



26th Annual IAPTC Conference Held At BIPSOT, Bangladesh From 31st October To 4th November 2022

APSTA was represented at the 26th annual IAPTC Conference held at BIPSOT, Bangladesh from 31st October to 4th November 2022. The theme for the conference was “Peace Operations in the digital Era; Opportunities and challenges for the Global Training Community”.

Keynote Address : The Keynote Speech was delivered by Jean-Pierre Lacroix, USG DPO (Recorded Speech via zoom). Over 42 special dignitaries and speakers made presentations on various topics to compliment the theme.

SESSIONS COVERED : The Conference covered the following sessions to implement the theme :

- Session - 1 : Digital Transformation: The UN HQ Perspective
- Session - 2 : Voices from the Field: Digital Transformation
- Session - 3 : Digital Transformation: Perspective from the Training Communities
- Session - 4 : Partnership and Cooperation in Delivering Training in Digital Era
- Session - 5 : Technology and Innovations in UN Peace Operations Training
- Session - 6 : Situational Awareness & Peacekeeping Intelligence
- Session - 7 : Performance and Accountability
- Session - 8 : Action for Peacekeeping (A4P) & Action for Peacekeeping Plus (A4P+)
- Session - 9 : Thematic Discussions:
- Session - 10 : Women, Peace and Security
- Session - 11 : Regional Updates

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 **KAIPTC - Ghana : Logistics In Peace Support Operations**

Africa has suffered from decades of armed conflict, governmental repression and violence. This has brought many of its economies to the brink of collapse resulting to humanitarian casualties and concerns. Each of these conflicts has its own dynamics and complexities. The shifting forms of conflict and violence on the continent to which the AU and ECOWAS are expected to respond to, calls for realignment of PSO to deal more effectively with these existing and emerging threats. The African Standby Force (ASF) concept was that of a quick reaction capacity that would enable Africans to respond swiftly to crisis unhampered by any heavy political and instrumental burdens.

The ASF is based on standby arrangements with Africa's five Regional Economic Communities (REC). The concept envisaged the identifying, preparing and positioning personnel on standby in their countries of origin and ready with all logistics for rapid deployment ...

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The National Defence College (NDC) Nigeria and United Arab Emirates (UAE), have pledged to work together towards enhancing the national power of the 2 countries. The Head of Delegation, NDC UAE, Brig Gen Mahdi Alahababi and Commandant, NDC Nigeria, Rear Admiral Murtala Bashir, made the pledge during a visit by the UAE delegation to Nigeria on Monday in Abuja.

The Head of UAE delegation, Brig Gen Alahababi, said the visit was important to the Arab country towards sharing their knowledge about the 2 NDCs' strategic studies and how Nigeria conducts its business to meet its mission. He said that UAE believed that the armed forces was the instrument in measuring national power, adding that there was need for both nations to work together in harmony. Responding, the Commandant of NDC, Rear Admiral Bashir, said the College had the mandate to develop future strategic leaders within the military, security agencies and strategic Ministries ...

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ACCORD - South Africa : SADC RPTC hosts the Integrated Mission Operational Commanders course



ACCORD facilitates sessions on dialogue, mediation and negotiation The Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) through the SADC Regional Peacekeeping Training Centre (RPTC), hosted the SADC Integrated Mission Operational Commanders (IMOC) Course for Peace Support Operations (PSO) from 13-24 February 2023 in Harare, Zimbabwe. The aim of the IMOC Course was to enhance and harmonize the operational command capacities of the African Union/ SADC Standby Force in the effective planning and coordination of integrated multidimensional PSOs, in accordance with AU and SADC Guidelines. In effect, the course targeted the training of the components of Multidimensional PSOs, and invited 21 participants from the Military, Police and Civilian SADC Standby Force databases. The 2 weeks course engaged participants on sessions that involved understanding the International and Operational Legal Frameworks of PSOs, including Mission Mandating Processes and the Mission Planning of PSOs. ACCORD's contribution ...

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IPSTC - Kenya : Visit By The Southern European Task Force To HPSS

We were privileged to host the Commander Southern European Task Force, Africa (SETAF) Maj Gen Todd R. Wasmund, accompanied by Brig Gen Thibodeau and AFRICOM Deputy to the Commander for Civil-Military Engagement Ambassador Andrew Young at the Humanitarian Peace Support School. On behalf of the institution, Col G G Marrow expressed appreciation for the continued partnership especially for the recently conducted training in; the Ex-Justified Accord Staff Officers Course (AUSOC) and Defensive Cyber Operations Training.

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RPA - Rwanda : Libyan Officials Visits The Rwanda Peace Academy



A delegation composed of eight (8) Libyan officials led by Mr. Issaeh Ali Abu Drbala, an advisor to the Libyan Minister of Labour and Rehabilitation, today Wednesday 1 February 2023 visited the Rwanda Peace Academy (RPA). The delegation was accompanied by the

United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) official, Mr. Frank Borchers. The delegation was received and briefed by the Director of the Rwanda Peace Academy, Col (Rtd) Jill Rutaremara, on the role of Rwanda and RPA in peacekeeping. They were also given a presentation on “Post genocide reconstruction and peacebuilding in Rwanda: policies, strategies, programmes, initiatives, achievements, challenges and lessons learnt”. The presentations were done in the name of Rwanda Cooperation Initiative (RCI) ...

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CCCPA- Egypt : CCCPA Signs an MOU With The AU Commission

On 6 February, 2023, H.E. Ambassador Ahmed Nehad Abdel-Latif, Director General of the Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding (CCCPA), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with H.E. Ambassador Bankole Adeoye, African Union (AU) Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, on behalf of the AU Commission (AUC). The MOU aims at strengthening cooperation to build and enhance African capacities in the fields of peace and security, especially in the area of post-conflict reconstruction and development (PCRD). The signing ceremony took place at the AU Headquarters in Addis Ababa, with the participation of H.E. Dr. Mohamed Gad, Ambassador of Egypt to Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the AU.

The MOU provides a framework to



develop collaboration between the two parties through exchange of experiences and best practices as well as the implementation of joint activities in the fields of peace operations, peacebuilding and post-conflict reconstruction and development. It comes within the broader context of Egypt's unwavering support to achieving peace and stability in Africa ...

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IPSS - Ethiopia : IPSS and UNOAU Renew Their Collaboration



IPSS (31 January 2023) : The Institute for Peace and Security (IPSS) and the United Nations Organization for African Union (UNOAU) signed a Memorandum of Understanding today to strengthen their collaboration in various thematic areas. The MoU comes at a time when the AU-UN partnership is based on joint strategies that bring the two entities closer together in pushing the African peace agenda and identifying challenges that need to be addressed further.

The collaboration ended with research and analysis, strategic consultation and dialogue, and advocacy and awareness-raising strategies in relation to peace and security efforts. An exchange of policy briefs on African peace and security challenges with experts is also part of the collaboration. Furthermore, the agreement calls for increased research, analysis, and assessment on continental, regional, and country-specific issues, such as gender and youth issues, to enrich dialogue and improve informed decision-making. The MoU is set to last for three years. IPSS will strengthen the AU-UN Peace and Security Partnerships through a new memorandum of understanding ...

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Global Terrorism Index 2023 : Measuring The Impact of Terrorism

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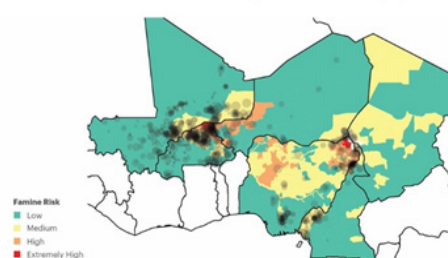
The Global Terrorism Index (GTI) is a comprehensive study analysing the impact of terrorism for 163 countries covering 99.7 per cent of the world's population. The GTI report is produced by the Institute for Economics & Peace (IEP) using data from Terrorism Tracker and other sources. The GTI produces a composite score so as to provide an ordinal ranking of countries on the impact of terrorism. The GTI scores each country on a scale from 0 to 10; where 0 represents no impact from terrorism and 10 represents the highest measurable impact of terrorism. Given the significant resources committed to counter terrorism by governments

across the world, it is important to analyse and aggregate the available data to better understand its various properties. One of the key aims of the GTI is to examine these trends. It also aims to help inform a positive, practical debate about the future of terrorism and the required policy responses ...

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Deaths from Terrorism and Ecological Threats in the Sahel
Most deaths from terrorism occurred in states and regions ranked as having high famine risk.

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UN Raises Alarm Over Sahel Region Becoming A New Hub For Terrorism



UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said Tuesday he's "deeply concerned by the gains terrorist groups are making in the Sahel, and elsewhere."

Guterres read from prepared remarks delivered at a Security Council meeting on counterterrorism called for by Mozambique, this month's council president. "No age, no culture, no religion, no nationality, and no region is immune but the situation in Africa is especially concerning. Despair, poverty, hunger, lack of basic services, unemployment and unconstitutional changes in government continue to lay fertile ground for the creeping expansion of terrorist groups to infect new parts of the continent. I am deeply concerned by the gains terrorist groups are making in the Sahel, and elsewhere.»

Mozambique's President Filipe Jacinto Nyusi led the meeting said , the situation in Africa is particularly critical as terrorist groups depend on illicit activities to funding and recruitment.

"The association of terrorism with transnational organized crime has contributed for the survival and spread of terrorist groups. On the context of the African continent, they have generally resorted to trafficking of mineral resources with emphasis on gemstones and illicit drug trafficking for the funding of their activities through money laundering. These financial resources resulting from illicit activities ...

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AU & RECS/RMS HEADLINES**28 March 2023****Notable progress made on financial inclusion in the SADC Region**

Around 48 million adults, 22 million of them women, in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Region have been included in the formal financial system over the last decade, Mr Sadwick Mtonakutha, the Director Finance, Investment and Customs Directorate in SADC Secretariat ...

[Source](#)**02 March 2023****ECOWAS convenes 8th online engagement of the regional working group against gender-based violence and violence against children**

The Department of Human Development and Social Affairs of the ECOWAS Commission has organized the Eight Online Engagement of the Regional Partners/CSOs/Non-State Actors Working Group Against Gender-Based Violence ...

[Source](#)**19 February 2023****Communique : The Authority of Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS on Saturday 18 February 2023 held an Extraordinary Summit**

1. The Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) convened an Extraordinary Summit in the margins of the 36th Ordinary Session of the African Union Assembly in ...

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Peacekeeping This Month - February 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 :

Report on the Implementation of the Women, Peace & Security Agenda in Africa 2020

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Africa continues to be at the vanguard of delivery on the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Agenda. Indeed, building on the first annual report of the Chairperson of the Commission on the implementation of the WPS Agenda, issued in October 2019, I have the pleasure of issuing this second report that covers the period January to December 2019. As is now established, it stems from reports submitted by Member States that have adopted National Action Plans (NAPs), using the Continental Results Framework. The report is anchored on a consultative approach that includes Member States.

This approach has guided African Union Commission (AUC) efforts to bridge the gap between the array of policies and instruments on WPS and their implementation. In the same spirit, an assessment meeting brought together Member States, Regional Economic Communities and continental civil society organizations in Dakar, Senegal, in December 2019 to discuss delivery in the year 2019, including challenges and paths to enhance Africa’s implementation of the WPS ...

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Mozambican Government Asks World for Help Fighting Terrorism



To help put an end to the insurgency in Cabo Delgado, Mozambique's Defense Minister Cristovao Chume has for the first time requested foreign military troops stationed there to impart their knowledge to the country's security forces. Chume told reporters in Maputo that his country wants the new military attaches of South Africa, Zimbabwe, Portugal and Ukraine to share their experiences to aid the fight against the insurgency that has raged in oil-rich Cabo Delgado province for years. Conflict in Mozambique began in the northernmost province of Cabo Delgado in 2017, with militant attacks that forced close to a million people to become internally displaced. Cabo Delgado is a province rich in natural gas reserves and is host to an estimated U.S.\$60 billion worth of international investment in gas projects ...

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ECOWAS - AU Joint Statement On The Post-Electoral Phase Of The 25th February 2023, Nigerian General Election



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