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Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference for a short- term consultant to facilitate the development of a Compendium on African Union past and current Peace Support Operations (AU PSO).

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A. Background and context

1. Peace, security and stability on the continent are key objectives of the African Union, as part of efforts to facilitate the regional integration agenda. Within this context, the AU notes that common external threats and challenges to Africa's continental security, as outlined in Article 9 of the Common African Defence and Security Policy (CADSP), may endanger or have the potential, either directly or indirectly, to constrain individual and collective efforts to achieve continental security goals. The AU is also aware that Member States can be subject to a variety of multifaceted and complex human-made and natural risks that are most times difficult to predict, prevent and manage.¹
2. In this regard, the AU established mechanisms to prevent and address threats to peace, security and stability on the continent. This is as a result of the understanding of possible threats within Member States with some that also transcend state and regional boundaries. Some of these threats include political exclusion and oppression, identity-based conflict, the rise of non-state armed actors, economic decline, and the collapse of political orders, the proliferation of small arms, terrorism, and organised crime which are factors for concern.²
3. Since the establishment of the African Union (AU) in 2000 and its Peace and Security Council (PSC) in 2002, the AU has played an increased and expanded role in addressing peace and security issues on the continent. Pursuant to this, it has developed the AU Peace and Security Architecture (APSA) and deployed missions in Darfur, Burundi, Mali, the Central African Republic and Somalia, to cite a few. Article 16(2) of the AU PSC Protocol (2002) outlines that the AU PSC shall consult with RECs/RMs to promote initiatives aimed at anticipating and preventing conflicts, as well as peace-making and peace building in situations where conflicts have occurred. In this regard, consultation, coordination and cooperation between the AU and RECs/RMs is paramount, as well as with Member States and their

¹ Solemn Declaration on a Common African Defence and Security Policy (2004).

² Ibid.

national early warning capabilities. Taking note of the Policy Framework for the establishment of the African Standby Force and the Military Staff committee adopted by AU Heads of State and Government at the third AU summit; the AU traced 6 typical scenarios where AU can intervene. The AU has increasingly seen as a key strategic partner of the United Nations (UN) and has demonstrated its capacity and comparative advantage to rapidly intervene in crisis situations through the deployment of multidimensional Peace Support Operations (PSOs) composed of military, police and civilian components.

4. Therefore, the African Union Commission (AUC) has embarked on a process to enhance its policy, best practices and knowledge management processes through a systematic process and approach in gathering critical information from the past and current PSOs.

B. Objective:

The objective of this consultancy is to provide support to the PSOD process to enhance policy, best practices and knowledge processes through the development of a compendium of past and current PSOs. AU PSOs.

C. Output/tasks/Action

The main output expected of the Consultant is to provide technical expertise in the development of a compendium of past and current AU PSOs.

D. Deliverables

The following deliverables are expected from the Consultant:

1. Provide research on all past and current PSOs including their mandates and other documentation and develop a matrix of the different documents according to the PSO
2. Categorize the PSOs into the different categories as provided for in the AU Doctrine on PSO.
3. Facilitate comparative analysis of the PSO conducted during OAU with the PSOs conducted during the AU to capture lessons learned in order to enhance the AU's strategies and approaches in PSOs.

E. Required qualification

The consultant is expected to fit the following profile:

- MA (or equivalent) in Political Science, Law, International Relations, Peace and Conflict Studies, or similar field;
- Experience in conducting policy research and developing policy document;

- Extensive knowledge of African Peace Support Operations (AU PSOs), their legal and operational structure and their respective coordination mechanisms with the African Union; specific knowledge of AU led and authorized operations, such as AMISOM, MNJTF is an asset;
- Excellent spoken and written command of at least one of the AU Languages

F. Mode of cooperation

The consultant is expected to be embedded within the PSOD to provide technical support. S/He will be under the supervision of the Chief of Policy Development Unit in the Peace Support Operations.

G Duration of work

The Consultant is expected to facilitate the activities as follows.

Activity/ Outcome	No. of days: Timeframe
Provide research on all past and current PSOs including their mandates and other documentation and develop a matrix of the different documents according to the PSO	90 Days total
Categorize the PSOs into the different categories as provided for in the AU Doctrine on PSO.	
Facilitate comparative analysis of the PSO conducted during OAU with the PSOs conducted during the AU to capture lessons learned in order to enhance the AU's strategies and approaches in PSOs.	

The consultancy shall commence on 01 December 2021.

Confidentiality

The information shared with the consultant are confidential and shall not be disclosed to anyone else or used in any other publication. The consultant must refrain from using any of the information shared in other publications. The final product of the consultancy will be submitted to the AU-PSOD for approval by the appropriate policy Organs. The AU-PSOD reserves the right to amend the final documents before their submission for approval and owns the final products.

Reference documents

- a. Constitutive Act of the AU
- b. Peace and Security Council Communiqués.
- c. AU Doctrine on Peace Support Operations.
- d. Policy framework for the Establishment of the African Standby Force and Military Staff Committee.
- e. Specialized Technical Committee on Defense, Safety and Security Decisions.

H. Consultancy Fee

The total fee for this Consultancy is Fifteen Thousand United States Dollars (\$15,000)

The payments will be made in installments based upon outputs/deliverables specified in the TOR and upon certification of satisfactory work as per work plan and endorsed by the AUC.

The payment schedule is arranged as follows:

- 20% on completion of Deliverable 1
- 40% on completion of Deliverable 2
- 40% on completion of Deliverable 3

I. Governance and Support by the African Union

The consultant is expected to be embedded within the PSOD to provide technical support in the implementation and facilitation of the development of Policy documents, generic templates, legal frameworks and other PSO documents as contained in the AU PSO Catalogue of Documents.

J. EVALUATION QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

The African Union Commission now invites eligible **Individual Consultants** to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested candidate must provide information demonstrating that he/she has the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

For evaluation of the expressions of interest the following criteria will be applied:

- i. Educational qualification (20 Points)

- ii. Proven Experience in the development of policies for African Union Peace Support Operations (20 Points)
- iii. Knowledge of African Union Peace Support Operations (AU PSOs) (30 points)
- iv. Proven record of ensuring confidentiality of sensitive information in line with the procedures, rules and regulations of contracting organization (30 points)

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 8:00-13:00hrs and 14:00-17:00 hours Local Time.

Proposal must be delivered in a written form to the address below not later than 15:00 hours local time, **19th November 2020.**

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