

Concept Note

Post AU Summit Webinar

Outcomes of the 2022 AU Summit: What next for Africa's peace and security?

**Hybrid Seminar : Hyatt Regency, Addis Ababa and Online
Friday 11 February 2022 | 10h00 to 12h00 (East African Time)**

The 35th AU Summit of the Head of States and Government, held from 5-6 February 2022 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, occurred against a backdrop of numerous governance, peace, security and economic challenges on the continent. The meeting, thus, discussed and took important decisions on a number of the issues including the state of governance, peace and security on the continent, and progress in the implementation of the Silencing the Guns in Africa Initiative. The Summit also ushered in a new composition for the AU Peace and Security Council (PSC). The new PSC is expected to guide decision making on issues of peace and security on the continent in the coming year amidst the numerous challenges.

In light of the above, the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) in collaboration with the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS) of Addis Ababa University are organizing a hybrid event aimed at discussing issues emerging from the 35th AU ordinary summit, and their implications on the continent's governance, peace and stability. Panellists will also reflect on the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, looking at the changing dynamics of governance and security situations.

Given the change of chairship of the AU, the event will also be an opportunity for policy makers and subject matter experts to reflect on lessons from DRC's chairship of the AU in 2021 and the priorities of Senegal as the chair of the AU in 2022.

The meeting will discuss a number of issues emerging from the Summit, including but not limited to the following;

- Key outcomes from the AU Summit
- Major drawbacks in governance and security issues
- Key decisions from the AU Summit and implications on governance, peace and security

Target Audience

The meeting brings together participants made up of government officials, representatives from the African Union, ambassadors and embassy officials from various African countries, international agencies, policymakers, researchers, academia and civil society organisations to discuss the above issues and more.

Speakers

- **Desiré Assogbavi**, Francophone Africa Director, ONE Campaign, International Law Specialist and Expert on Pan-African Institutions and Politics
- **Dr. Mohamed Diatta**, Researcher, Institute for Security Studies, Addis Ababa
- **Shewit Woldemichael**, Researcher, Institute for Security Studies, Addis Ababa -

Chair – Prof. Yonas Adaye Adeto, Director, Institute for Peace and Security Studies, Addis Ababa University

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Agenda

<p>10:00 – 10:10</p>	<p>Welcoming Remarks & Introduction of Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair: Prof. Yonas Adaye Adeto, Director, Institute for Peace and Security Studies, Addis Ababa University <p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Paul-Simon Handy, Regional Director for East Africa and the Horn, Institute for Security Studies (ISS)
<p>10:10 – 10:20</p>	<p>Overview of AU Summit Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desiré Assogbavi, Francophone Africa Director, ONE Campaign, International Law Specialist and Expert on Pan-African Institutions and Politics
<p>10:20 – 10:30</p>	<p>Decisions on Peace and Security: What to expect moving forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shewit Woldemichael, Researcher, Institute for Security Studies, Addis Ababa
<p>10:30 – 10:40</p>	<p>Dynamics within the New PSC and their implications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Mohamed Diatta, Researcher, Institute for Security Studies, Addis Ababa
<p>10:40 – 11:55</p>	<p>Questions and Discussions</p>
<p>11:55 – 12:00</p>	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Paul-Simon Handy, Regional Director for East Africa and the Horn, Institute for Security Studies (ISS)