



## **AU - APSTA - UNOAU Roundtable Workshop on the Review of AU - ASF Training Policy and Training Standards held in Nairobi Kenya 12-14 Oct 2022**

The AU in collaboration with APSTA and under the auspices of APSTA invited training experts as well as consultants to review the Policy and Standards, indicating areas of focus and key contextual changes over the last 16 years.

The ASF Training Policy and ASF Training Standards were developed in November 2006, on the basis of the Policy Framework for the Establishment of the ASF and Military Staff Committee (2003) and the ASF Doctrine (2006), to provide guidelines for the AU/RECs/RMs in the planning, coordination, conduct and control of training activities of the ASF. The policy and standards also indicated the levels of training for the ASF and designed a framework for coordination and harmonization of operations in the field. Since 2006, the Policy and Standards have been the basis for the preparation of ASF components for possible deployment into AU Peace Support Operations (PSOs).

The Roundtable convened a total of eleven (11) experts : four (4) from APSTA; four (4) from the AU Commission; one (1) from the UNOAU and two (2) independent experts - Mr Sivuyile BAM and Col (rtd) Festus ABOAGYE. In three (3) days, the experts interrogated the contents of the 2006 ASF Training Policy and ASF Training Standards, against the PSO Doctrine (2021) and the ASF Policy Framework. Areas of focus included the Training Architecture and Principles ...

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- *Preventing Violence Against Women and Promoting Gender Equality in Peacekeeping*
- *Implementation of the UN Security Council Resolutions on the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda in Africa*
- *Implementation of the UN Security Council Resolutions on the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda in Asia and the Pacific*
- *Implementation of the UN Security Council Resolutions on the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean*

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- *Peacekeeping and International Conflict Resolution*
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- *Civil-Military Coordination in Peace Operations*
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- *Humanitarian Relief Operations*
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## MEMBER INSTITUTIONS NEWS

 **KAIPTC - Ghana : Hostile Environment Awareness Training (HEAT) Course 1 Of 2023**

Although armed conflicts have been prevalent the world over, the African Continent is particularly faced with many of such conflicts. These conflicts have hindered development, thereby affecting the continents' peace, democracy and prosperity. The eruption of conflicts begins the mandating of mission to restore normalcy. Mission environments are mostly different from the regular work environments to which people are mostly accustomed ...

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The National Defence College Module 8 (EX-Carana) is a scenario-based exercise intended to review the AU mission planning process at the strategic level and introduce Participants to the integrated mission planning process. It is against this background that a seminar on Future of Global Peace Support Operations (PSOs) will be undertaken, in order to provide a platform that will enable the participants come up with measures and strategies that will

improve Global and Regional PSOs ...

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## **ACCORD – South Africa : ACCORD attends the 39<sup>th</sup> GIMAC Pre-Summit Meeting**



Breaking trade barriers of African women and youth to ensure their inclusion .... ACCORD participated in the 39<sup>th</sup> Gender Is My Agenda (GIMAC) Pre-Summit Meeting held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. This meeting, highlighted the 2023 AU theme of the year “Acceleration of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Implementation” and brought together more than one hundred and eighty participants.

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## **RPA- Rwanda : RDF and RNP French Speaking Officers Complete Training of Trainers (ToT) Course on Prevention of Recruitment and Use of Children as Soldiers**



Nine French speaking officers from the Rwanda Defence Force (RDF) and eight officers from the Rwanda National Police (RNP) attended the Training of Trainers (ToT) course on Prevention of Recruitment and Use of Children as Soldiers at the Rwanda Peace Academy (RPA) from 16 January 2023 to 27

## **IPSTC - Kenya : Commanding Officer UK DEMS Courtesy Call To IPSTC**

The Commanding Officer, United Kingdom Defence Explosive Ordnance, Munitions and Search Training Regiment (UK DEMS) paid a courtesy call to the Director IPSTC, Brigadier Joyce Sitienei. They then proceeded to the Humanitarian Peace Support School for a familiarization tour of the institution's training capacity on Countering Improvised Explosives Devices (C-IED).

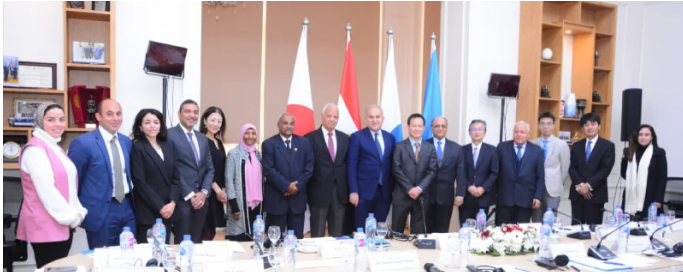
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January 2023. The ToT course was jointly organized by the Ministry of Defence, the Rwanda Defence Force, the Rwanda National Police, the Dallaire Institute for Children, Peace and Security, and the Rwanda Peace Academy. The objective of the ToT course was to generate a team of capable trainers who will be training in French in Rwanda and elsewhere in Africa. Present at the closing ceremony were: the Director for the Dallaire Institute-African Centre of Excellence, Maj Gen (Rtd) Ferdinand Safari ...

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## CCCPA - Egypt : CCCPA and Japan Embassy in Egypt host roundtable discussion on Advancing Sustainable Peace and Development in the Red Sea



The Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding in Cairo (CCCPA) hosted, in collaboration with the Japanese Embassy in Egypt, a roundtable discussion on “Advancing Sustainable Peace and Development in the Red Sea: Challenges and Opportunities” on 10 January 2023, with the participation of a number of officials, experts and academics from Egypt and Japan. In the context of the privileged relations between the two countries, the roundtable witnessed a rich exchange of views on prospects for advancing sustainable peace and development ...

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## IPSS - Ethiopia : IPSS Trains Dialogue Facilitators



IPSS (27 January 2023) : The Institute for Peace and Security Studies trains some 39 trainers to support dialogue practices. The TOT capstone aimed to

culminate the development and delivery of the TOT curriculum for the ETH075 dialogue facilitation clinic, which began in September 2022. At today's closing ceremony held in Addis Ababa, IPSS Interim Director Dr. Fana stated that dialogue is the solution to all problems. He noted that IPSS, as a research and education institute, lays the foundation for a dialogue culture. The guest from the Ministry of Peace praised IPSS for its contribution to peacebuilding and for providing peace and security professionals. The training coordinator, Dr. Yonas, discussed the curriculum development process, participant selection, and TOT delivery. According to Dr. Yonas, the curriculum's content includes both practical experiences and research findings in order to successfully train dialogue facilitators.

Trainers from various universities and other organisations expressed gratitude to IPSS for organising such training and pledged to carry out their duties upon their return. During the closing session, IPSS provides certification to the trainees. USAID and other partners provided financial support for the ETH075 DFC Capstone Event ...

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## WORLD NEWS

 **The AU must not allow Tunisia's Saied to harm African unity**

*Tunisia's populist president is trying to divide us using a white supremacist conspiracy from Europe*

On February 21, while addressing a National Security Council meeting in Tunis, Tunisia's President Kais Saied condemned irregular migration from sub-Saharan Africa and described it as a conspiracy to erase Tunisia's identity. "The undeclared goal of the successive waves of illegal immigration is to consider Tunisia a purely African country that has no affiliation to the Arab and Islamic nations," he said. "Hordes of illegal immigrants from sub-Saharan Africa are still arriving, with all the violence, crime and unacceptable practices that entails."

Two days later, as he called on Tunisia's interior minister to crack down on irregular migration, the 65-year-old leader denied accusations from human rights groups that his hateful comments were racist, and claimed those accusing him of racism "want division and discord and seek to damage our relations with our brothers". He, however, did not renounce his unsubstantiated claim that migrants from sub-Saharan Africa are arriving in Tunisia as part of a plot to alter its demographics. The estimated number of Black African migrants in Tunisia today, including those without proper documentation, is just 21,000. Given the country's 12 million-strong population, they don't have anywhere near the numbers necessary to alter Tunisia's demographic composition ...

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**AU & RECS/RMS HEADLINES****31<sup>st</sup> January 2023****Source**

The Permanent Representative Committee of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS–PRC) opens its 5th Retreat today, January 31, 2023, in Lagos, Nigeria. The 3-day Retreat with the theme: “Post Reformed ECOWAS : Prospects for Consolidating Democracy, Enhancing Security, and Strengthening Economic Integration Towards Actualising the ECOWAS of the People” will discuss regional peace and security, deepening economic integration, institutional ...

**20<sup>th</sup> January 2023****Source****SADC strengthens its democratic processes by including NSAs and CSOs in its peace and security architecture**

The Southern African Development Community (SADC) in 2022 made significant progress towards strengthening the democratisation process in the Region through trainings on electoral assistance and including Non-State Actors (NSAs) and civil society in its peace and security architecture ...

**31<sup>st</sup> October 2020****Source**

Cities will be critical for the world to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and the worst recession for decades, according to the latest report published by UN-Habitat, the UN agency working on urban issues. The World Cities Report 2020, released on Saturday, showcases the value of sustainable urbanization and how it can contribute to global efforts to ...

## Peacekeeping This Month - January 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 :

### Terrorist « contagion » continues



The new AU Chairperson, President Azali Assoumani of Comoros, noted that although terrorism has been around for ages “since the Libyan crisis in 2011 it has really exploded, and particularly in Africa.” As a result, thousands of foreign fighters and combatants flooded into the Sahel, which helped with importing terrorist groups onto the continent, along with “an uncontrollable circulation of weapons”. “In this way, progressively, terrorism took on greater and greater scope in Africa - from north to south, from east to west. And the terrorist contagion continues, broadening in almost all regions of Africa,” he said, speaking through an interpreter. He vowed to “spare no effort” to ensure an AU flagship initiative to “silence the guns” by 2030, becomes a reality.

Like climate change, terrorism is among the most serious threats to the international community, said President Nyusi of Mozambique, delivering his first-ever remarks to the UN Security Council. “The expansion of terrorism is quite threatening, and it is driven by factors that vary from context to context. On one hand, radicalization based on identity variables fueled by intolerance and, on the other hand, the manipulation of socio-economic factors have accelerated recruitment to terrorist groups, particularly of the youth,” he said, speaking through an interpreter. Citing the 2022 Global Terrorism Index, he reported that some **48 per cent of terrorism-related deaths** occurred in Africa, while the Sahel is the “new epicentre” of terrorist attacks.

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## AU's silence the guns initiative under threat



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The goal of silencing the guns in Africa this decade is being challenged by climate change, terrorism, coups and the continent's history. This is the message the head of the African Union initiative brought to the UN Security Council on Thursday. "The topic of this important debate is timely. It is coming at a moment when Africa is faced with multiple challenges that put at risk the attainment of the noble objectives of silencing the guns even by the new timeline of 2030. The causes of these challenges are historical, institutional, constitutional, economic, social and cultural. They relate also to the impact of climate change», said Mohamed Ibn Chambas, African Union High Representative for the Silencing the Guns Initiative.

On Tuesday, the president of Mozambique, Filipe Nyusi, who chaired the meeting, told Council members that the global terrorism threat remains critical. "We, the Africans, want peace on our Continent. We are aware that

to have a continent in peace, it is necessary that African leaders believe that a continent with silenced guns is possible. The leaders of our Nations have an added responsibility because they have the obligation to mobilize all sensitivities and secure the requisite means and resources at their disposal to fast track the silencing the guns once and for all», said Mozambican President, Filipe Jacinto Nyusi. In May 2013, African Union leaders adopted the «Silencing the Guns» initiative for an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa. In December 2020, the African Union extended the date to silence the guns in all Continent to 2030.

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## ECOWAS' Department of Political Affairs Peace and Security Holds Coordinating Retreat



The Retreat of the Department of Political Affairs Peace and Security (PAPS) began on the 10th of February, 2023 in Lagos Nigeria. The 4-Day retreat serves as a platform to deliberate on the mandate and programmes of the Department of Political Affairs Peace and Security (PAPS). It further serves as an opportunity for staff to have a clear vision of the new management of

ECOWAS Commission and to undertake planning for its operationalization and activities in 2023, going forward. In this regard, the participants at the retreat are also discussing the set priorities of the new ECOWAS Commission's Management team and the vision of the PAPS Commissioner ...

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