

**Africa Regional Consultation  
on the UN General Assembly High-level Thematic  
Debate on UN, Peace and Security  
4 March 2016, Addis Ababa**

**09:00-09:30 Opening Session:**

- Welcome: Dr. Aisha L. Abdullahi, Commissioner for  
Political Affairs, AUC (tbc)
- Opening Address: Haile Menkerios, Special Representative of the  
Secretary-General and Head of the UN Office to  
the African Union (UNOAU) (tbc)

**09:30-10:30 Session 1: Evolving Peace and Security Trends in Africa**

Chair: Ashraf Swelam, Director, Cairo Regional Centre for Training on  
Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping in Africa (CCCPA)

Panel:

- Amb. Fred Ngoga Gateretse, Head of Conflict Prevention and  
Early Warning Division (tbc)
- Dr. Khabele Matlosa, Director: Department of Political Affairs,  
African Union Commission (tbc)
- Amb. Francisco Madeira, Special Envoy of the AU for Somalia  
and Head of AMISOM (tbc)

Q&A

Guiding questions:

- How can we ensure that the factors that trigger and perpetuate conflict and the drivers that contribute to **peaceful and inclusive societies** are identified and analyzed in an integrated manner? How can we promote a greater understanding of the **centrality of inclusion**, in particular women's participation and leadership, to ensure success and sustainability of peace efforts?
- What are the implications of **asymmetric environments** for communities, including women and children? What are the implications for humanitarian, development, human rights and peacebuilding actors including peace operations? What are the implications

for the UN in its role of impartial mediator or arbitrator in conflict and post-conflict scenarios?

- How can the UN and the wider multilateral community enhance its capacity to address the **regional dimensions and / or implications** of instability?

10:30-11:00 Coffee & Tea Break

11:00-12:00 **Session 2: Strengthening Conflict Prevention, Peace Operations and Peacebuilding as the Core Focus Areas of UN Peace & Security**

Chair: Dr. Admore Kambudzi, Acting Director, Peace and Security Department, African Union Commission (tbc)

Panel:

- Sivuyile Bam, Head, Peace Support Operations Division, AUC (tbc)
- Dr. Cedric de Coning, Senior Advisor, ACCORD & Senior Researcher, NUPI
- Bineta Diop, Special Envoy for Women, Peace & Security, African Union (tbc)
- Colin Stewart, Deputy Head, United Nations Office to the African Union (UNOAU) (tbc)

Q&A

Guiding questions:

- How can we refocus efforts on the **search for political settlements**, on preventing **conflict/crisis** and on promoting a long term commitment across the UN family and the international system **to sustaining peace**?
- How can we strengthen a **people-centered approach** in the framework of peace operations? How can we use peace operations, peacebuilding initiatives and programs on women, peace and security to strengthen inclusive national ownership – including in relations with nationally-led processes.
- How can we integrate more closely the human rights dimension, development activities, conflict prevention and peacebuilding approaches to ensure **mutual reinforcement**?
- How can we build common understanding of the legal, political and operational requirements for UN and other multilateral operations to contribute effectively to peace and security in contexts where one or more of the combatants uses **terrorist tactics or is linked to a transnational terrorist network**?

12:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:00 **Session 3: Partnerships with Regional Organisations and International Financial Institutions**

Chair: Dr. Carlos Lopes, Executive Secretary,  
Economic Commission for Africa (tbc)

Panel:

- Ambassador Macharia Kamau, Permanent Representative of Kenya to the UN and Chair, UN Peacebuilding Commission (tbc)
- Ambassador Baso Sangqu, Special Advisor, Office of Chairperson of AU Commission (tbc)
- Dr. Donald Kaberuka, High Representative for the AU PeaceFund (tbc)

Q&A

Guiding questions:

- How can individual Member States and intergovernmental bodies help revitalize Chapter VIII of the UN Charter to strengthen **strategic partnerships with regional organizations**?
- How can the Peacebuilding Commission and other institutions of the peacebuilding architecture play a more active role in facilitating and strengthening partnerships with IFIs and (sub-) regional organizations?
- How can we enhance the level of **predictable and sustainable financial support** to UN engagement in preventing conflict, keeping and sustaining peace? How to enhance the level of predictable and sustainable financial support to peacebuilding efforts more generally? What can critical global partners such as international financial institutions offer? How to achieve more robust financing for the women, peace and security agenda, including the full implementation of the 15% target of gender equality spending in peacebuilding funds and similar target in funding to prevent and counter violent extremism?

15:00-15:30 Coffee & Tea Break

15:30-16:30 **Closing Session: The Importance of a Strategic Partnership**

**between the United Nations and the African Union**

Chair: Amb. Smail Chergui, Commissioner for Peace and Security,  
African Union Commission (tbc)

Panel:

- Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia (tbc)
- Mogens Lykketoft, President of the UN General Assembly
- Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, Chairperson of the African Union Commission (tbc)