



**United Nations
Office of the Special Adviser on Africa**

**Comprehensive Review Process of the Recommendations Contained in the 1998
Report of the Secretary-General on the Causes of Conflict and the Promotion of
Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa**

In 1998, the UN Secretary-General issued his report on the “Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (A/52/871-S/1998/318)”. The report contained a series of recommendations on how to address the causes of conflict in Africa; prevent, manage and resolve disputes; achieve durable peace, and promote sustainable development through economic, social and political measures. After a decade, much has changed in Africa, but despite the many advances and the efforts of both African countries and the international community, the challenges to human security and development in Africa remain deep and structural in nature.

In view of this situation, the UN General Assembly, by its resolution A/RES/63/304, requested the Secretary-General to “submit (...) a report on the outcome of the review of the recommendations of his 1998 report, focusing on new and emerging challenges and persistent obstacles, as well as innovative solutions, gains and accomplishments, in the attainment of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa, with due regard to the complexities of the transition from fragile peace to long-term sustainable development that many African countries are undergoing”.

The Office of the United Nations Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) is conducting a series of consultations to elicit the views, opinions and suggestions from a wide variety of stakeholders in order to identify the ways in which the United Nations can better sustain, support, promote and cooperate with African partners to address the underlying causes of violent conflict and promote durable peace and sustainable development in the continent.

We would appreciate if you could kindly respond to the following questionnaire, your opinion is important to us;

- 1) What in your opinion are the root causes of violent conflict in your community / your country / your region / Africa?
- 2) What issues do you think may potentially threaten the peace and the development progress in Africa in the coming years?
- 3) What specific measures, policies or institutions do you think could contribute to preventing, managing and resolving conflict?

4) What in your opinion has been the biggest progress and the biggest setback in Africa in the last decade in:

- The peace and security area,
- The political area,
- The governance area,
- The economic area,
- The social area,
- The human rights area.

5) What do you think should be the role and the areas of engagement of the international community and in particular the United Nations in Africa in the coming decade? What kind of relationship / cooperation mechanisms would you like to see between Africa and the international community?

6) Please provide any other insights on how do you think that the United Nations could better assist African countries in addressing the causes of conflict and promoting durable peace and sustainable development.

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Thank you!