

MEDIA ADVISORY

Orientation and Dialogue with the New Leadership of the 4th ECOSOCC Permanent General Assembly on APSA Implementation

INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA

What: Orientation and Dialogue with the new Leadership of the 4th ECOSOCC Permanent General Assembly on the Implementation of the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA) Tools and Mechanisms for Engagement with the Peace and Security Council.

When: 04 - 05 September 2023, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Where: Voila Bagatelle Hotel, Moka, Mauritius

Who: The African Union Economic, Social, and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC) with support from the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA).

Why: The Orientation and Dialogue event is of utmost significance as it aims to equip the new leadership of the 4th ECOSOCC Permanent General Assembly with the necessary tools and mechanisms for meaningful engagement with the PSC in the context of APSA. This event seeks to enhance the participants' understanding of APSA and bolster engagement between ECOSOCC and the PSC, fostering a more cohesive approach to addressing peace and security challenges across Africa.

Objectives:

1. Enhance the understanding of APSA and its components, including the Peace and Security Council.
2. Clarify ECOSOCC's roles, responsibilities, and mandate within APSA.
3. Explore APSA tools and mechanisms for engagement with the PSC to address peace and security challenges collaboratively.
4. Identify areas of cooperation and coordination between ECOSOCC and the PSC to advance peace, security, and stability in Africa.

Expected Outcomes:

1. **Comprehensive Grasp of APSA:** Participants will acquire a holistic understanding of APSA, empowering them to navigate its complexities effectively.
2. **Mandate Clarity:** The event will provide a clearer comprehension of ECOSOCC's mandate, guiding the new leadership in fulfilling its responsibilities effectively.
3. **Synergy Identification:** Through exploration of APSA tools, participants will uncover opportunities for joint initiatives with the PSC.
4. **Actionable Strategies:** Interactive discussions will yield actionable plans for addressing specific conflict situations.
5. **Relationship Building:** Participants will establish valuable contacts, fostering future collaboration and cooperation.
6. **Best Practices Exchange:** The sharing of best practices will inspire innovative approaches to peacebuilding.

Participants:

The event will bring together the new leadership of the 4th ECOSOCC Permanent General Assembly, Representatives from the ECOSOCC and COMESA Secretariats, Government Officials and experts in APSA and peacebuilding matters.

Representatives of the media are invited to attend the opening ceremony at Voila Bagatelle Hotel, Moka, Mauritius at 9:00 am on September 4th, 2023.

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About ECOSOCC

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