

Africa: Peace and Security

Capacity development through higher education and applied research

The Africa Peace and Security Programme (APSP) and the Institute of Peace and Security Studies (IPSS) at Addis Ababa University jointly investigate “African Solutions” in the area of peace and security. The programme aims to contribute to the development and implementation of the policies and strategies of the African Union.

Challenges

- Managers and staff of the African Union Commission (AUC), Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and Regional Mechanisms (RMs) working on conflict prevention and conflict transformation often lack technical expertise.
- This hinders the development of strategies and policy frameworks and impedes the formulation of practical and sustainable solutions to peace and security.
- A regular exchange of academia, civil society actors and decision makers of lessons-learned and best practices in the area of conflict transformation and peace consolidation in Africa is missing.

Approach

- GIZ supports the Institute of Peace and Security Studies (IPSS) in the implementation of its institutional partnership with the African Union in the area of peace and security and contributes to the following areas with an integrated four pillar approach:
 - Graduate education (Master Programme in Peace and Security Management) and training of managers and technical experts.

- Applied research for African-led solutions in peace and security.
- Establishment of a network of African experts and researchers in the area of peace and security.
- Lectures, workshops and conferences, such as the annual “Tana High-Level Forum on Security in Africa” in Bahir Dar at Lake Tana (Ethiopia), an African security conference which forms a policy dialogue platform for high-level decision makers and experts.



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