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MEDIA ADVISORY

Consultative Workshop on the Development of a Consolidated Database of CSOs Working in the Fields of Peace and Security in Africa

INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA

What: Consultative Workshop on the Development of a Consolidated Database of CSOs Working in the Fields of Peace and Security in Africa

When: 21-22 April 2023 at 9:00AM EAT

Who: The Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC)

Speakers: Mr. William Carew (Head of Secretariat, ECOSOCC); Ms. Elizabeth Mutunga (Head of Governance, Peace and Security, COMESA); Ms. Neema Chusi (Ag. Secretary, PSC); Mr. Khalid Boudali (Presiding Officer, ECOSOCC); Deputy Ambassador George Kwanya (Deputy Head of Mission Republic of Kenya to Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the African Union)

Where: Nairobi, Kenya at the Mövenpick Hotel (Westlands, Nairobi) and **online via Zoom:**

<https://zoom.us/j/91648102936?pwd=aHZWOTY3M2ZNV0lCZkdVnFWTms0dz09>

Objectives:

The overall objective of the workshop is to define and develop the road map of a consolidated database of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in peace and security in Africa.

In line with the Maseru Conclusion of 2014 which requires CSOs to comply with the African Union Economic Social and Cultural Council (ECOSSOC) criteria for membership and interaction with the Peace and Security Council (PSC) and to allow for a more robust engagement between the PSC and CSOs, ECOSOCC seeks to develop a functional and harmonized CSO database for engagement in the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA) framework.

The database on governance, peace, and security issues is part of ECOSOCC's ongoing efforts to promote and strengthen African civil society's institutional, human, and operational capacities.

As a result, ECOSOCC is hosting a consultative workshop with RECs/RMs, peace and security CSOs on the continent, the ECOSOCC Peace and Security Cluster Committee and the PSC Secretariat.

The aim of the workshop is to define and develop a roadmap that will inform the development of the database. The workshop will also enhance understanding about the consolidated CSO database and its implications for future engagements of African CSOs within the APSA.

**The media are invited to cover the meeting on 21st April 2023 at 09:00hrs EAT, at the Mövenpick Hotel in Nairobi, Kenya and online via Zoom:
<https://zoom.us/j/91648102936?pwd=aHZWOTY3M2ZNV0lCZkdVnFWTms0dz09>.**

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