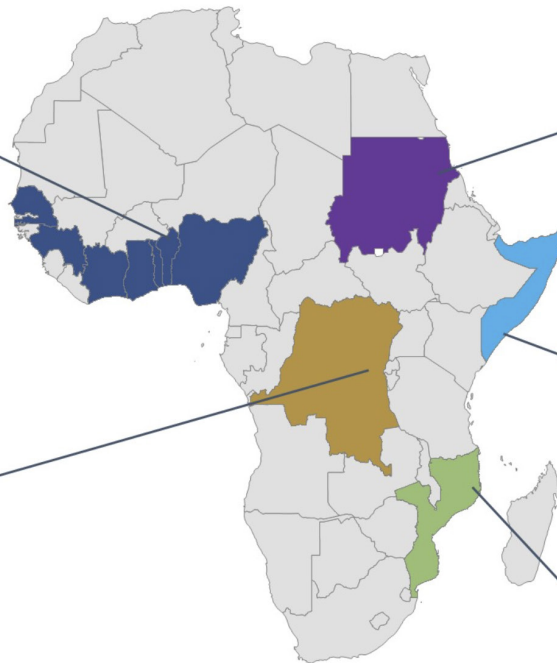
**Locations of Prospective AU-UN Operations**

**Coastal West Africa**

- Potential Troop Strength: Up to 3,000
- Likely Location: Northern Benin
- Mandate: Prevent the spread of Islamist militancy and facilitate humanitarian access
- Potential Lead TCC: Ghana, Côte D'Ivoire, Nigeria
- Likely Challenges: Cooperation with Sahelian states, integration with existing efforts like the Accra Initiative, disinformation

**Democratic Republic of the Congo**

- Potential Troop Strength: Up to 10,000
- Likely Location: Eastern DRC, particularly around Goma and North Kivu
- Mandate: Operations against M23 + political settlement or peace agreement
- Potential Lead TCC: South Africa, Tanzania
- Likely Challenges: Host government consent to AU/UN accountability measures, Rwandan support for M23



**Sudan**

- Potential Troop Strength: Up to 10,000
- Likely Locations: Port Sudan, Khartoum, Darfur, South Kordofan
- Mandate: Facilitate humanitarian access and a ceasefire
- Potential Lead TCC: Kenya, Ethiopia, Ghana
- Likely Challenges: Consent from warring parties and allies

**Somalia**

- Potential Troop Strength: Up to 10,000
- Likely Locations: Major population centers and environs
- Mandate: Protect key government and diplomatic installations, strengthen capacity of Somali Armed Forces, facilitate political process with al Shabaab
- Potential Lead TCC: Kenya, Uganda
- Likely Challenges: Consent of warring parties

**Mozambique**

- Potential Troop Strength: Up to 3,000
- Likely Location: Cabo Delgado Province
- Mandate: Prevent the spread of Islamist militancy and facilitate humanitarian access
- Potential Lead TCC: Rwanda, South Africa
- Likely Challenges: Regional consensus, acquisition of enabling capabilities and assets

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**Should the African Union focus on a single situation - or apply UN Security Council Resolution 2719 to various conflicts ?**

Last December, the United Nations (UN) Security Council unanimously agreed to consider case-by-case requests from the African Union (AU) for UN funding for peacekeeping operations on the continent.

After decades of exchanges between the UN and AU on how to fund peace operations, Resolution 2719 was a milestone - even though questions about its implementation persist. Among them are whether the funds could supplement existing peace operations ...

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## Regional conflict prevention and peacebuilding in Africa : pathway for the New Agenda for Peace



*The New Agenda for Peace must recognise and promote African agency and leadership in regional responses to crises on the continent.*

The United Nations Secretary-General's proposal for a New Agenda for Peace (NAP) is a timely call to address the critical gaps in global multilateralism. This report provides African perspectives on selected aspects of the NAP. It argues that existing prevention and peacebuilding frameworks must be revitalised. Global, regional and sub-regional decision-making processes should be aligned and existing partnerships must be revisited, enhanced and deepened as required. Adequate resourcing is also needed for African peace support operations and peacebuilding endeavours.

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