

Draft Program

Roundtable Discussions on Peace (Support) Operations in Africa

Addis Ababa, 21st March 2017

Venue: Hilton Hotel

Background

In February the report “African Directions: Towards an Equitable Partnership in Peace Operations” was published. This is the final report of the second phase of the New Geopolitics of Peace Operations initiative, a collaboration between the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) and the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).

The report argues that the global-regional partnership between African and external actors (the UN, other international organizations, donor countries, and non-African troop contributing countries) on peace operations is not sufficiently equitable and balanced. This is particularly relevant as some 75% of all uniformed personnel in peace (support) operations are deployed on the continent, and of these more than 65% is African. The report outlines pathways to improve future collaboration between African and external actors, and to strengthen their mutual understanding. It is based on dialogue meetings in five African sub-regions, and a global dialogue meeting organized in Brussels, in which a variety of African and external stakeholders participated

The FES is organizing a round table in Addis Ababa in order to present the findings of the report and discuss them with stakeholders in Africa. The round table discussion aims to contribute to a frank exchange of ideas on the future of POs and how the existing challenges can be best addressed.

Specific objectives of the conference include:

- To have the report presented to multiple stakeholders including the African Union, UN member states, and other international organizations
- To discuss challenges and identify possible approaches to improved PSOs
- To foster a common understanding of future PSOs between stakeholders
- To strengthen the African Voice in matters pertaining to PSOs

The meeting will take place in a closed informal setting held under the Chatham House Rule.

Arrival – 20 March. 2017

21 March 2017

0900–0930 Registration and Coffee

0930-0945 Welcome Remarks

Florian Koch, Director, AU Cooperation, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

0945-1015 Keynote Speech

Dr. Admore Kambudzi, Peace and Security Department, African Union Commission (AU)

1015–1035 “Inputs on the Report “African Directions: Towards an Equitable Partnership in Peace Operations”

The purpose of this session is to discuss outcome of the five meetings held in the continent under the project “New Geopolitics of Peace Operations II” that has been prepared into a report titled “African Directions: Towards an Equitable Partnership in Peace Operations”

Moderator: Ms. Michelle Ndiaye Ntab, Director, IPSS

Input by: Dr. Jaïr van der Lijn, SIPRI

1035-1230 Subsequent discussion

1230 -1245 Closing Remarks

Dr. Sini Paukkin, Councillor, Deputy Director, Unit for Policy Planning and Research, MFA Finland

Ms. Doris Voorbraak, Deputy Representative to the African Union, Embassy of the Netherlands

1245 Lunch