

DRAFT PROGRAMME

AFRICA DAY VIRTUAL CONFERENCE ON THE SILENCING THE GUNS

Under the Theme: “Silencing the Guns: Creating Conducive Conditions for Africa’s Development”

Week 1: 25 MAY 2020 (MC: Amb. Osman Keh Kamara, Special Advisor on Silencing the Guns, AU-PSD) 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	
<i>Welcoming Remarks</i> 3:05 pm – 3:35 pm	H.E. Mrs. Minata Cessouma Samate , AU Commissioner for Political Affairs (7 min) H.E. Prof. Mafa Sejanamane , Lesotho’s Ambassador to Ethiopia and Chair of the PSC (7 min) H.E. Mrs. Hanna Tetteh , Under-Secretary-General, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General to AU (7 min) -H.E. Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala , Special Envoy to Mobilize Economic Support for Continental Fight against COVID-19 (10 min)
<i>Opening Statement</i> 3:35pm – 3:45 pm	H.E. Mr. Smail Chergui , AU Commissioner for Peace and Security (10 min)
Session I: COVID-19 Implications on Silencing the Guns in Africa (Moderator: Dr. Kambudzi Admore, Director Peace and Security Department, AUC) 3:50 pm - 4:30 pm	
<i>Critical Look at the Political and Socio-Economic Impacts. Is it Time to Consider Lockdown Exit Strategies?</i> 4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	<u>Panelists:</u> -- Mrs. Amira Elfadil , AU Commissioner for Social Affairs (5 min) - Mr. Bartholomew Armah , Ag Director, Macroeconomic and Governance, UNECA (5 min) <u>Discussant:</u> Dr. Matlosa Khabele , Director DPA
<i>Country-Level Strategies to Tackle Effects of COVID-19. What is at Stake?</i> 4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	<u>Panelists:</u> - H.E. Mr. Aasland Morten Von Hanno , Ambassador of Norway to the AU (5 min) - Ms. Elizabeth Mutunga , Director, Peace and Security, COMESA (5 min) - German Representative (5 min) <u>Discussant:</u> Adv. Vasu Gounder , Founder of ACCORD

Session II: Women and Youth Perspectives on Silencing the Guns in Africa in the Wake of COVID-19 (Moderators: Amb. Hadiza Mustapha, Advisor- Peace, Security and Governance, Bureau of the Chairperson)	
<p><i>Women's Significance in Conflict Management and Peacebuilding. The Impact of COVID-19.</i> 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm</p>	<p>Panelists: - Mrs. Bineta Diop, AU Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security (5 min) - H.E. Dr. Speciosa Wandira, FEMWISE (5 min) - Hajiya Raheemat Momodu, Head, Human Security and Civil society, Department of Social Affairs and Gender, ECOWAS Commission (5 min) Discussant: AU-WGDD Ag. Director</p>
<p><i>Is COVID-19 Hampering Peace Efforts by Young People?</i> 5:30pm – 5:55 pm</p>	<p>Panelists: - Ms. Aya Chebbi, AU Special Envoy on Youth (5 min) - Karabo Mokgonyana, African Ambassador for Peace, Southern Africa - Mr. Ngen Yves, LifeAid-Cameroon (5 min) Discussant: Ms. Ngwenya Nonkululeko Prudence, Head of Youth Division, AU HRST</p>

FOLLOWING/ CONTINUATION

Week 2: 1 JUNE 2020 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm	
Session II: Putting Human Security at the Centre of Peace Enforcement (Moderator: Amb. Osman Keh Kamara,)	
<p><i>Advancement of Silencing the Guns Agenda by Policy Making Organs, Peace Support Operations</i></p>	<p>Panelists: - H.E Francisco Madeira, SRCC, AMISOM (5 min) - H.E. Pres. Pierre Buyoya, AU High Representative for the Sahel – Head of MISAHHEL (5 min) - Ms. Bintou Keita, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Africa (5 min) Discussant: Dr. Kambudzi, Director AUPSD</p>
<p><i>Local Ownership of DDR/SSR; Mechanisms for</i></p>	<p>Panelists: - HE. Mrs. Hanna Tetteh, Under-Secretary-General, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General to AU (5 min)</p>

<i>Operationalization of the Amnesty Month</i>	<p>-CSO working with local communities in rehabilitation of disengaged combatants (5 min)</p> <p>-Mrs. Michelle Ndiaye-Ntab, Outgoing Director of Africa Peace and Security Programme, Head of Secretariat of Tana Forum (5 min)</p> <p><u>Discussant:</u> Dr. Kambudzi, Director AUPSD</p>
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<p>Week 3: 8 JUNE 2020 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm</p>	
<p>Session III: The Role of Non-State Actors in Silencing the Guns in Africa (Moderator: Amb. Salah Siddig Hammad, Head of AGA, AU-DPA)</p>	
<p><i>How COVID-19 is Shaping Private Sectors contribution to peace, security and development in Africa.</i></p>	<p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <p>-Mr. TidjaneThiam, Special Envoy for Mobilize Economic Support for Continental Fight against COVID-19 (5 min)</p> <p>-Mr. Baso Sangqu, Vice President, Sustainability - Anglo Ashanti Gold (5 min)</p> <p>- Mr. Busisa Busisa Moyo, United Refineries Limited, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe (5 min)</p> <p><u>Discussant:</u> Mohammed Dewji, President, MeTL Group, Tanzania</p>
<p><i>Mobilizing CSOs and other non-State Actors in Africa's Peace Efforts</i></p>	<p>Representative from CSOs (list of speakers will be provided by AU-CIDO) (5 min)</p> <p><u>Discussant:</u> Dr. Roba Sharamo, Regional Director of ISS</p>
<p>Wrap Up of Session by Moderators</p>	
<p>Conclusions by Amb. Osman Keh Kamara</p>	