

## **Policy Dialogue on Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and Peacebuilding in Southern Africa**

**Date: May 23 -24, 2018**

**Venue: University of Botswana, Gaborone, Botswana**

### **Programme**

#### **DAY ONE: Wednesday 23 May**

##### **OPENING SESSION**

Chair: Southern African Development Community, SADC, Gaborone

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| 09.00 - 09.30 | - Opening Remarks - Chairman: SADC, Gaborone,<br>- Introduction and Welcome Address - Bashi Mothusi, Head, Department of Political and Administrative Studies, University of Botswana,<br>- Opening remarks - Iina Soiri, Director, Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden. |
| 09.30 - 09.40 | Solidarity and Goodwill Message - Cecilia Julin, Ambassador of Sweden to South Africa, and Representative of Nordic Foreign Missions in Botswana.                                                                                                                             |
| 09.40 - 09.50 | Background and Context to the Policy-Research Dialogue on RECs and Peacebuilding in SADC - Victor Adetula, Head of Research, Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala.                                                                                                                |
| 09.50 - 10.30 | Keynote Address by Southern African Development Community, SADC, Gaborone.                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 10.30 - 10.40 | Vote of Thanks - Redie Bereketeab, Senior Researcher, Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala.                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 10.40 - 11.00 | Group photo and tea/coffee break.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

##### **SESSION 1: HISTORICAL AND SOCIAL CONTEXTS**

Chair: Tim Murithi, Head of Programme, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, Cape Town, South Africa

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| 11.00 - 11.10 | Introduction and Opening Remarks by Chair.                                                                                                                      |
| 11.10 - 11.30 | Persistent Peace & Security Challenges and Regional Conflict Management in Southern Africa - Michael Aeby, Swiss Peace Foundation, Switzerland.                 |
| 11.30 - 11.50 | Conceptual and Theoretical Discourse on SADC as a Regional Security System Remarks - Professor Olayiwola Abegunrin, Howard University, United States.           |
| 11.50 - 12.10 | Peace and Stability for who? Unpacking the neoliberal agenda of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) - Kebapetse Lotshwao, University of Botswana. |
| 12.10 - 13.00 | Discussion                                                                                                                                                      |

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch

## **SESSION 2: STRUCTURES, INSTITUTIONS and MECHANISMS**

Chair: Jorge C. Cardoso, Director, Organ on Politics, Defense and Security Affairs, SADC Secretariat, Gaborone

- 14.00 - 14.10 Introduction and Opening Remarks.
- 14.10 - 14.30 Towards Effective Legal and Institutional Frameworks for Regional Approach to Peacebuilding in the SADC Region - Shadreck Mhango, Department of International Law and International Relations, University of Lilongwe, Malawi.
- 14.30 - 14.50 The Role of SADC's Mediation Support Unit in Supporting Peacebuilding Interventions - Tim Murithi, Head of Programme, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, Cape Town.
- 14.50 - 15.10 Tea/coffee break
- 15.10 - 15.30 The Role of the SADC Electoral Advisory Council in Electoral Peace-Building in Southern Africa – Prof. Mpho Molomo, University of Botswana and Dr. Laone Selala, University of Botswana.
- 15.30 - 17.00 Discussion
- 17.00 Close of Business for the Day.
- 18.30 Reception by the Embassy of Sweden at the Sweden House in Gaborone.

## **DAY TWO: Thursday 24 May**

### **SESSION 3: NATIONAL ACTORS, RECs AND PEACEBUILDING**

Chair: Iina Soiri, Director, Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden

- 09.00 - 09.10 Introduction and Opening remarks.
- 09:10 - 09.30 South Africa, SADC and Security Challenges: a Historical Perspective – Prof. Chris Saunders, University of Cape Town, South Africa.
- 09.30 - 09.50 SADC, Peace and Security in Southern in the Post-Apartheid Era – Prof. Roger Southall, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa.
- 09.50 - 10.10 Tea/coffee break
- 10.10 - 10.30 Global Terrorism and African Responses: A Case Study of Botswana – Dr. Edgar Bwalya, University of Botswana and Dr. Laone Selala, University of Botswana.
- 10.30 - 10.50 Complicity of Regional Actors and in SADC Conflict Management Experiences - Victor Adetula, Head of Research, Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala.
- 10.50 - 12.10 Peace, Research and Peace Practice in Africa - Reflections of SSRC-APN Grantee, Rosette Vuninga.
- 12.10 - 12.30 Peace, Research and Peace Practice in Africa - Reflections of SSRC-APN Grantee, Dr. Godfrey Maringira.
- 12.30 - 13.10 Discussion
- 13.10 - 14.15 Lunch

#### **SESSION 4: CHALLENGES AND GREY AREAS**

Chair: Prof. Olayiwola Abegunrin, Howard University, United States

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| 14.15 - 14.25 | Introduction and Opening Remarks.                                                                                                                                                   |
| 14.25 - 14.45 | Challenges of Managing UN-RECs Relationship in Regional Peacebuilding Process - Anatole Ayissi, Senior Political Adviser, United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa, Gabon. |
| 14.45 - 15.05 | Mainstreaming Gender into RECs Peacebuilding Programmes: Comparative Analysis of SADC and ECCAS – Prof. Rachel Claudie Okani, University of Yaoundé II, Cameroon.                   |
| 15.05 - 15.25 | Challenge of Financing Regional Peacebuilding Programmes - Redie Bereketeab, Senior Researcher, Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala.                                                   |
| 15.25 - 16.25 | Discussion                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 16.25 - 16.35 | Tea/coffee break                                                                                                                                                                    |

#### **CONCLUDING SESSION**

Chair and Moderator: Victor Adetula, Head of Research, Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala

Panellists: Redie Bereketeab, Rachel Okani, Edgar Bwalya, Kebapetse Lotshwao

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| 16.35 - 17.30 | Concluding session.                  |
| 17.30         | Announcements and Close for the Day. |