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POLICY DIALOGUE ON REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES AND PEACEBUILDING IN THE MAGHREB, SAHEL, AND CENTRAL AFRICA

Date: September 28 - 29 September 2017

Venue: IBIS Hotel, Avenue Haj Ahmed CHERKAOUI, Agdal, Rabat, Morocco

P R O G R A M M E

28 September 2017	
08.00 – 09.00	Registration of Participants
09.00 – 10.00	Opening Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chairperson Opening Remarks: Driss El Yazami, President of the National Human Rights Council ○ Welcome address by Ambassador Abdelkader El Ansari, Head of the Department, African Union and Regional Partnerships ○ Conference Rationale and Expectations – Professor Victor Adetula, Head of Research, Nordic Africa Institute <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remarks – Professor Mohammed Ahmed Gain, President of the African Institute for Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation - Remarks - Ms. Iina Soiri, Director, Nordic Africa Institute - Remarks - Professor Cyril Obi, Program Director, Social Science Research Council - African Peacebuilding Network - Remarks – Ms. Erika Ferrer, Ambassador of the Swedish Embassy in Morocco
10.00 – 11.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keynote Address: Professor Georges Nzongola-Ntalaja, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA - Vote of Thanks – Professor Redie Bereketeab, Nordic Africa Institute - Group Photograph
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee/Tea Break

11.30 – 13.00	<p>First Plenary Session: Conflicts and Peace in the Maghreb, Sahel and Central: Background and Social Contexts</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Taieb Baccouche, Secretary General of the Arab Maghreb Union</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Historical and Social Origin of the Conflicts in the Sahel – Professor Morten Bøås, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs 2. Conflicts in the Sahel: Regional Analysis and Linkages - Professor Victor Adetula, NAI and Dr. Maurice Ogbonnaya, National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies 3. The Kinshasa Convention on Small Arms Control - Mr. Mutoy Mubiala, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
13.00 – 14.00	<p>Lunch Break</p>
14.00 – 17.00	<p>Second Plenary Session: State Actors’ Roles, Influence and Risks I</p> <p>Chair: Professor Georges Nzongola Ntalaja</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Algeria, Conflicts and Regional Dynamics in the Maghreb - Professor Rachid Tlemcani, University of Algiers 5. The Role of ECOWAS in Consolidating Peace in North Mali - Mr. Souleymane Satigui Sidibe, Panafrican Youth Union 6. Harnessing the Power of Regional Security Providers: The Case of Algeria and Morocco – Professor Anouar Boukhars, APN Advisory Board 7. Morocco in the ECOWAS: What Implications on Peacebuilding in a Deadlocked AMU? - Professor Mohammed Ahmed Gain, AIPECT
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09.00 – 11.00	<p>Third Plenary Sessions: State Actors’ Roles, Influence and Risks II</p> <p>Chair: Professor Cyril Obi</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. North Africa Security Challenges, Nile disputes and Egypt’s Regional Peace and Security Role- Dr. Rawia Tawfik, Cairo University 9. Angola and Regional Approach to Conflict Management and Peacebuilding in the Great Lake Region - Dr. Francisco K. Ngongo, University Agostinho Neto 10. Sudan and Regional Approach to Conflict Management and Regional Security – Dr. Tamer Abd Elkreem, University of Bayreuth
11.00 – 11.30	<p>Coffee Break</p>

11.30 – 13.30	<p>Fourth Plenary Sessions: Challenges of Regional Security as Public Goods</p> <p>Chair: Professor Georges Nzongola-Ntalaja</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Gender and Regional Peacebuilding Practice in Central Africa- Professor Rachel-Claire Okani, Sciences Juridiques de l'Université de Yaoundé II, Cameroun 12. The Role of RECs, Participation of Youth in Social and Economic Development and the Prospect for Peace Consolidation - Karim Saafi 13. Gender and Peacebuilding Practice in the Maghreb' - Dr. Bouchra Sidi Hida Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches en Sciences, CERSS, Morocco
13.30 – 14.30	<p>Lunch Break</p>
14.30 – 17.00	<p>Fifth Plenary Session: SSRC-APN Roundtable on Peace Research</p> <p>Chair: Professor Morten Bøås</p> <p>Main Presentation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14. Peacebuilding in Africa: What Roles for Scholars and Practitioners, Professor Cyril Obi, SSRC-APN <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Jamal Bahmad • Dr. Amy Niang • Dr. Rawia Tawfik • Dr. Tamer Abd Elkreem
17.00-17.15	<p>Short Break</p>
17.15 – 18.15	<p>Concluding Session: Policy Recommendations, Research Agenda & Way Forward</p> <p>Chair /Facilitator: Professor Redie Bereketeab</p> <p>Discussants: Professor Rachid Tlemcani, Dr. Bouchra Sidi Hida, and Professor Mohammed Ahmed Gain</p>
18.15 - 19.30	<p>Closure and Socials</p>