



POLICY CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS ON ENSURING GREATER SYNERGIES BETWEEN THE AFRICAN GOVERNANCE ARCHITECTURE (AGA) AND THE PEACE AND SECURITY ARCHITECTURE (APSA) AS PART OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE YEAR OF SHARED VALUES

BANJUL, THE GAMBIA

8-10 SEPTEMBER 2012

DRAFT AGENDA

DAY 1: 8 SEPTEMBER 2012

Arrival of Participants

13:00-15:00

Lunch

17:00-18:00

Debriefing of PSC

18:00-18:30

Break

18:30-19:30

Opening Ceremony

- Welcome Remarks by H.E. Mrs. Julia Dolly Joiner, Commissioner for Political Affairs
- Statement by the H.E. Ambassador Ferdinand Montcho, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Benin and Chairperson of the PRC
- Statement by the H.E. Ambassador Mohamed Edrees, Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Chairperson of the PSC
- Opening Statement by the H.E. Dr. Momodou Tangara, Minister of Foreign Affairs & **International Cooperation and Gambians Abroad, Republic of The Gambia**

19:30-onwards

Welcome Dinner

DAY 2: 09 SEPTEMBER 2012

CHAIRPERSON OF THE POLICY CONSULTATIONS: H.E. AMBASSADOR MOHAMED EDREES, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT AND CHAIRPERSON OF THE PSC

09:30-10:30 PRESENTATION OF THE YEAR OF SHARED VALUES

The PSC will be briefed on implementation of activities of the Year of Shared Values and the relevant instruments

Presenter: Abraham Okoko Roch Esseau, AUC/DPA

Facilitator: H.E. Ambassador Ferdinand Montcho, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Benin and Chairperson of the PRC

10:30-11:00 COFFEE/TEA BREAK

11:00-12:00 TOWARDS ENHANCED INTERACTION BETWEEN THE AFRICAN GOVERNANCE ARCHITECTURE (AGA) AND THE AFRICAN PEACE AND SECURITY ARCHITECTURE (APSA)

This presentation will highlight the objective and expected results of the Retreat. It will also examine the evolving AGA and introduce preliminary thoughts on how to enhance interaction between AGA and APSA

Presenter: Dr. Mamadou Dia, AUC/DPA

Facilitator: Prof. Gilbert Khadiagala, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa

12:00-13:30 FACILITATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFRICAN CHARTER ON DEMOCRACY, ELECTIONS AND GOVERNANCE

Guided by the relevant articles of the Charter, this session will explore how the PSC can support and facilitate implementation of the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance including democratic elections, capacitating EMBs

Presenters: Mr Calixte Mbari, AUC/DPA

Ms. Shumbana Karume, AUC/DPA

Facilitator: Ms. Janah Ncube, the Center for Citizen Participation in the African Union (CCP-AU)

13:30-15:00

LUNCH BREAK

15:00-16:00

THE HUMAN RIGHTS STRATEGY FOR AFRICA AND THE AFRICAN UNION POLICY FRAMEWORK ON TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE

This strategy will examine contemporary human rights challenges in Africa and how the PSC can contribute to human rights promotion and protection. The second part of this Session will focus on the efforts of the DPA to facilitate the development of the AU Policy Framework on Transitional Justice.

Presenters: Mr Salah. S. Hammad, AUC/DPA

Facilitator: Prof. Gilbert Khadiagala, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa

Facilitator: Ms. Nontsikelelo Sisulu-Singapi, Board Member of the Center of the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSV)

16:00-16:30 COFFEE/TEA BREAK

16:30-17:30 HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS

This session will highlight the elements of the draft Humanitarian Policy Framework. It will also discuss how humanitarian concerns can be better anchored on the PSC agenda

Presenter: Mr. Olabisi Dare, AUC/DPA

Facilitator: H.E. Ambassador Cheick A.T. Camara, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Guinea and Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Refugees, Returnees & IDPs

DAY 3: 10 SEPTEMBER 2012

09:00-11:30 AUDIENCE WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA

11:30-13:00 ADOPTION OF THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE POLICY CONSULTATION

ADOPTION OF THE PRESS RELEASE

CLOSING CEREMONY

- Vote of Thanks by the H.E. Ambassador Andrew H. Mtetwa Permanent Representative of the Republic of Zimbabwe
- Closing Remarks by H.E. Ambassador Mohamed Edrees, Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Chairperson of the PSC

END OF THE POLICY CONSULTATIONS