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APSTA Forum for Dialogue and Information Exchange May 30th 2024

Forum Brief

The African Peace Support Trainers Association (APSTA) held the maiden virtual Forum of Dialogue and Information Exchange, from 10h00 to 14h30 (CAT) on Thursday 30th May 2024. The virtual Forum, as platform for exchange, was birthed by recommendations from Member Institutions (MIs), as stop-gap mechanism, for MIs to engage on burning issues of concern to training and capacity building on the continent ad interim, prior to in-person meetings. The maiden Forum convoked over twenty (20) Directors of Training and Research, APSTA Focal Points from Member Institutions (MIs), as well as Prospective Training Institutions across Africa. The Executive Secretary of APSTA, Dr OYONO Nee THOM Cecile, in her welcome remarks, charged the distinguished representatives of MIs to deliberate objectively on all issues, as Heads of MIs eagerly await the outcome of the Forum.

The Director, IPSTC Nairobi Kenya, Brig Gen Joyce Sitienei, who graciously joined the Forum, emphasized the imperative for APSTA to play a more active role in agenda-setting on peace and security discourse at both continental and global discourse. She also stressed the need for the Association to play greater part in research on PSOs. The Chairperson and Director General of EMPABB, Mali, Col. Soulaymane SANGARE, represented by the Deputy Director, EMPABB, Col. Sidi Fofana urged representatives to engage issues constructively as well as underscore recommendations. He also declared open the Forum. The Forum ended on a very high note, as representatives of MIs and TCEs/TIs present, identified key issues and domains for urgent engagements and tasked APSTA Secretariat to take these up formally ...

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MEMBER INSTITUTIONS NEWS

**KAIPTC - Ghana: Empowering Futures:
KAIPTC Pioneers Course to Combat
Violent Extremism Among Women and
Youth in Nigeria**

The Director General of the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution at Nigeria's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Joseph Ochogwu, has stressed the need for a comprehensive approach to combatting violent extremism and terrorism (VET) in the West African sub-region.

According to him, while security responses are vital, stakeholders in the peace architecture ought to also delve into the root causes of extremism and prevent the recruitment of women and youth.

Dr. Ochogwu stressed the need for the adoption of a more holistic approach by the players at the opening of a training programme organized by the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC) with funding from the Norwegian government ...

[Read More](#)**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 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 : ACCORD conducts capacity building for the Regional Faith Women Mediation Network



Empowering women of faith in Conflict Early Warning and Early Response during electoral cycles.

ACCORD, in collaboration with the Fellowship of Christian Councils and Churches in the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa (FECCLAHA), together with Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) organised the 2024 Regional Faith Women Mediators Network (REFWOMEN) Forum under the theme “*Prevention of elections-related conflict: The role of faith women in Conflict Early Warning & Early Response*”. This forum took place from 16 -18 April 2024, in Nairobi, Kenya.

The REFWOMEN Forum was established in 2017 as a network of faith-based women who are actively involved in peacebuilding and conflict prevention initiatives within their communities. The network members represent Kenya, Ethiopia, DRC, Burundi, Uganda, and South Sudan. This year’s workshop aimed to build on the skills and knowledge gained in previous years, with a focus on advancing UNSCR 1325 ...

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IPSTC - Kenya : Ghana Armed Forces Command And Staff College Study Tour Visit

The Ghana Armed Forces Command and Staff College, led by Assistant Commandant Junior Division, Brigadier General A K Dawohoso together with staff and students, visited IPSTC for a study tour. They were given a comprehensive briefing on IPSTC’s activities, particularly focusing on its efforts in peace operations training to enhance preparedness.

We engaged in meaningful discussions, led by our Head of Research Col D N Ngochi, aimed at developing students’ perspectives of world affairs with particular emphasis on Africa.

It will familiarize the students with historical, defence socio-economic and cultural sectors of selected countries to analyse the common factors and possible areas of bilateral and multilateral cooperation with Ghana ...

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CCCPA - Egypt : The Fourth Aswan Forum for Sustainable Peace and Development to Take Place in July 2024



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The fourth edition of the Aswan Forum for Sustainable Peace and Development, titled “Africa in a Changing World: Re-Envisioning Global Governance for Peace and Development” will take place on 2 and 3 July 2024, in Cairo, Egypt.

At a time of unprecedented challenges to peace and security in Africa and globally, the fourth edition of the Aswan Forum seeks to advance African perspectives on re-envisioning global governance for peace and development, in a dialogue with partners, in anticipation of the “Summit of the Future”.

This year’s edition takes place at a time of great turbulence and uncertainty, marked by geopolitical tensions and polarization. Conflicts are on the rise worldwide ...

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IPSS - Ethiopia : Exploring African Peace and Security: A Journey with King’s University College, University of Western Ontario



A group of 16 students from King’s University College of the University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada, embark on a transformative journey led by Prof. Thomas Tieku and Prof. Erin Hannah. Their destination: Africa, a continent pulsating with diverse cultures and complex geopolitical landscapes. With a mission to delve into peace and security policies and practices, the tour provides immersive experiences, forging connections with key international organizations such as the African Union, UNECA, and UNDP, along with think tanks like FES, Amani Africa, and IPSS.

At the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS), the students eagerly absorb insights into the Institute’s pivotal work particularly focusing on its work in the Horn of Africa. Briefed on various peace ...

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APSTA NEWS

 APSTA Secretariat Observes International Labour Day - 2024

Every year, International Labour Day is celebrated to spread awareness about the struggles of the working class of society. It is also an opportunity to mark the contribution of the workers. This year, the focus of the International Labour Day 2024 is on ***“ensuring safety and health at work in a changing climate”***. The real development of any country is largely done by workers and the working class, and every nation is built on this principle. Workers initiate growth from the ground level and try to bring positive change to the country and the world at large. APSTA Secretariat demonstrated this through a day-out for fitness and health. A sound mind is always found in a healthy body. APSTA engaged in a beautiful golf practice for fitness and relaxation of the mind. It was an amazing day out to appreciate the staff and discuss health and safety tips for the secretariat. The Secretariat through the leadership of the Executive Secretary, wishes all workers a happy international workers day and encourages us all as we work towards the peace and stability of Africa with all stakeholders, Member Institutions and partners ...

- by Alexander Odartey Lamptey, APSTA

AU & RECS/RMS HEADLINES**04 May 2024****The planning element of NARC held a dialogue session with its counterpart from the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region**

The planning element of North Africa region held a dialogue session on Wednesday with a delegation from the planning element of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) ...

[Source](#)**15 May 2024****SADC Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo Senior Leadership conducts operational visits**

To ensure proper operational effectiveness and efficiency, the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Mission to the Democratic Republic of Congo (SAMIDRC) Force Senior Military Leadership ...

[Source](#)**22 May 2024****ECOWAS Commission organizes a Course on Protection of Civilians in Peace Support Operations**

The ECOWAS Commission launched, on 20 May 2024, at Accra, Ghana the Pilot Course on Protection of Civilians in Peace Support Operations at the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC), with the financial support of the European Union (EU) and the German ...

[Source](#)**25 May 2024****Eastern Africa Standby Force in Seychelles for the CSO Peace Seminar**

The EASF in partnership with the Government of Seychelles and the National Platform for Civil Society (CEPS) joined forces in organizing a three-day seminar targeting youth leaders from various structures including youth NGOs. The Seminar seeks to sensitize young people on the essence ...

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

**South Sudanese police in Kapoeta trained on preventing crimes related to livestock**

In Kapoeta, South Sudanese police officers enhance their capacities to deal with crimes related to livestock and transhumance, thanks to UNPOL officers serving for peace with UNMISS. Photo by Moses Yakudu/UNMISS.

EASTERN EQUATORIA - Peace begins when there are limited crimes in every community.

In Kapoeta East county, crime investigators from the South Sudan National Police Services have been equipped with special skills to control and manage transhumance and livestock-related crimes in the area.

Communities from Eastern Equatoria state living in border towns of Narus and Nadapal within Kapoeta county, and their immediate neighbours from Kenya, Uganda, and Ethiopia are pastoralists.

Cross-border livestock movements, which take place annually, have resulted in a disturbing spike in crimes such as cattle rustling and revenge killings. Often, such cases aren't fully investigated and perpetrators aren't held accountable.

To bridge this gap, the United Nations Police (UNPOL) officers serving with the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) held a two-day workshop to enhance capacities of local policing counterparts in helping reduce such crime ...

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Peacekeeping This Month - May 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 :

Protection of Civilians Week 2024 High-level Event «The Future of POC in UN Peacekeeping» (20 May 2024)

1. 2024 marks 25 years since the UN Security Council added the protection of civilians (POC) in armed conflict to its agenda. The decision was followed by the adoption of Resolution 1270 in 1999, authorizing the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL) with the first explicit mandate to protect civilians from threats of physical violence. Since then, significant normative progress has been

made in terms of the development of the concept of POC in UN peacekeeping, with 16 peacekeeping missions mandated to protect civilians, five of which are currently active (MINUSCA, MONUSCO, UNIFIL, UNISFA and UNMISS).

2. UN peacekeeping, a global partnership involving peacekeepers from over 120 countries, has continually sought innovative approaches to address challenges. Initiatives like Action for Peacekeeping (A4P) and A4P+ set ambitious goals and priority areas for progress. The Secretary-General's New Agenda for Peace, launched in July 2023, called for reflection on the limits and future of peacekeeping to enable more effective mission models in a changing geopolitical landscape. The Secretary-General also aims to convene the Summit of the Future in September 2024, providing an opportunity for cooperation to agree on the Pact of the Future, to address current and future challenges.

3. To advance the ongoing reflection on the future of protecting civilians in UN peacekeeping operations, the Department of Peace Operations (DPO) will collaborate with the McGill Centre for International Peace and Security Studies (CIPSS) and the Permanent Missions of Germany, the Republic of Indonesia and the Republic of Sierra Leone to the UN to host a side event during Protection of Civilians Week 2024 ...

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