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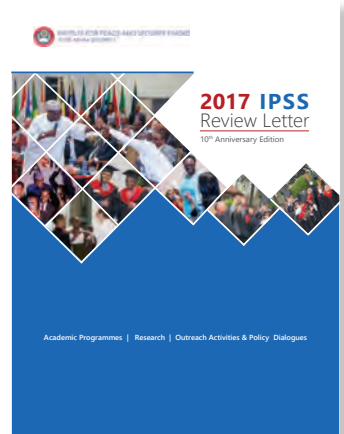
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Message from the IPSS Director



Kidane Kiros (PhD)

Director

Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS)

Addis Ababa University

In 2017, Africa continued to face a myriad of peace and security challenges. These challenges amplify the role institutions of higher learning can play in tackling the intellectual challenge of sustaining peace and security on the continent.

In this regard, IPSS in 2017 continued to work towards fulfilling its mission of being a premier institution of higher learning, offering quality education and capacity training in the specialized field of peace and security, as well as fostering research and policy dialogues in Ethiopia and across Africa. In 2017, IPSS was ranked among the top 50 think tanks in Sub-Saharan Africa for the third consecutive year by the University of Pennsylvania's Global Go to Think Tank Index Report.

More so, 2017 was a milestone year for the Institute as we celebrated our 10-year anniversary. We organized a series of events and activities to commemorate this achievement. Celebrating such anniversary is indeed a great success.

This celebration involved a stock-taking of our innovative academic programmes, research activities, policy dialogues and other projects. We also organized a roundtable discussion under the theme "We need partnerships in peace and security, but Africa must lead" and engaged selected individuals, who, in a series of articles, reflected on the anniversary theme, "The role of academic institutions in tackling the intellectual challenge posed by Africa's peace and security dynamics". Read more about our anniversary celebrations from page 21-25.

I would like to extend our gratitude to our partners and friends who continue to support the various programmes and activities of the Institute. We look forward to continued collaborations and opportunities in the coming years.



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Message from the APSP Director

Michelle Ndiaye

Director

Africa Peace and Security Programme (APSP)/GIZ

Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS)

IPSS Head of Secretariat, Tana Forum



Created in 2010, the Africa Peace and Security Programme (APSP) is aimed to build capacities to develop and implement African-led solutions in peace and security on the continent. APSP is a platform where ideas and contributions to African-centered solutions in peace and security can converge with wider objectives to inform decision-making, policy formulation and implementation at the AU, Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and Regional Mechanisms (RMs).

IPSS also serves as the Secretariat of the annual Tana High-Level Forum on Security in Africa since its inception in 2012. The outcomes of the Tana Forum inform the Institute's activities on education, research and policy dialogues. In 2017, we organized the 6th Tana Forum on the theme of "Natural Resource Governance in Africa". With over 200 participants comprising of Heads of State/Government and peace and security stakeholders, the discussions identified a disconnect between research and policymaking on natural resources and how research institutions can better collaborate with decision-makers in a more strategic and persuasive manner.

As we celebrate IPSS' 10-year anniversary, the history of IPSS as a success story needs to be told. 10 years down the line we can say that it has been a story of strategic, visionary and committed leadership. IPSS recognizes the contributions of its committed staff members, who represent more than 10 African countries, the support from our development partners, and a strong working relationship with the AU.

In 2017, we launched the AU/RECs Resource and Help Desk, which aims at providing African stakeholders with the necessary tools to reach decisions on critical peace and security issues facing the continent. Our applied research in African-centred solutions also resulted in the production of several useful publications, such as the AfSol Journal, AfSol Book, the 2016 APSA Impact Report

Next year, we look forward to further expanding our research products with the publication of a new report: the Conflicts Insights and Analysis, which provide analysis and recommendations to assist the AU, RECs, Member States and development partners in decision-making and in the implementation of peace and security-related instruments.

I conclude by echoing Dr. Kidane in extending my sincere gratitude to the friends and partners who partnered and collaborated with us in 2017.

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ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES



Dr. Yonas Adaye Adeto,
Associate Academic Director
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- MA in Peace and Security Studies
- PhD in Peace and Security Studies
- Executive MA in Managing Peace and Security in Africa (MPSA)
- MA in Global Studies with a Special Emphasis on Peace and Security in Africa
- PhD in Global and Area Studies with a Special Emphasis on Peace and Security in Africa



MA in Peace and Security Studies



The MA Programme in Peace and Security Studies makes peace and security knowledge work for a new Africa and in particular, Ethiopia.

In the academic year of 2016/17, 30 students graduated from the Programme, of which 15 were female graduates. The topics selected by the students for their 2016/17 Master's theses were diverse and compelling. Research topics included: 'Federalism: State-building in Somali and People's Ownership, 'African Court of Justice and Human and Peoples Rights: The Prospects for Promotion of Peace by its International Criminal Law section, and 'Freedom of Religion and National Security Interface in Islam: The Case of Addis Ababa, among others.



I mostly appreciated courses and classes being interactive and not purely theoretical, with opportunities for written essay assignments, educational trips and conferences (Tana Forum and others).

Seid Negash, System Administrator at the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS) 2016/17 Graduate



Dr. Fana Gebresenbet
Coordinator, PhD in Security Studies



Our students benefit from the Institute's unique position in the continent's peace and security landscape, where professors from around the world create a stimulating environment for the exchange of ideas using African experiences.

PhD in Peace and Security Studies

The PhD Programme aims at research-based training for educators, policy analysts and practitioners of governmental and non-governmental organizations. The PhD Programme also serves the needs of other African countries, particularly countries of the Horn region, and the Regional Economic Communities, including the African Union, in its research endeavours.

In 2017, six candidates defended their dissertations on diverse topics, including hybrid security provision in Somalia; security implications of Ethiopia's landlockedness; identity based conflicts in Ethiopia and role of regional organizations to bring South Sudan to peace and stability.



The PhD Programme at IPSS equips students with an indispensable technical and strategic knowledge on how to impede or mitigate the predicaments and perils of conflict in their societies, and thus to enhance wholesome harmony and progress.

Alemayehu Gurmu (PhD), 2017/18 Graduate

Executive Master's in Managing Peace and Security in Africa (MPSA)



Frank Djan Owusu,
Programme Manager,
MPSA
Interim Head of
Education and Training



The aim of the Managing Peace and Security Programme in Africa - MPSA is to groom and enhance the capacities of leaders to understand and commit to addressing evolving challenges of governance in the areas of peace and security” MPSA, therefore, is synonymous to “enhancing capacities and enriching lives.

The Executive Master's in Managing Peace and Security in Africa (MPSA) is approved by the Addis Ababa University (AAU) senate and has accreditation from ACQUIN, a German accreditation firm. The Programme offers experienced professionals working on African peace and security issues a unique opportunity to acquire certified and in-depth education while continuing to work in their respective organizations.

In 2017, IPSS welcomed the 13th cohort of its Executive Master's in Managing Peace and Security in Africa (MPSA). The 13th cohort participants represent 17 countries from across Africa, a conscious decision to bring together experts from diverse backgrounds as experience-sharing and knowledge-transfer amongst peers is an integral component of the programme.



When I embarked on the process of applying for the course, I had no idea that the course would be so enriching. I am now part of a progressive group of scholars who are keen on managing peace and security in Africa.

**Jestina Mukoko, National Director ,
Zimbabwe Peace Project (ZPP), MPSA
13th cohort**

MPSA's 13th cohort.



Joint PhD and MA in Global Studies



Dr. Solomon Hassen,
Coordinator, IPSS/
University of Leipzig,
Joint Global Studies
Programmes



The Joint Programmes continue to attract a diverse group of students both local and international and we have seen most of our graduates getting jobs in regional and international organizations hence creating a pool of emerging scholars and practitioners in the field.

In 2012, IPSS/AAU and the University of Leipzig launched the Joint MA in Global Studies and Joint PhD in Global and Area Studies, both with a special emphasis on Peace and Security in Africa. They were created as part of Addis Ababa University's internationalization objective and counts as the only joint Programmes offered with a German university in Africa in the social sciences. Globalization processes have implications for security in Africa, and linking Peace and Security to Global Studies creates an opportunity to analyze both the spatial and global dimensions of peace and security in Africa. In this regard, the Programmes in "Global Studies" with a special emphasis on peace and security in Africa pay particular attention to the continent's specific contemporary security challenges.

In 2017, IPSS welcomed the 6th cohort of the Addis Ababa University/ Leipzig University Joint MA in Global Studies. The ten students joined the ranks of those pursuing a degree in Global Studies with an emphasis on Peace and Security in Africa. Similar to previous cohorts, the new student body is diverse, with individuals originating from Cameroon, Ethiopia, Germany, USA and Zimbabwe.

Joint MA in Global Studies's 6th cohort.



The MA in Global Studies broadened my knowledge on conflict, peace and security issues, public speaking and academic writing, which I am now putting into practice as a peace advocate and a staffer at UNESCO.

**Laura Ngum Petra, 2016/17
Graduate**



ALUMNI

SPOTLIGHT

Compromise Divergent Interests to Stabilize Somalia

Comdr. Daniel Gebregziabher

Finalizing a PhD study is perhaps one of the greatest achievements in an academic career. Commander Daniel Gebregziabher reached that milestone when he successfully defended his PhD dissertation in 2017. His research, titled 'Hybrid Security Governance and Stabilization in Somalia: Plurality of Agencies, Forms and Spaces of Interaction' examined the interaction between state and non-state actors in the provision of security in Somalia.

A police officer by training, Comdr. Daniel has served in the Ethiopian Police Force for more than two decades. He currently works as the Associate Professor at Addis Ababa University.

"My vast experience in the security sector drove my interest in the topic", Comdr. Daniel said. He added that the Somalia case in particular gave him the opportunity to evaluate the effects of external influences on the security and

stabilization processes of a country. "It was interesting to see how foreign state and non-state actors, with their divergent interests, dominate Somalia's security. The entirety of my research is an account of how the Somalia government tries to build a state amid such divergent interests," he further clarified.



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ALUMNI
NETWORK

The Alumni Network of the Institute for Peace and Security Studies at Addis Ababa University currently comprises over 400 professionals from more than 40 countries. The network is growing rapidly and quickly becoming an important component of who we are and what we represent as a leading pan-African institution for scholarship and policy on African peace and security issues.

In 2017, the Alumni network in collaboration with the Tana youth mobilization team organized the first Youth for African-Centered Solutions for Peace and Security (Youth4 AfSol) pre-Forum debate which captured the role of African youth in the realization of Agenda 2063 of the African Union and the Sustainable Development Goals.

RESEARCH

The overarching aim of our research Programme is to search, analyze and disseminate findings on African-centered solutions (AfSol) to Africa's peace and security challenges. Our research has both an academic and applied action-oriented approach. This is manifested in the different research clusters being undertaken that include;

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| <p>1 Migration Research Cluster</p> | <p>■ Tana Forum Report and The State of Peace and Security in Africa (SPSA)</p> |
| <p>2 Research Cluster on the Nexus between Governance, Peace, Security and Development</p> | <p>■ AfSol Blog</p> |
| <p>3 Border Issues Research Cluster</p> | <p>■ Peace and Security Reports Unit: The African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA) Conflict Insights</p> |
| <p>4 Countering Violent Extremism Research Cluster</p> | <p>■ AU/RECs Resource Desk</p> |
| <p>5 Research on Regional Conflict Clusters</p> | <p>■ Joint projects/research</p> |
| | <p>■ Policy Briefs and Analyses</p> |
| | <p>■ Publications and Anthologies</p> |



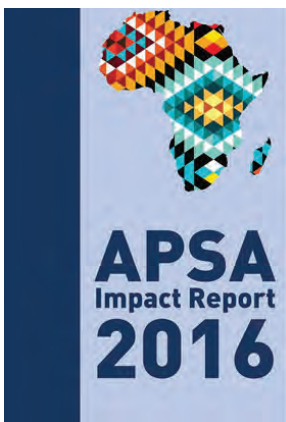
Dr. Pamela K. Mbabazi,
Head of Research
(Joined IPSS in September
2017)

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In 2017, the department continued to network with different scholars and partners who share the same aspiration for African-centred solutions aimed at providing Africa's leaders, policymakers and stakeholders with alternative perspectives, approaches and insights towards addressing the challenges affecting the continent.

Publications

APSA Impact Report



IPSS announced the release of the APSA Impact Report for the year 2016, which was developed in partnership with the European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM) and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). This year marked the first time the research was conducted by a team based at IPSS in Addis Ababa, a worthwhile achievement in our continuous efforts to promote African ownership in peace and security initiatives.



Journal of African-Centred Solutions in Peace and Security (AfSol)



Reflecting on the interest among scholars and practitioners of peace and security in Africa, this Vol. 1 journal of African-centred Solutions in Peace and Security (AfSol Journal) set a foundation for the on-going investigation and research on how Africa can develop its peaceful responses to peace and security challenges. Born out of a series of workshops since 2011, the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS) has been leading this effort with a clear understanding that a successful pursuit of the concept and practice of AfSol requires the development of a world-class mechanism for the continuous scholarship, synthesis and application of AfSol to address peace and security challenges and issues.

Editor: **Amr Abdalla**, former Senior Advisor on Policy Analysis & Research Institute for Peace and Security Studies.

The AfSol Journal serves as a platform to examine African peace, security, and governance from both academic and practical point of views.

Policy Periodicals



IPSS Policy Analyses and Policy Briefs aim to help policymakers and practitioners make well-versed decisions, in addition to providing comprehensive policy options in the area of peace, security and governance.

In 2017, IPSS published a total of four Policy Periodicals which include:

- The African Union Peace and Security(PSC): Challenges and Policy Options by Charles Ukeje and Rhuks Temitope Ako.
- Is the African Union’s aspiration towards Financial Autonomy achievable? by Dr. Jide Martyns Okeke; The Africa Mining Vision.
- Prospects and Challenges for Implementing Countries by R. Nadège Compaoré, and
- The Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) in the Horn of Africa by Dr. Mercy Fekadu Mulugeta.

Tana Forum Background Paper and SPSA



Since 2012, IPSS has made it a tradition to provide Tana Forum participants and readers with in-depth knowledge on the theme of each year. The State of Peace and Security in Africa report, presented annually by the Tana Forum Chairperson, has become a significant contribution to the field of peace and security. This year’s trends fueled thoughts on the mixture of progress and obstacles facing the sector today which include:

- Various security indices on armed conflicts (total number, spread/distribution and trend analysis).
- The lack of progress of peace agreements.
- Atomised violence and low intensity conflicts.
- An overview of African interventions in peace and security.
- Containment and rollbacks of violence extremism, focusing on three case studies: Boko Haram, Al-Shabaab and the Islamic State (IS).
- Political protests and riots.

OUTREACH

ACTIVITIES & POLICY DIALOGUES

Pre-Tana Forum Activities



The Tana Forum Secretariat organized an intimate breakfast discussion on the sidelines of the annual Munich Security Conference, which took place on 17-19 February 2017. Hosted by the Forum's Chairperson of 5 years, H.E. Olusegun Obasanjo, the participants spoke about the "Global Competition for Natural Resources: North-South Perspectives", also the theme of 2017 Tana Forum. The key question posed to participants was: "How can the global community achieve inclusive economic growth while addressing the pressing natural resource security challenges that are emerging and evolving? "



Ambassador's briefing



Press conference



Essay competition: Winner Nelly Farah Nguegan



Youth4AfSol, a space for young Africans to share ideas



Regional Multi-stakeholder forum (Arusha, Tanzania)

6thTANA FORUM

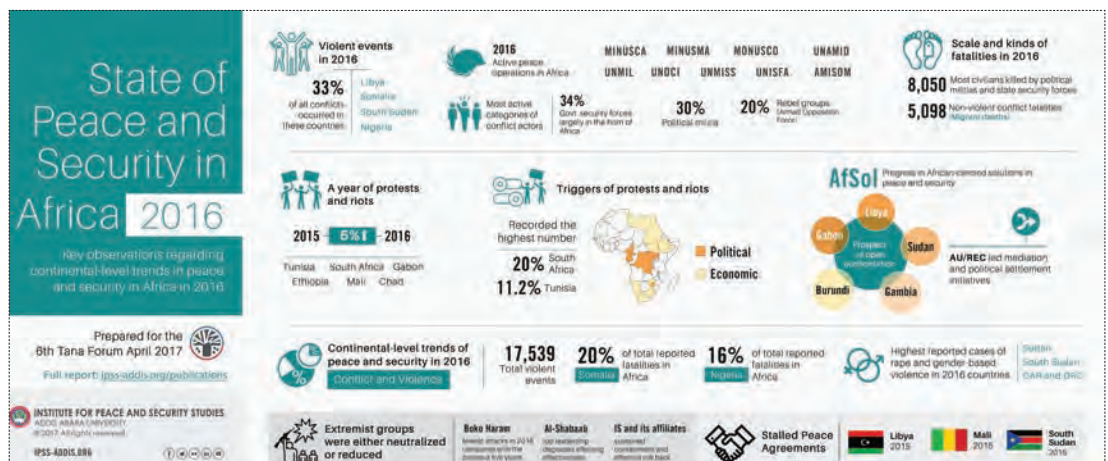
21-22 April 2017

Theme: Natural Resource Governance in Africa

The five sub-themes of the 6th Tana Forum - Extractives, Land-Use, In-land Water, the Seas, and Forests - highlight the fortunes of the African continent but also serve as a reminder of the negative effects they have had on the wellbeing of its people.



The fourth edition of the SPSA was presented by former President Olusegun Obasanjo at the 6th Tana Forum, held in April 2017 in Bahir Dar, Ethiopia. The report identified key observations regarding continental-level trends in peace and security in Africa, including the following findings.





Public Lecture at Bahir Dar University



Participants at the 6th Tana Forum

Policy dialogues at IPSS invite experts from around Africa to discuss and provide policy recommendations on pressing peace and security issues in the continent.



BRIEFING SESSIONS

IPSS briefing sessions are designed as panel discussions with the objective of drawing attention to current or emerging peace and security issues and deepening participants' understanding of peace and security in Africa. The sessions are interactive, fostering the exchange of ideas between the panellists, the moderator and the audience. They aim to influence policies at the national, regional and continental levels, and encourage policy makers to implement agreed upon policies in their countries or regions (from policy to practice).



LECTURE SERIES

IPSS lectures place a spotlight on recent and relevant publications dealing with special peace and security issues in Africa in order to foster academic debates amongst the peace and security community in Addis Ababa. They aim to encourage further scholarship on the presented topic of discussion.



INDABA SESSIONS

The expression of Indaba comes from the South African language Zulu and indicates an informal gathering of indigenous people to address a matter of concern or for discussion. An IPSS Indaba is an emerging approach from an external organisation to IPSS to host a proposed event. Indaba session format is not set in stone and depends on the occasion and speaker, but is not a panel discussion. The main objective is to use the presence of interesting personalities and/or occasions in Addis Ababa as an opportunity to provide them a platform on which they can present their work that is related to IPSS' working field to an adequate audience.



BRIEFING SESSIONS

AU reform as a gateway to strengthened relations with RECs

September

In collaboration with the United Nations Office to the African Union (UNOAU), IPSS organized a briefing session on 'Enhancing Partnerships between the AU and RECs in Peace and Security'. The session was the first in a series of joint events with UNOAU following the signing of an MoU between the two organizations in June 2016.

The session gathered 50 participants to discuss two key thematic areas:

- i) the current working relationship between Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and the African Union (AU), including lessons learned and best practices going forward,
- ii) the AU reform process led by President Kagame, which places an emphasis on



"clarifying the division of labour between AU, RECs/

RECs, member states and other continental organizations".

Building Trust in Peacebuilding Processes: Best Practices from the UN and the AU

December

The session which was hosted by IPSS in collaboration with the United Nations Office of the African Union (UNOAU) brought together an all-inclusive panel of experts, and was moderated by Dr. Kidane Kiros, IPSS Director.

The conversation revolved around the following questions:

- i) What are the guiding principles for AU and UN peacebuilding frameworks? What are the challenges for their implementation?
- ii) What deliberations arise on good practices and emerging lessons on peacebuilding interventions by the AU, UN and EU in light of the newly



proposed Kagame reforms? How should these integrate meaningful participation from women, youth and academic institutions?

iii) How can good practices shape future peacebuilding interventions in Africa?



LECTURE SERIES

China in Africa: Understanding the Natural Resource Dynamic

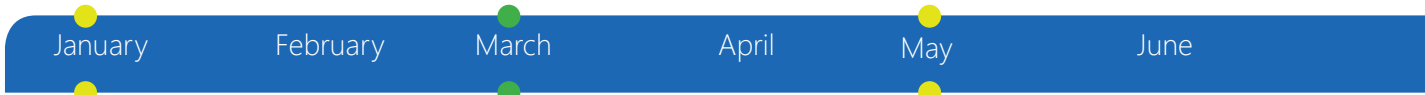


Professor Ian Taylor, Professor in International Relations and African Political Economy at the University of St. Andrews, United Kingdom.

The Global Security Environment: Dynamics & Challenges



Michelle Ndiaye, Director of the Africa Peace and Security Programme (APSP) at IPSS and Head of the Tana Forum Secretariat.



INDABA SESSIONS

US-Africa Relations Under the Trump Administration



Ambassador Reuben E. Brigety, former US Permanent Representative to the African Union and the UN Economic Commission for Africa, and current Dean of the Elliott School of International Affairs at the George Washington University in Washington DC, US.

Oil in Uganda: Resource Curse or Development Boon? Learning the Lessons from Botswana



Dr. Pamela Mbabazi, Head of Research and Policy Analysis at IPSS.

Women, Peace and Security: Gender Mainstreaming and Politics



Dr. Tigist Yeshiwas Engdaw, Assistant Professor at IPSS.

July

August

September

October

November

December

Youth, Peace and Security (UNSC Resolution 2250): Pathways for Implementation and Practice in Africa



The panel featured H.E. Amb. Dr. Aisha Abdullahi, outgoing AU Commissioner for Political Affairs and H.E. Marilyn Nolufefe Dwabayo, Deputy Ambassador of the Republic of South Africa to Ethiopia.

The 5th AU-EU Dialogue: Prospects for the Future of AU-EU Peace and Security Partnership



Mr. Thorsten Clausing, Head of the Peace and Security Department at the European Union delegation to the African Union (EU-AU).



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Roundtable: We need partnerships in peace and security, but Africa must lead.



As part of the 10th year anniversary celebrations, IPSS hosted a roundtable discussion on the topic – ‘Should the intellectual challenge of peace and security in Africa be exclusively tackled by Africans and African think tanks?’ Panellists argued African research institutions should take the time to study new trends, anchor responses in local ownership and build capacity for the dissemination of knowledge and its effective delivery. There was also collective agreement that

while partnerships are important to tackling Africa’s peace and security challenges, Africa needs to take the lead in doing so.

IPSS also invited individuals who have contributed to the success of IPSS, and who have also made an impact in the area of peace and security in Africa, to contribute an article on the anniversary theme: “The role of academic institutions in tackling the intellectual challenge posed by Africa’s peace and

security dynamics”. All of the submitted articles are available on the IPSS website at www.ipss-addis.org/news_and_events.

Raheemat Momodu discusses the weakest link in the policy-research interface of peace and security.

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The weakest link in policy making and research is the absence of a dedicated research capacity for the AU Peace and Security Council, the highest decision making body in peace and security in Africa

Raheemat Momodu
ECOWAS Liaison Office to the African Union



Mehari Taddele Maru on the four intellectual challenges for African think tanks.

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For Africa to become more stable, transformation needs to outpace crises; but the requisite capabilities to predict, prevent, respond and adapt to these vulnerabilities and threats are yet to be fully developed.

Dr. Mehari Taddele Maru
Independent consultant on peace and security
MPSA facilitator. IPSS



Hesphina Rukato discusses the responsibility of academia in contributing towards African-centred solutions.

The participation of academic institutions in the peace and security agenda of the continent should also be seen in the context of the AU vision, whereby Africa is driven by *“its own citizens”*.

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Academic institutions are a subset of African citizens; they have a duty and responsibility to contribute towards African-centred solutions for the continent's peace and security challenges.

Dr. Hesphina Rukato
Development consultant



Amr Abdalla on the role of education in preparing students and youth to become agents of change.



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“ The field of peace, security and conflict resolution education can further maximize the benefits to youth and students by preparing them to become the leaders of tomorrow and the agents of change today.

Amr Abdalla, PhD
Former Senior Advisor for Policy Analysis and Research, IPSS
Director of Assessment and Evaluation, Reform of Education in Muslim Societies,
International Institute of Islamic Thought, USA

Cedric de Coning on the symbiotic relationship between researchers, practitioners and policy makers.



“ In the area of peace and security in Africa, regional centres of excellence have played a key role not only in training, but also in serving as hubs of expertise and as incubators for networking, sharing of knowledge and as hosts for lessons learned and best practices type of studies

Cedric de Coning
Senior Advisor, ACCORD and Senior
Researcher, NUPI

Photo @ International Peace Institute

Ulf Engel on the changing nature of conflict through joint Academic Programmes. The role of academic institutions in tackling the intellectual challenge posed by Africa's peace and security dynamics.



“ Dealing with today's world makes it essential to rearrange the dialogue between what many people call the systematic disciplines and the various area studies. The joint Addis Ababa/Leipzig programmes are an exciting answer to these practical and intellectual challenges

Ulf Engel
Institute of African Studies,
University of Leipzig

Photo @ International Peace Institute

Paul D. Williams on the role of intellectuals in African academic institutions. Truly academic institutions and their intellectuals should aspire instead to genuine education and systematic learning.



Cyril Obi on how conflict threatens the capacity building of academic institutions.



Simon Akindes on the 14 guidelines on becoming a critical creative administrator.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Inter-faith dialogue on violent extremism draws youth leaders from Europe and Africa



March

IPSS in collaboration with the African Union's Citizens and Diaspora Organization (CIDO) and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), hosted an Intercontinental Youth Forum on the topic of "Inter-faith Dialogue on Violent Extremism (iDove)". The meeting brought together 40 youth leaders from 32 countries in Europe and Africa with the aim of sharing innovative youth-focused approaches on preventing violent extremism (PVE) through art, academia, technology and social campaigns. These projects fall under iDove's two-track approach to PVE, i) communication and virtual initiatives and ii) innovative community initiatives.

IPSS at the Think 20 Summit on 'Global Solutions'



May

Michelle Ndiaye, Director of the Africa Peace and Security Programme at IPSS and Head of the Tana Forum Secretariat, participated in the Think 20 (T20) Summit held alongside the G20 Summit in Berlin, Germany.

The T20 is a network of premier think tanks from the G20 economies that provides research-based policy advice to the G20, facilitates interaction among its members and the policy community, and communicates with the broader public about issues of global importance.

IPSS at the Think 20 Summit on 'Global Solutions'

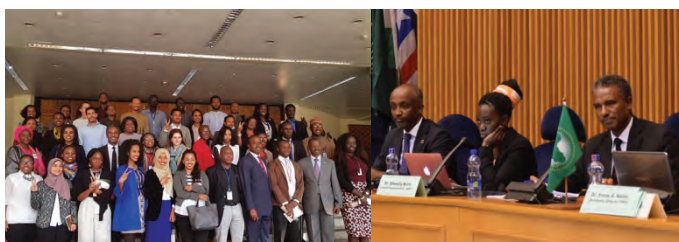


July

The Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS) and the New York based Social Science Research Council (SSRC) organized a workshop at the African Union (AU) on 'Partnerships and Financing of PSOs in Africa'. The workshop aimed to explore gaps in the management of Peace Support Operations (PSOs) on the continent, by assessing current collaborations and financing arrangements.

Participants in the workshop flagged the issue of sustainability in collaboration initiatives between the UN and AU. Citing the failure of the UN to implement recommendations of the HIPPO report. Participants called for a clearer arrangement between the two organizations based on the principle of complementarity and the particular capabilities of each organization.

International Day of Peace: Reflections on the role of youth in peace-building



September

IPSS, in partnership with the African Union (AU), United Nations Office to the African Union (UNOAU), Oxfam International, and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Delegation to the AU, hosted a celebration of International Peace Day at the AU Headquarters, under the theme, “Harnessing the Demographic Dividend: Meaningful Youth Inclusion in Peace-Building”. More than 100 people from member states, international and civil society organizations, academia, media and youth organizations attended the celebration.

The celebration concluded with the acknowledgment of the great strides and commitment that AU Heads of State and Government have shown on the 2017 AU theme ‘harnessing the demographic dividend through investments in youth’. It was further acknowledged that there remains the need for more innovative approaches, strengthened partnerships, as well as clearer benchmarks and ways of measuring success so as to fully realize Aspiration 6 of Agenda 2063 which calls for ‘an Africa whose development is people driven, relying on the potential of African people, especially its women and youth, and caring for children’.

Seminar on emerging role of state-led coalitions to take place in Addis Ababa



December

In partnership with MIKTA (the partnership among Mexico, India, Korea, Turkey and Australia), the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS) is organizing a seminar on “New Multilateralism: The Role of State-led Coalitions” at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The objective of the seminar is to introduce a new multilateral initiative to an African audience and provide a platform for dialogue on how to deliver more effective multilateral outcomes through the use of new, regional power-led coalitions such as MIKTA.

About MIKTA

MIKTA's goal is to consult and lead dialogue on a range of perspectives in order to promote consensus and advance the common interests of the broader international community.

FACTS



IPSS was established in 2007.



The IPSS vision is to become a premier African institute for knowledge production and dissemination in the field of peace and security and recognized as a reputable institution for academic and research excellence.



In 2010, IPSS was identified by Addis Ababa University as one of its five "Centres of Excellence".



The African Peace and Security Programme (APSP), is a joint initiative of IPSS and the African Union mandated by the AU's Commission Executive Council (EX.CL/567 (XVI)) to take up the intellectual challenge of finding African-led solutions to peace and security in Africa.



IPSS' three core pillar activities are Education, Research and Outreach.



IPSS currently runs five academic programmes, three at the Master's level and two PhD programmes.



The MA and PhD Programmes at IPSS target educators and practitioners of peace and security at the national, regional and international level.



In 2012, IPSS in partnership with Leipzig University launched the Joint MA/PhD Global Studies Programme with a Special focus on Peace and Security in Africa.



IPSS is the secretariat of Tana High-Level Forum on Security in Africa. Established in 2012, the Forum is an annual meeting that brings together African leaders and stakeholders to engage and explore African-led security solutions.



IPSS attributes its success to the commitment of 60 staff members representing more than 10 African countries, support from development partners and a strong working relationship with the African Union.



The Executive MA in Managing Peace and Security in Africa (MPSA) makes knowledge accessible to high-level practitioners of peace and security in Africa.



In 2013, IPSS hosted the first expert-workshop to conceptualize the concept of African centred values which narrowed down to the three values of "Commitment" "Ownership" and "Shared Values."



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