



# UNITED NATIONS - AFRICAN UNION PARTNERSHIP

## IN CONFLICT PREVENTION AND MEDIATION, PEACEKEEPING AND PEACEBUILDING

SEPTEMBER 2017 - JUNE 2018



### POLICY DIALOGUE

- 45 UN Briefings to the AU Peace and Security Council.**
- 1 UN-AU Annual Conference between the Secretary-General and the Chairperson.**
- First UN-AU High-Level Dialogue on Human Rights led by AU Commission Chairperson and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.**
- 2 meetings of the UN-AU Joint Task Force on Peace and Security.**
- 1 UN-AU Consultative Meeting on prevention and management of conflict (desk-to-desk).**
- 1 joint high-level field visit to Sudan and Central African Republic.**
- New policies on Conduct and Discipline and on Prevention and Response to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse.**

### COMMITMENTS

- In addition to the framework signed in 2017 on peace and security, the AU-UN "Framework for the Implementation of Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" was signed in January 2018.**
- A Memorandum of Understanding on peace-building was signed in September 2017.**
- AU secured the highest level of contributions to the AU Peace Fund since its creation in 1993.**
- AU Peace and Security Council, with UN support, declared September of each year until 2020 "Africa Amnesty Month for the Surrender of Illegally Owned Weapons and Arms" in line with Silencing the Guns by 2020 Initiative.**

### Lake Chad Basin

UN continued to provide technical advice, through AU, for the operationalization of the Headquarters of the Multinational Joint Task Force against Boko Haram. The Lake Chad Basin Commission and AU continued to develop a **regional stabilization strategy** for the Lake Chad Basin, with the support of the UN system.

### Libya

The **Libya Quartet (UN, AU, LAS and EU)** worked together in support of an **inclusive political process** to end the transition period. **AU-EU-UN** Task Force continued to work with Libyan authorities to address the plight of refugees and migrants.

*"Enhancing African capacities is [essential] both in the context of our collective response to international peace as well as for the self-reliance of the African continent."*  
UN Secretary-General António Guterres

### Sudan

UN and AU undertook a high-level joint visit to Karthoum and Darfur on the **reconfiguration and drawdown of UN-AU Hybrid Operation in Darfur.**

### Sahel

UN and AU, co-chairs of the technical secretariat of the Ministerial Coordination Platform for the Sahel, continued efforts to address the crisis in the Sahel. The UN Mission in Mali **started support to the G5 Sahel Joint Force.**

### South Sudan

UN and AU continued to support IGAD's **High-Level Revitalization Forum.** Corrective measures are being taken against violators of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement.

### Guinea-Bissau

Mediation efforts spearheaded by ECOWAS with AU and UN support led to the appointment of a new Prime Minister to **break a three-year political impasse** and prepare for elections.

### Somalia

The Federal Government of Somalia developed, with support from the UN and international partners, the **Transition Plan** for a gradual transfer of security responsibilities from the AU Mission in Somalia to the Somali security forces. **AMISOM** reduced its military personnel by 1,000 in December 2017. A UN-AU review of AMISOM was carried out in May.

### Togo

Joint efforts by ECOWAS, UN and AU **mitigated political tensions.**

### Comoros

UN and AU called for an **inclusive political dialogue** during the national dialogue process in February, and for an inclusive and transparent constitutional referendum scheduled for 30 July.

### Sierra-Leone

Joint engagement by UN, AU and ECOWAS contributed to the successful **resolution of the post-electoral dispute** in spring 2018.

### Madagascar

UN undertook **preventive diplomacy missions** alongside those undertaken by the AU and SADC. UN appointed a Special Adviser to engage with government, opposition and civic leaders. A new Prime Minister was sworn in on 5 July and formed a new government.

### CAR

UN supported the **AU African Initiative for Peace and Reconciliation** through logistics and mediation expertise, which facilitated dialogue at national level and supported the Government at local level.

### Burundi

Joint efforts by AU and UN to support **EAC-led dialogue.**

### CAR/DRC

UN, through UNOCA, and AU continued to cooperate in the implementation of the UN regional strategy to **address the threat and impact of the Lord's Resistance Army.**

### DRC

UN and AU continued engagement with national authorities towards implementation of **confidence-building measures** with a view to creating an environment more conducive for the holding of credible elections on 23 December 2018. UN, AU, ICGLR and SADC continued to work together under the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for DRC and the region. AU and UN launched a follow-up mechanism for the repatriation of disarmed former FDLR and M23 combatants in April 2018.

\*Remarks to the Security Council on enhancing African capacities in the areas of peace and security (19/07/2018)  
Full Report and list of activities available here: <http://undocs.org/S/2018/678>  
United Nations Department of Political Affairs. For more information visit: [www.un.org/undpa](http://www.un.org/undpa)