



CALL FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Working Paper Series

AfSol-Oriented and Forward-Looking Approaches to Conflict Analysis (2002 to

2022) Note to Interested Contributors

African scholarship in conflict analysis made significant progress since the official launch of the African Union (AU) in 2002. Through this journey, African ownership and resulting policies proved critical to the future of peace and security on the continent and it is mirrored in the Agenda 2063. There has been a significant spotlight on institutions, policy makers and their actions (and possible future actions). In view of ensuring that the bridge between theory and policy is intact and improved, African scholarship also requires a near-equal-and-corresponding spotlight for introspection. Thus, The Africa Peace and Security Programme (APSP) of the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS), Addis Ababa, believes that a lessons-learned approach should not be constrained to institutions and policy makers as primary consumers of the lessons. Rather, conflict analysts, experts, scholars, or researchers should reflect on the entire cycle of conflict analysis. On this premise, APSP seeks to host a continental debate aimed at enhancing the contribution of African scholarship to agenda setting and policy, particularly within the context of peace and security. Lessons are expected to be drawn from the various steps, missteps, and everything in-between of all stakeholders in Africa's peace and security sphere within 2002 and 2022.

APSP therefore invites Africans in the field to attempt these three questions:

1. What should an AfSol-Oriented Approach to conflict analysis be?
2. What Should a Forward-Looking Approach to conflict analysis be?
3. What do African institutions and policy makers really need from a conflict analysis and what utility does the approaches in 1 & 2 above offer?
4. How can 1 & 2 be articulated as a tool for policy success?

Contributors are at liberty to focus on Question 1 or 2. Significant contribution to Questions 3 and 4 is important. Only submissions that will engage both primary and secondary data will be accepted.

Submission

Send an abstract of no more than 300 words, accompanied with a methodology description of 150 words, in a word document format to j.akamo@ipss-addis.org. The abstract and methodology should be in a single document, but on a separate page.

Deadline: 30 December 2023.

Eligibility: Open to Africans Only.