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**9<sup>TH</sup> HIGH-LEVEL SEMINAR ON PEACE AND SECURITY IN AFRICA**

**7-9 DECEMBER 2022  
ORAN, ALGERIA**

PSC/HLS/CN.9 (2022)

**CONCEPT NOTE**

**9<sup>TH</sup> HIGH LEVEL SEMINAR ON PEACE AND SECURITY IN AFRICA: ASSISTING AFRICAN  
MEMBERS OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL IN PREPARING TO ADDRESS PEACE AND  
SECURITY ISSUES ON THE CONTINENT**

## **I. BACKGROUND CONTEXT**

1. The Peace and Security Council (PSC), in its Communiqué [[PSC/AHG/COMM/1.\(CCCXCVII\)](#)] adopted at the 397<sup>th</sup> meeting held at the level of Heads of State and Government, in New York, on 23 September 2013, which was devoted to strengthening the partnership between the African Union (AU) and the United Nations (UN) in the area of peace and security, agreed on, among other steps, the need for “greater consultations between the PSC and the African Members (A3) of the UN Security Council, to ensure that decisions adopted by Council are effectively promoted and defended in the UN Security Council.”

2. Pursuant to this decision, since 2013, the PSC, in collaboration with the AU Commission and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), decided to institutionalize and regularize an annual high level seminar on peace and security in Africa bringing together the PSC, the A3, the AU Commission, UN and other partners, as a reflection forum for participants to exchange views, share experiences, lessons and best practices, with a view to further enhancing the coordination and coherence between the PSC and A3 on peace and security issues in the Continent.

3. To date, eight (8) High-Level Seminars on peace and security in Africa have been organized. The High-Level Seminar is deliberately organized just before the newly elected A3 take their seats, as part of the efforts aimed at ensuring that they fully understand the peace and security situations in the Continent including the African common positions on the same. The A3 will also fully appreciate the importance of enhanced cooperation between the A3 and the PSC. The newly elected A3 are expected to achieve this not only from the institutional memory of, and lessons learnt by, the sitting and outgoing A3, but also from the interactions with the PSC Members, as well as other relevant stakeholders participating at the Seminar.

4. It is in this context that the PSC, in collaboration with the AU Commission and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), with the support of the partners will be convening the 9<sup>th</sup> High-Level Seminar in Oran, Algeria, from 7 to 9 December 2022.

## **II. OBJECTIVES:**

5. The 9<sup>th</sup> High Level-Seminar will further strengthening coherence, cooperation, coordination, between the PSC and the A3 in discharging their respective mandates. More specifically, the High-Level Seminar aims at ensuring that, the A3 more effectively promote, articulate and defend African common positions, interests and concerns, during the decision-making process of the UN Security Council on peace and security issues concerning Africa and its people, in line with the decisions and declarations of the AU decision-making organs.

6. The High-Level Seminar also provides an opportunity for participants to exchange views on peace and security situations on the Continent, including some related thematic issues, , the progress achieved in addressing those situations and thematic issues, the challenges facing the A3 with respect to discharging their Africa-given mandate within the UN

Security Council and to collectively map the way forward in addressing the identified challenges.

7. The 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the High-Level Seminar will also review the status of implementation of the recommendations of the previous High-Level Seminars, particularly, the Conclusions of the 8<sup>th</sup> High level Seminar.

### III. **EXPECTED OUTCOME:**

8. At the end of the High-Level Seminar, participants are expected to adopt a set of conclusions highlighting innovative and practical recommendations on best means and ways of further enhancing the cooperation, coordination and collaboration between the PSC and the A3, as well as on enhancing the effectiveness of the A3 in discharging its mandate.

### IV. **PARTICIPANTS**

9. Participants will include PSC Members, Current A3 Members, the incoming A3 Member, as well as Friends of the High-Level Seminar, invited guests and selected AU partners.

### V. **AGENDA:**

10. The Seminar will focus on the following thematic issues:

- i. Disarmament and control of illicit small arms and light weapons: *Silencing the Guns in Africa*;
- ii. African Responses to Emerging Threat to Peace and Security in the Continent - *Addressing the scourge of terrorism and violent extremism in Africa*;
- iii. Imposition and application of sanctions by the international organizations and partners on AU Member States;
- iv. The AUPSC and the A3: better coordination for strengthening Africa's voice within the UN Security Council (closed for PSC and A3 only).

### VI. **VENUE, DATE AND LANGUAGE**

11. The 9<sup>th</sup> High Level Seminar will take place in Oran, Algeria at Le Méridien Hotel, starting from 7 to 9 December 2022. All participants will arrive in Oran, Algeria on 6 December and return to their respective destinations on 10 December 2022. The Seminar will be conducted in Arabic, English, French and Portuguese.

## VII. DRAFT PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 6 December 2022

Arrival of Delegations in Oran, Algeria

DAY ONE: Wednesday, 7 December 2022	
Time	Agenda
07:30 – 8:30	Registration & Accreditation PSC Secretariat
09:00 – 09:30	Opening Ceremony <b>Dr. Alhadji Sarjoh Bah</b> , Director, Conflict Management Directorate – Moderator
	Opening Remarks <b>H.E. Geoffrey Onyeama</b> , Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria, and Chairperson of the PSC for the month of December 2022
	Welcome Remarks <b>H.E Ramtane LAMAMRA</b> , Minister of Foreign Affairs and the National Community Abroad of Algeria
	Key Note Address <b>H.E. Dr. Alfred N. Mutua</b> , EGH Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and diaspora Affairs of Kenya, Coordinator of African Members of the Security Council (A3)
	Remarks <b>H.E. Ambassador Bankole Adeoye</b> , Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security of the AU
	Message of Goodwill Representative of Partners
09:30 – 10:00	Family Photo /Coffee Break
10:00 – 12:00	<b>Session I: Disarmament and control of illicit small arms and light weapons: <i>Silencing the Guns in Africa</i></b>
	Plenary discussion
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch Break
15:00	Excursion
19:00	Diner hosted by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and National Community Abroad, H.E Ramtane LAMAMRA

DAY TWO: Thursday, 8 December 2022	
09:00 – 11:00	<b>SESSION II: Interactive General Debate on the Theme: African Responses to Emerging Threat to Peace and Security in the Continent - <i>Addressing the scourge of terrorism and violent extremism in Africa</i></b>
	Plenary Discussion
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 – 13:00	<b>SESSION III: Imposition and application of sanctions by the international organizations and partners on AU Member States</b>
	Plenary Discussion
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break

CLOSED SESSION FOR PSC AND A3 MEMBERS	
14:15 – 16:00	<b>SESSION IV: The AUPSC and the A3: better coordination for strengthening Africa's voice within the UN Security Council</b>
	<b>Chairperson: H.E. Geoffrey Onyeama</b> , Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria, and Chairperson of the PSC for the month of December 2022
	Interactive discussions – PSC and A3 Members
16:00	Excursion
19:00	Cocktail/Dinner-Gala courtesy of the Wali of Oran

DAY THREE: Friday, 9 December 2022		
10:00 – 12:00	<b>SESSION V: Consideration of the Conclusions of the Seminar &amp; Closing</b>	
	<b>Chairperson: H.E. Geoffrey Onyeama</b> , Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria, and Chairperson of the PSC for the month of December 2022	
	Presentation of the Conclusions	<b>Dr. Alhadji Sarjoh Bah</b> , Director, Conflict Management Directorate
	Adoption of the Conclusions	
11:00 – 12:00	<b>Closing Ceremony (all participants and media) – Moderated by Dr. Alhadji Sarjoh Bah</b> , Director, Conflict Management Directorate	
	Statement	<b>H.E. Ambassador Bankole Adeoye</b> , Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security
	Statement	<b>H.E. Ramtane LAMAMRA</b> , Minister of Foreign Affairs and the National Community Abroad, Algeria
	Vote of thanks	PSC Member and A3 Member
	Closing	<b>H.E. Geoffrey Onyeama</b> , Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria, and Chairperson of the PSC for the month of December 2022
	<b>Media Brief</b>	PSC Chairperson, Host Country and Commissioner, Political Affairs, Peace and Security
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:30	Excursion	

Saturday, 10 December 2022

Departure from Oran, Algeria

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