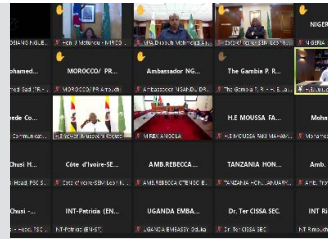
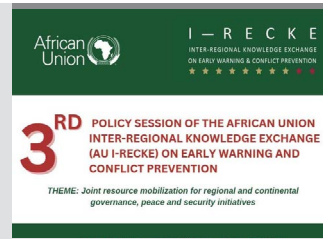




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AU PSC NEWS

INCLUSIVE DIALOGUE KEY TO RESOLVING SUDAN CONFLICT, SAYS PSC

Sudan urgently needed an inclusive nationally led Inter-Sudanese Political Dialogue to resolve the country's conflict, AU Commission Chairperson Moussa Faki Mahamat stressed at a Peace and Security Council (PSC) meeting on 21 June. The virtual Heads of State and Government-level meeting was chaired by Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni.

Mahamat called for concerted efforts to end the war, ensure the protection of civilians, and facilitate humanitarian support to refugees and internally displaced persons. He urged international solidarity, including support from the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and neighbouring countries, to promote peace and a new democratic Sudan.

Other presenters included AU High-Level Panel on Sudan Chairperson H.E. Dr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas; Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General to the AU, Parfait Onanga-Anyanga; IGAD Executive Secretary Dr. Workneh Gebeyehu; and H.E. Ahmed Aboul Gheit, League of Arab States Executive Secretary.

The PSC condemned the devastating conflict in Sudan, called for an unconditional ceasefire, urgent humanitarian aid, and civilian protection. It reaffirmed its solidarity with the Sudanese people, asserting that a military solution did not exist; and that only a genuine, inclusive dialogue could resolve the crisis. It proposed convening an AU extraordinary summit to further address the situation. ([Click here for the PR](#))



PSC MEETS AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL ON EASTERN DRC

On 15 July, the AU Peace and Security Council (PSC) convened at ministerial level to discuss the dire security and humanitarian situation in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). The discussions centred on strengthening the Luanda and Nairobi Processes and implementation of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework agreement aimed at advancing peace, security and stability in

the eastern DRC and Great Lakes Region.

The PSC also urged the DRC and Rwanda governments to enhance cooperation and engage in direct talks under the mediation of H.E. President João Lourenço of Angola, AU Champion for Peace and Reconciliation in Africa. ([Click here for the PR](#))

PSC ENDORSES ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW AU-LED SOMALIA MISSION

The AU Peace and Security Council (PSC) endorsed the establishment of a new AU-led mission for Somalia at its 1217th meeting on 20 June. This after it considered the AU Commission Chairperson's Report on the Joint Strategic Assessment for the Post-ATMIS Security Arrangement for an AU-Led Mission in Somalia.

The United Nations (UN)-authorised mission will provide the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) with security support after the exit of the AU Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS).

The PSC stressed the importance of a strong political mandate for the post-ATMIS mission, to address existing security threats and support the Somali

security forces' readiness to assume full security responsibilities. Furthermore, it emphasised the need for adequate, predictable and sustainable financing for the new mission.

It called for the establishment of a dedicated funding mechanism, through UN-assessed contributions, in accordance with UN Security Council Resolution 2719 (2023), supplemented by additional complementary financing.

The PSC requested the AU Commission to collaborate with ATMIS, the FGS, and relevant stakeholders, and to submit a draft concept of operations by the end of July. ([Click here for the PR](#))

USE AI TO GROW AFRICA'S PEACE, SECURITY, STABILITY, DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT, SAYS PSC

The AU Peace and Security Council (PSC) has consistently acknowledged the potential of artificial intelligence (AI) systems to revolutionise societies, and advance peace, security, stability, democracy and development in Africa. This recognition extends to AI's role in accelerating global progresses towards the aspirations outlined in the AU's Agenda 2063 and United Nations' Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development.

The PSC urged all Member States to ensure ethical and responsible use of AI technologies and to ensure that these technologies are developed and deployed

in full adherence to international law and human rights norms.

Furthermore, the AU Commission committed to conducting a study on the impact of AI on peace, security, stability, democracy and development in Africa. This study will be submitted to the PSC. The AU Commission also plans to integrate AI into peace processes, enhance cybersecurity measures by incorporating AI technologies, combat misinformation and disinformation, and promote AU-driven tools and early warning systems for conflict prevention. ([Click here for the PR](#))

ACTIVITIES OF AUC CHAIRPERSON AND COMMISSIONER FOR PAPS

INAUGURAL PREPARATORY MEETING TOWARDS INTER-SUDANESE POLITICAL DIALOGUE

The AU and Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), through the AU High Level Panel on Sudan and the IGAD Special Envoy for Sudan, convened a preparatory meeting for the Inter-Sudanese Political Dialogue from 10 to 15 July at the AU Headquarters in Addis Ababa.

Various Sudanese political and civilian actors gathered in order to define key issues and modalities for convening an inclusive political dialogue to end the war in Sudan, and pave the way to institute a broadly consensual transitional constitutional order in the country. This AU/IGAD-facilitated dialogue is informed by the AU Roadmap for the Resolution of the Conflict in Sudan, including the IGAD Roadmap for Sudan, both grounded in principles of Sudanese ownership.

Both institutions reaffirmed that there was no military solution, and urged parties to prioritise national interests above personal considerations. The participants agreed to sustain the engagements and reconvene soon with other groups absent from this initial round of discussions. The AU and IGAD reiterated unwavering commitment to accompany

Sudanese stakeholders to achieve a negotiated and inclusive resolution to the crisis.

Subsequently a follow-up preparatory session was convened for other stakeholders who could not attend the inaugural session.



SECOND STRATEGIC REFLECTION HELD ON IMPLEMENTING ETHIOPIA'S COHA



The AU convened the Second Strategic Reflection Meeting on the Permanent Cessation of Hostilities Agreement (COHA) between the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (FDRE) and the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF).

The meeting was held under the stewardship of the AU High-Level Panel on Ethiopia to assess progress, address challenges, and develop strategies for ensuring the successful implementation of the Permanent COHA.

AU Commission Chairperson H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat commended the parties for the significant progress made since the signing of the COHA,

and expressed gratitude to the panel members for their unwavering leadership. The meeting was enriched by the active participation of the parties (FDRE and TPLF), the observers (United Nations, Intergovernmental Authority on Development, United States, and European Union, and the three Member States providing the Team of African Experts (Kenya, Nigeria, and South Africa).

The deliberations focused on political dialogue between the FDRE and TPLF and agreed on engaging and identifying topics, focusing on the return of internally displaced persons and the disarmament, demobilisation, and reintegration process.

PAPS COMMISSIONER ADEOYE RECEIVES AWARD ON BEHALF OF AU AT 4TH ASWAN FORUM

Political Affairs, Peace and Security Commissioner Bankole Adeoye received an award on behalf of the AU from H.E. Sameh Shoukry, Egypt's Foreign Minister, in recognition of the AU's crucial role in fostering peace and security in Africa. This took place

at the Fourth Aswan Forum for Sustainable Peace and Development in Cairo, Egypt, on 2 July.

The forum was themed "Africa in a Changing World: Re-Envisioning Global Governance for Peace and

Development”. Commissioner Adeoye contributed to the first High-Level Session – “The AU Peace and Security Council at 20: The Way Forward to Build a Peaceful and Prosperous Africa”. He stressed the central role of the PSC in maintaining peace and security across Africa.

On the sidelines, he held bilateral meetings with H.E. Thérèse Kayikwamba Wagner, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and la Francophonie of the Democratic Republic of the Congo; Jean-Pierre Lacroix, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations; and various Egyptian authorities, partners, and representatives of African think tanks.



AFSIT INAUGURAL REGIONAL DIALOGUE: WEST AND HORN OF AFRICA



The AU and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) convened the Africa Facility to Support Inclusive Transitions (AFSIT) inaugural Regional Dialogue Series on Deepening Democracy, Good Governance, and Inclusive Political Transitions in the Horn of Africa from 24 to 25 June in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The meeting was organised in collaboration with the UN Office of the Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa, Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Secretariat, and International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA). It brought together over 100 stakeholders from civil society, governments, intergovernmental organisations, and partners.

It was attended by Commissioner Bankole Adeoye, Special Representative of the Secretary-General to the AU Hanna Tetteh, Ambassador Stian Christensen of Norway, Deputy Executive Secretary of IGAD Mohamed Abdi Ware, and representatives from

the UNDP, International IDEA and other partner institutions.

The Regional Dialogue in the Horn of Africa is the first of a series to be held across the continent. It aims to develop a shared assessment of democratic governance and political transitions in respective regions, and facilitate the exchange of experiences, best practices, lessons learnt and opportunities to bolster democratic processes.

Some key recommendations emerging from the discussions included promoting the participation of civil society organisations (CSOs) in the African Transition Index. This would be by providing analysis on political transitions and ensuring the dissemination of findings; enhancing CSOs’ capacity to strengthen their effectiveness during political transitions; and strengthening local governance frameworks to ensure ownership and inclusivity in political processes. It would also include promoting the inclusion of social justice, peacebuilding and

conflict resolution in school curricula to prepare youth for active roles in civil society; and creating an online platform for continuous engagement on political transitions.

The High-Level AFSIT Dialogue on the Role of the AU, RECs and UN in West and Central Africa, themed “Reimagining Cooperation to Support Inclusive Transitions”, took place in Dakar, Senegal, from 5-6 August, bringing together leaders and experts from

the AU, Economic Community of West African States, Economic Community of Central African States and UN.

The dialogue’s main objectives include taking stock of the trajectory of ongoing transitions, and formulating actionable strategies to ensure that these transitions lead to more positively transformed societies and countries.

AGA-APSA’S SECOND STATUTORY TECHNICAL AND POLITICAL MEETING

The African Governance Architecture (AGA) and African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA) Platform held its Second Statutory Technical and Political Meeting on 16 and 17 July in Accra, Ghana. This was ahead of the Sixth Mid-Year Coordination Meeting between the AU and Regional Economic Communities (RECs). The aim was to review the progress made and redouble efforts in implementing AU instruments that promote governance and peace in Africa.

The joint event aimed at celebrating the successes of the four members of the AGA-APSA Platform by acknowledging the progress made so far, identify solutions to challenges faced, and encourage stronger commitment for collaboration and coordination.

The event was attended by AU Member States, the AUC Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Commissioners, as well as representatives of AU Organs and RECs.

TRUST AND CONFIDENCE-BUILDING CENTRAL TO ROUNDTABLE ON ADVANCING POLITICAL DIALOGUE IN SOUTH SUDAN

The AU Panel of the Wise organised a roundtable discussion at the AU Headquarters from 24-25 July to reflect on how to accompany South Sudan in its political transition towards continued peace and stability.

This was a follow-up to their fact-finding mission on the implementation of the Revitalised Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan. The meeting brought together members of the Panel and political and legal experts on South Sudan.



AP-CAAC ON ADVOCACY MISSION TO NIGERIA

A team of high-level delegates from the Steering Committee of the Africa Platform on Children Affected by Armed Conflicts (AP-CAAC) undertook an Advocacy Mission to Nigeria from 29 July to 1 August. The mission was hosted by Nigeria's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in collaboration with Save the Children International, Nigeria.

The 13-member delegation was led by Her Excellency, Jainaba Jagne, Permanent Representative of The Gambia to the AU and AP-CAAC Co-Chair. It included Namibia and Lesotho's ambassadors, the Special Rapporteur on Children and Armed Conflict from the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, and delegates from various member states (Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mauritania, The Gambia, Ghana, Uganda, and Nigeria). It also included AU Commission and Save the Children International's AU Liaison and Pan Africa Office representatives. The objective was to identify ways to strengthen the promotion and protection of children's rights and welfare in conflict situations and strengthen collaboration on the implementation of the Safe Schools Declaration (SSD).

The delegation engaged in stakeholder dialogues with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Federal Ministry of Education, and the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence

Corps. They met with children's representatives to interact with them and hear their concerns, and with country directors, representatives of international development and humanitarian partners, and civil society organisations.

While the visiting team acknowledged Nigeria's notable progress in protecting and promoting children's rights and welfare, particularly with the level of implementation of the SSD, they also identified areas requiring further attention.

Key among these were the need to champion the course of protecting children's rights and create opportunities for them to amplify their voices to be heard across the continent. They also included advocating at the AU PSC for continued compliance with child protection normative and legal frameworks and further mainstream child protection in its own work.

Another priority was for the AP-CAAC to continue pushing for the remaining 17 AU Member States to endorse the SSD and engage with the Federal Government of Nigeria to adopt and implement the Paris Principles and Commitments on Children Associated with Armed Forces or Armed Groups (2007).

COMMISSIONER ADEOYE PRESENTS STATE OF PEACE AND SECURITY REPORT IN LIBREVILLE

The 20th Committee of Intelligence and Security Services (CISSA) Annual Conference was hosted by Gabon's National Security Council in Libreville from 8-11 July. The meeting was officially opened by H.E. Gen. Brice Oligui Nguema, Gabon's Transitional President.

The meeting also featured a presentation by H.E. Bankole Adeoye on the state of peace and security

in Africa, read on his behalf by his Senior Advisor on Governance and Peacebuilding, Amb. William Awinador-Kanyirige.

A new CISSA Executive Secretary, Jackson Victor Hamata of Namibia, was elected to replace outgoing Executive Secretary Amb. Zainab Kotoko, next September. Kotoko was highly commended for her great work and legacy.

AU CONCLUDES 16TH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE, SAFETY AND SECURITY

The AU 16th Ordinary Meeting of the Specialized Technical Committee on Defence, Safety and Security (STCDSS) was held on 5 June at the AU's Addis Ababa Headquarters. It was preceded by a meeting of experts and the 19th African Chiefs of Defence Staff and Heads of Safety and Security Services meeting on 3 and 4 June.

It hosted delegates from 40 AU Member States and representatives from Regional Economic Communities and Mechanisms. These included the secretariats of the Eastern Africa Standby Force, North African Regional Capability, Southern African Development Community, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa, the Arab Maghreb Union and the Economic Community of West African States Commission.

The meeting was chaired by Mauritania's Defence Minister H.E. Hanana Ould Sidi. Dr. Alhaji Sarjoh Bah,

Conflict Management Directorate Director, delivered a presentation on the state of peace and security in Africa on behalf of the AU Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security.

The meeting endorsed strategic recommendations for enhanced continental security and cooperation. These include the conduct of an extensive review of the African Standby Force (ASF), the adoption of policies central to the ASF's operationalisation, including the AU's training policy for peace support operations (PSOs), the strategic lift concept, and PSO case management guidelines.

The committee's report will be considered by the Executive Council and then submitted to the 38th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union in February 2025.



I-RECKE 3RD POLICY SESSION ON MARGINS OF 6TH MID-YEAR COORDINATION MEETING

I-RECKE, in collaboration with the Network of Think Tanks for Peace (NETT4Peace), held its 3rd Policy Session on 20 July in Accra, Ghana, on “Joint Resource Mobilization for Regional and Continental Governance, Peace and Security Initiatives”.

The meeting aimed to provide the Regional Economic Communities/Regional Mechanisms (RECs/RMs) with timely and accurate information on available funding, processes and procedures for accessing the AU Peace Fund. It aimed to facilitate experience sharing between the RECs/RMs and AU on successful resource mobilisation strategies, and consult on a

comprehensive joint strategy to strengthen AU-REC/RM cooperation in resource mobilisation for regional and continental governance, peace and security initiatives.

The session was attended by the AU Peace and Security Council, REC and RM chief executives, AU Commission experts, NeTT4Peace strategy group members, and partners. Participants discussed strategies and initiatives to mobilise resources for governance, peace, and security efforts at both the continental and regional levels, to achieve greater impact and align implementation efforts.

14TH AFRICAN BORDER DAY CELEBRATIONS IN BENIN

The AU Commission collaborated with Benin to mark the 14th African Border Day on 12 and 13 June in Cotonou, under the AU’s annual theme on education. The celebrations demonstrated Benin’s commitment to investing in education, infrastructure, and livelihoods to promote the prosperity and resilience of border communities.

A joint delegation led by the Prefect of the Department of Donga and AU Conflict Management Directorate

Director Dr. Alhaji Sarjoh Bah visited the Commune of Bassila where they inaugurated a series of infrastructural projects on 10 June. The next day they inaugurated a school and water project and visited a market garden supporting women’s livelihoods in N’Djakata village along the Benin-Togo border together with government and local authorities. On 12 June the delegation toured Iwoye village along the Benin-Nigeria border and witnessed cross-border trade.



GOVERNANCE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION

CÔTE D'IVOIRE LAUNCHES ACDEG CURRICULUM INCLUSION PILOT PHASE

Côte d'Ivoire launched the pilot phase of the AU project aimed at integrating the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (ACDEG) in school curricula across West Africa. The launch ceremony was officiated by National Education and Literacy Minister Professor Mariatou Koné.

Guinea-Bissau's Education Minister Herry Mané, AU Political Affairs, Peace and Security Commissioner Amb. Bankole Adeoye, AU representatives from other West African states, the Economic Community of West African States, AU Organs, Regional Mechanisms, educationists, youth, civil society organisations and development partners also attended.

The 27 June launch in Abidjan aimed at increasing awareness of the ACDEG as an important normative framework and highlighted the project's role in enhancing African citizens' understanding of the Charter's principles and values.

Commissioner Adeoye and his team met with various Ivorian personalities and representatives including the Education and Foreign Affairs, African Integration, and

Ivorians Abroad Ministers, the President of the High Authority for Good Governance, and their respective teams. The delegation also visited the International Counter-Terrorism Academy in Jacqueville. The meetings aimed to deepen collaboration with Côte d'Ivoire on governance, security and anti-terrorism.



AU, COMESA OBSERVE RWANDA GENERAL ELECTIONS



The AU and Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) deployed a joint short-term election observation mission (EOM) to the 14-16 July Rwandan general elections. The mission, led by Cabo Verde's former president Jorge Carlos de Almeida Fonseca of Cabo Verde and deputised by Uganda's former prime minister Ruhakana Rugunda, was deployed to all four regions of the country, to observe election day procedures. These included the opening of polls, voting, closing, and the counting processes at the polling stations.

The joint EOM assessed the legal framework and international instruments governing elections in Rwanda. They also engaged with various electoral

stakeholders to evaluate the state of preparedness for the elections, including representatives of the National Electoral Commission, Rwanda Governance Board, and the United Nations Resident Coordinator for Rwanda.

The mission heads, joined by Commissioner Amb. Bankole Adeoye, also engaged with members of Africa's diplomatic corps in Kigali following consultations on how the joint AU-COMESA EOM could support Rwanda in consolidating democracy through the elections. They shared lessons learnt and commendable practices from recent elections with them.

AU OBSERVES SA'S MAY GENERAL ELECTIONS

The AU Commission deployed an election observation mission (EOM) to South Africa's 29 May general election. The EOM, led by Kenya's former president H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta, comprised 60 short-term observers (STOs) including ambassadors, representatives of election management bodies (EMBs), civil society

organisations, women and youth, and others.

The mission arrived in Johannesburg on 21 May. After rigorous training, the STOs were strategically deployed across the country's nine provinces to observe the elections. Their observations were based

on a thorough understanding of South Africa's and the AU's legal and electoral instruments, including the country's Constitution and the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance.

The mission head visited President Cyril Ramaphosa and engaged in extensive discussions with several electoral stakeholders before the polls, including from the Electoral Commission of South Africa, the Home Affairs minister, Chief Justice, National Joint Operational and Intelligence Structure, Africa's diplomatic corps representatives, the United Nations, women, youth, media, and religious groups.



MAURITANIA POLLS

The AU deployed an electoral observation mission to Mauritania's 29 June presidential polls. The mission was led by H.E. Domitien Ndayizeye, former Burundi president, and Member of the AU Panel of the Wise. The 22 June-4 July mission comprised 27 short-term observers.

President Mohamed Cheikh El Ghazouani, also the AU's current Chairperson, was declared the winner in accordance with Article 26 of the Constitution. In conformity with Article 29 of the Constitution, he began a new term of office when the current mandate expired on 2 August.



AU SPECIAL ENVOY ON PREVENTING GENOCIDE, ATROCITIES ASSUMES DUTY

Adama Dieng, newly appointed AU Special Envoy on the Prevention of Genocide and other Mass Atrocities, commenced his official duties with a two-day inception working visit to the AU Headquarters from 13-14 June.

Commissioner Bankole Adeoye congratulated him and expressed confidence in his capacity to fulfil his mandate. He stressed the critical nature of the role and highlighted the need for enhanced collaboration with the AU Policy Organs, particularly the AU Peace and Security Council.

Dieng thanked the AU Commission Chairperson through Commissioner Adeoye for his trust in appointing him to this vital position. He pledged his unwavering commitment to promoting peace and security on the continent and effectively delivering on his mandate.



LIAISON OFFICES

STAKEHOLDERS REVIEW DRC PEACE, SECURITY AND COOPERATION FRAMEWORK IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS



The Great Lakes Region AU Liaison Office participated in the 36th Meeting of the Technical Support Committee of the Regional Oversight Mechanism for the Peace, Security and Cooperation (PSC) Framework for the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the region on 21 and 22 June in Nairobi, Kenya.

The meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Sghair M'Bareck, AU High Representative for the Great Lakes Region and Head of the AU Liaison Office in Burundi, and Huang Xia, the Special Envoy of the United Nations (UN) Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region. It was attended by representatives from the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region, Southern African Development Community, United

Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, the DRC, South Sudan, Angola, Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda.

Discussions focused on developing actionable plans for effective revitalisation of the PSC Framework, as recommended by the AU Peace and Security Council's 1 203rd meeting at the Heads of State level, and on addressing the security and humanitarian situations in the eastern DRC. The adopted draft action plan will be considered by the signatory countries' foreign affairs ministers, and presented at the 12th High-Level Meeting of the Regional Oversight Mechanism to be held in Uganda in coming months.

HIGH-LEVEL ROUNDTABLE ECONOMIC CONFERENCE ON THE GREAT LAKES REGION

Gonzague-Patrick Balagizi, the AU Liaison Office for the Great Lakes Region and Burundi's Senior Political Officer, represented the office at the High-Level Roundtable Economic Conference on the Great Lakes Region.

The conference was held from 26-28 June in the United Kingdom (UK). Themed "Towards Long-Term Cooperation for Mutual Prosperity in Africa's Great Lakes Region", it was organised in collaboration with the United Nations (UN) Office of the Special Envoy for the Great Lakes; UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office; Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs; and Netherlands Ministry of Foreign

Affairs. Participants included decision-makers and experts from Angola, Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania, and UN, AU, and International Conference on the Great Lakes Region representatives.

Discussions centred on regional approaches to scaling small and medium-sized enterprises into significant businesses, fostering regional investment partnerships, enhancing trade integration towards implementing the African Continental Free Trade Area, and creating regional value chains to support green, resource-based industrialisation and value addition.



CO-CHAIR'S MEETING OF LIBYA INTERNATIONAL FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE SECURITY WORKING GROUP

Special Representative of the AU Commission Chairperson to Libya, Amb. Wahida Ayari Yari, was part of the Co-chairs' Meeting of the Security Working Group of the International Follow-up Committee on Libya (IFCL) within the Berlin Process on 12 July. She joined the Deputy Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General to Libya, Stephanie Khoury, and other dignitaries, including the ambassadors of France, Italy, Turkey, and the United Kingdom.

The meeting focused on strategies to support Libyan security institutions and active Libyan parties in achieving sustainable peace and stability. Yari

stressed the need to keep all working groups of the IFCL active, as the Berlin Process remained the most viable international framework to prevent relapse into armed conflict in Libya and ensure effective coordination of international and regional efforts to help regain stability.

The AU delegation focused on the humanitarian conditions faced by illegal migrants, stressed the need to address migration's root causes, and emphasised the importance of coordinating within existing international frameworks. They reiterated the AU Commission's readiness to help member states coordinate their joint efforts in this area.



PARTNERSHIPS

JOINT AU-UN TASK TEAM MEETS ON UNSC RESOLUTION 2719 (2023)

The Joint AU-United Nations (UN) Task Team on the Operationalisation of Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 2719 (2023) on financing of AU-led peace support operations (PSOs) through UN-assessed contributions held its second consultative meeting from 29-31 July at the UN's New York Headquarters.

Jointly led by General Cheikh Dembélé, Head of the AU PSO Division, and General Mamadou Gaye of the UN Secretariat team, both delegations remained committed to collaboration and productive outcomes. They continued working on the four workstreams elaborating on the Joint AU-UN Roadmap on the Operationalisation of UNSCR 2719 (2023). These are joint planning, decision-making and reporting; mission support; financing and budgeting; and compliance and protection of civilians.

They also reiterated their commitment to deepen collaboration towards greater institutional and



operational readiness to finalise the roadmap and continue advancing its implementation. The roadmap will be reviewed by both organisations' principals and submitted to the AU Commission Chairperson and UN Secretary-General for adoption during the next annual conference of the two organisations. This will take place in Addis Ababa in October.

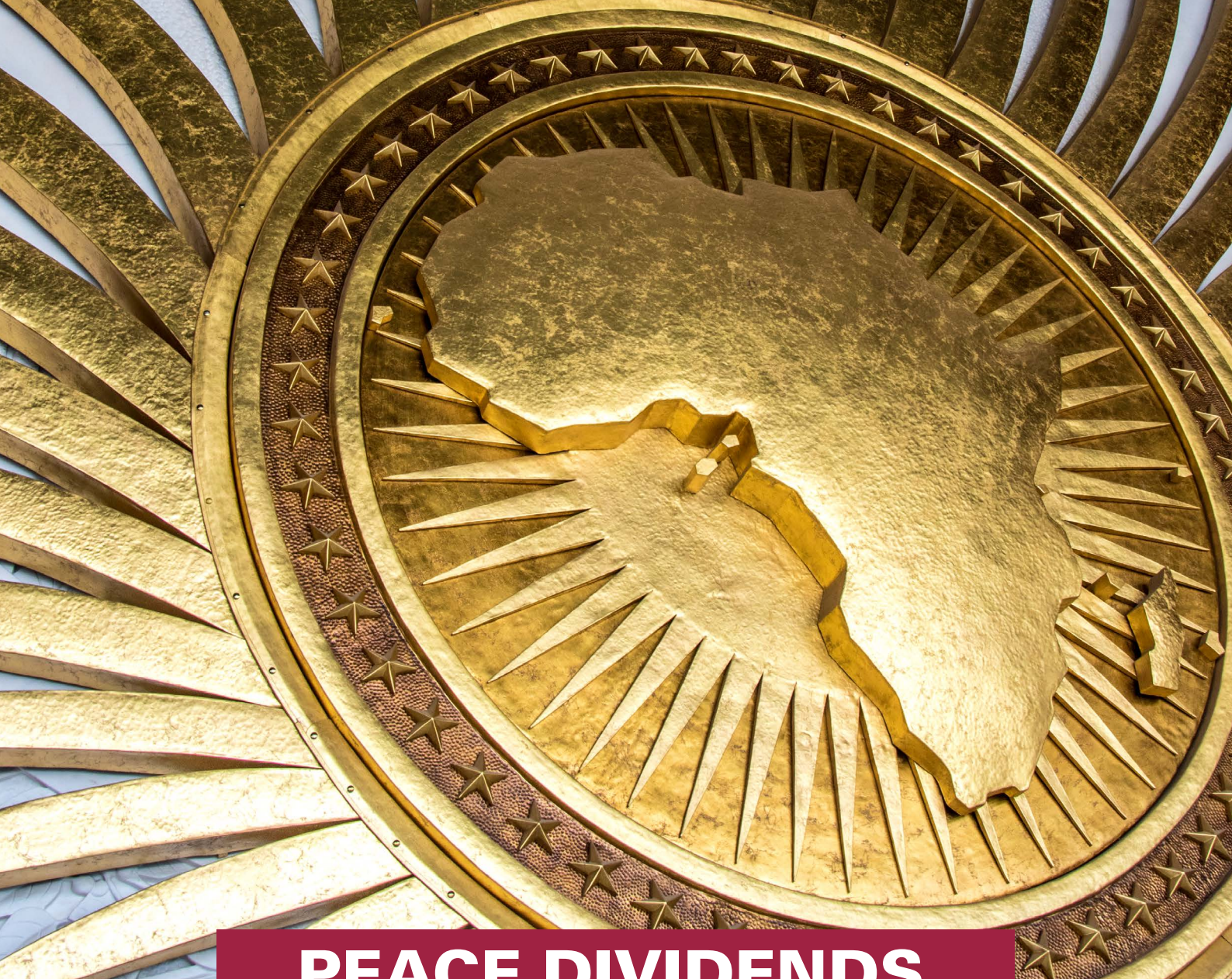


HIGHLIGHTS

1. The AU and Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI) held a consultative dialogue on the implementation of the 6th AU-NANHRI policy dialogue and Human Rights Decade Action Plan outcomes from 29-31 July in Nairobi.
2. The AU Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development (PCRD) Centre held its second series of Desk-to-Desk Engagement with priority countries and stakeholders in Cairo from 28-30 July. Participants included Egypt's Foreign Affairs Ministry; the Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding; Japan and Turkey's embassies; the African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes; and others.
3. The AU Commission, in partnership with the United Nations Office to the AU, deployed technical experts to Mali's Ségou Region to collaborate with Malian security sector reform experts from 30 July-2 August.
4. The AU recognised Togo and Rwanda for their outstanding commitment to report on issues on democracy and governance in their countries, at a ceremony held as part of the PRC Sub-Committee's Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa on 26 and 27 July.
5. The AU PSC undertook a three-day solidarity field mission to South Sudan from 23-26 June to assess progress on the 2018 Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan implementation.
6. From 29-31 July the PSC took a three-day solidarity field mission to Maputo, Mozambique, to discharge its mandate to promote peace, security and stability in Africa, and advance the implementation of the AU Master Roadmap to Silence the Guns in Africa by 2030.
7. On 5 July the PSC held a virtual open session on the "Summit of the Future: Multilateral Solutions for a Better Tomorrow" theme in response to its UN75 Declaration adopted by the UN General Assembly in September 2020.
8. Conflict Management Directorate Director Alhaji Sarjoh Bah led an AU delegation to Côte d'Ivoire on 15 and 16 July to finalise preparations for the Abidjan Border Forum's October edition.
9. The 28th Technical Meeting between the AU-Continental Early Warning Systems and Regional Economic Communities and Mechanisms took place in Abuja, Nigeria, from 24-26 June. It focused on strengthening early warning systems, enhancing early response capabilities, and fostering collaboration for conflict prevention across Africa.
10. The Political Affairs, Peace and Security Department, African First Ladies Peace Mission and United Nations Office to the AU organised capacity-building training for women's civil society organisations from 18-20 June in Nairobi, Kenya. These focused on enhancing women's meaningful participation in electoral processes, promoting the inclusion of women as both voters and candidates in African electoral processes, and sharing best practices.
11. An AU Peer-to-Peer Mission to the 2024 European Parliament Elections was deployed to Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg from 6-9 June. It aimed to provide a platform for African electoral stakeholders to share experiences with their European peers and build partnerships to advance democratic principles and promote global standards for democratic elections.
12. The AU Mission in South Sudan hosted a consultative workshop on strategic guidelines and priorities on disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration, and security sector reform, in Juba on 17 and 18 July, in conjunction with the Strategic Defence and Security Review Board.

UPCOMING PAPS EVENTS

1. Preparation for the 9th Informal Joint Seminar and the 18th Annual Joint Consultative Meeting between the AU PSC and United Nations Security Council in New York, US.
2. RECs-RMs – Training of Trainers in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania: 15th High-Level Retreat of Special Envoys, High Representatives and SRCCs, Abidjan, Côte D'Ivoire: 8th African Transitional Justice Forum.
3. The 4th AU Awareness Week on Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development.
4. 2024 Global Commemoration of the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists.



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