African Union

# WORKING METHODS OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL: A BRIEF OVERVIEW

25 MARCH 2025, ARUSHA, TANZANAIA

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# INTRODUCTION

- TWO-YEAR MANDATE 2024 – 2026
- THREE-YEAR MANDATE 2025 – 2028

| S/N | COUNTRY | REGION |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Cameroon | Central |
| 2 | Ethiopia | Eastern |
| 3 | Eswatini | Southern |
| 4 | Nigeria | Western |
| 5 | | Northern |

| S/N | COUNTRY | REGION |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Democratic Republic of Congo | Central |
| 2 | Equatorial Guinea | Central |
| 3 | Tanzania | Eastern |
| 4 | Uganda | Eastern |
| 5 | Egypt | Northern |
| 6 | Botswana | Southern |
| 7 | Angola | Southern |
| 8 | Cote d'Ivoire | Western |
| 9 | Gambia | Western |
| 10 | Sierra Leone | Western |

# COMPOSITION OF THE PSC

- The Peace and Security Council (PSC) consists of fifteen (15) Member States elected by the Executive.
- Ten Members for a two-year term, currently: Angola, Botswana, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, The Gambia, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, and Uganda. Their term end on 31 March 2026
- Five Members for three-year term: Cameroon, Ethiopia, Eswatini and Nigeria. Their term end on 31 March 2028.

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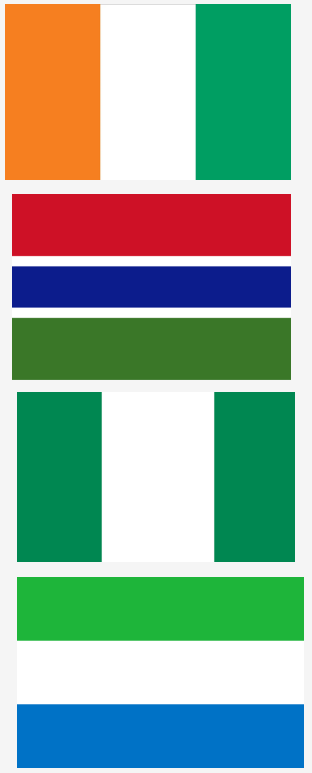
SOUTHERN



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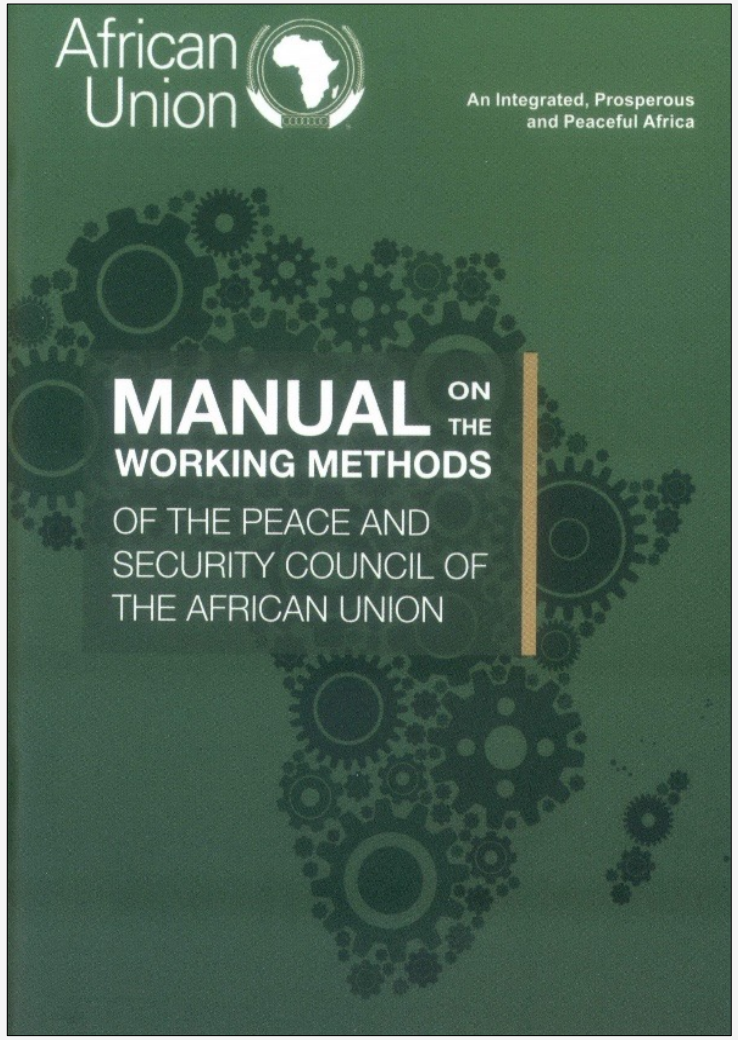
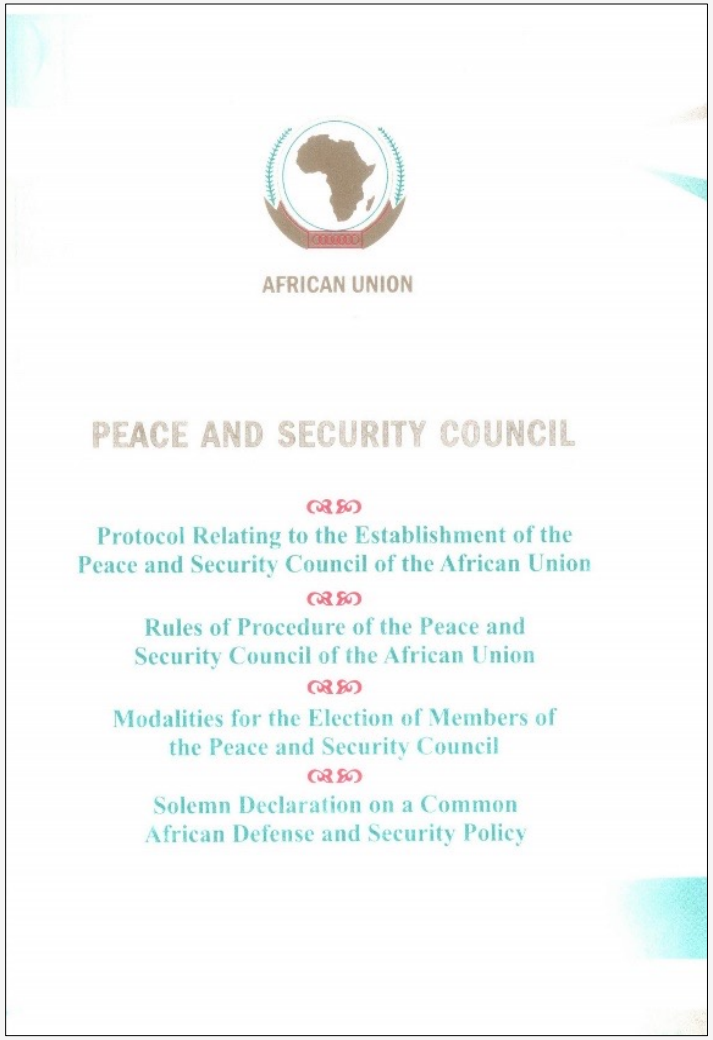
# COMPOSITION OF THE PSC (Article 5)…CONT.

- Article 5 (2) provides the criteria for PSC candidates, e.g., having sufficiently staffed and equipped Missions, both at the AU and UN HQs. (Article 5(4))
- A retiring member of the PSC is eligible for immediate re-election.
- Elected PSC members take their seats in the Council on 1 April (Para II (i) Dakar Conclusion) but start attending PSC meetings as observers during the month of March, followed by an induction exercise.
- Accreditation process.

# PSC WORKING TOOLS

1. AU Constitutive Act
2. PSC Protocol
3. PSC Manual on Working Methods
4. Annual Indicative Programme of Work
5. Provisional Programme of Work
6. PSC Chairship rotation list



# HOW PSC ANNUAL PROGRAMMES DRAFTED

- The Indicative Annual Programme (IAP) of the PSC is developed by the PSC Secretariat.
- The IAP captures the conflict/post conflict situations the PSC is seized with, mandatory meetings e.g. Renewal of mandates, consultative meetings, periodic retreats, field missions, seminars, inductions etc.
- The IAP is first considered by the CoE before considered by the PSC.
- It has been the tradition of the PSC to adopt its AIP at the end of each year (in December).

# INDICATIVE ANNUAL PROGRAMME FOR 2025

## II. CONSIDERATION/REVIEW OF CONFLICT SITUATIONS AND THOSE IN TRANSITION THE COUNCIL IS SEIZED WITH[1]:

| NO | AGENDA | PREVIOUS MEETINGS IN 2022,2023, 2024 | LAST MEETING DATE |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | The situation in Burkina Faso | 1062, 1076, 1106, 1212 | 20 May 2024 |
| 2. | The situation in the Central African Republic | 1093, 1116, 1157, 1221, 1241 | 30 October 2024 |
| 3. | The situation in Chad | 1076, 1106, 1121, 1152 | 11 May 2023 |
| 4. | The situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Great Lakes Region[2] | 1078, 1103, 1140, 1145, 1203, 1212, 1222 | 15 July 2024 |
| 5. | The situation in Ethiopia and Horn of Africa | 1097, 1158, 1192 | 17 January 2024 |
| 6. | The situation in Gabon | 1172, 1180, 1212, 1241 | 30 October 2024 |
| 7. | The situation in Guinea | 1064, 1076, 1106, 1116, 1212 | 20 May 2024 |
| 8. | The situation in Guinea-Bissau | 1126 | 12 December 2022 |
| 9. | The situation in the Lake Chad Basin | 1086, 1207, | 8 April 2024 |
| 10. | The situation in Libya | 1091, 1136, 1150, 1244 | 12 November 2024 |
| 11. | The situation in Mali/Sahel | 1057, 1076, 1087, 1106, 1116, 1212 | 20 May 2024 |
| 12. | The situation in Niger | 1168, 1180, 1212 | 20 May 2024 |
| 13. | The situation in Somalia | 1094, 1112, 1121, 1143, 1192, 1205, 1213, 1217, 1225, 1238, 1252 | 19 December 2024 |
| 14. | The situation in South Sudan | 1060, 1092, 1123, 1141, 1186 , 1202, 1219 | 28 June 2024 |
| 15. | The situation in Sudan (including Darfur) | 1060, 1076, 1117, 1137, 1149, 1154, 1156, 1179, 1185, 1209, 1213, 1218, 1228, 1233, 1235 | 9 October 2024 |
| 16. | The situation on the relationship between Sudan and South Sudan (including Abyei) | 1108 | 29 September 2022 |
| 17. | Informal consultations with countries in transition (Burkina Faso, Gabon, Guinea, Mali, Niger and Sudan | | Quarterly |

[1] * The situation in Western Sahara (at the level of Heads of Government and State, as per Assembly Decision [Assembly/AU/Dec.693(XXXI)] of July 2018)

[2] Following the institutionalization of the Quadripartite Summit, as a platform for coordination, harmonization, and high-level consultations on the situation in the Eastern DRC, in a communique adopted on 27 June 2023, the Chairperson of the PSC for the month in which the Summit will hold will attend the Summit.

# INDICATIVE ANNUAL PROGRAMME FOR 2025

## III. AU PEACE SUPPORT OPERATIONS:

| NO | AGENDA | PREVIOUS MEETING, 2022,2023, 2024 | END OF MANDATE |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) | 1066, 1205, 1213, 1217, 1225, 1238, 1252 | 31 December 2024 |
| 2. | Multinational Joint Task Force (MNJTF) | 1126, 1197, 1207 | 31 January 2025 |
| 3. | Southern African Development Community Mission in Mozambique (SAMIM) | 1062, 1119, 1203 | June 2024 |
| 4. | G5 Sahel Joint Force | 1006 | **Before 12 July 2022 (was not considered in 2022 and 2023)** |
| 6. | Monitoring, Verification and Compliance Mechanism (MVCM) in Tigray, Ethiopia | 1158 | 31 July 2024 |
| 7 | Southern African Development Community Mission in the DRC (SAMIDRC) | 1203 | December 2024/2025 |

## IV. MEETINGS ON THEMATIC AND OTHER ISSUES RELATING TO THE PROMOTION OF PEACE, SECURITY AND STABILITY IN AFRICA:

| NO | AGENDA | FREQUENCY | LAST MEETING | NEXT MEETING |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Briefing by the Department of Political Affairs on Elections in Africa | Twice a year | 25 Jul 2024 | July/August 2025 |
| 2. | Briefing on the Continental Early Warning and Security Outlook (CISSA, AFRIPOL, ACSRT) – with the participation of all SRCCs/HRCCs and AULOs | Quarterly | 16 April 2024 | February, June, October and December 2025 |
| 3. | Briefing by the Panel of the Wise on its activities in Africa | Twice a year, once every six months | 13 March 2024 | March and October 2025 |
| 4. | Briefing on the status of the implementation of the Common African Defence and Security Policy and other relevant AU instruments on defence and security in the continent | Once a year or twice a year | | June 2025 |
| 5. | Open session on Women, Peace and Security in Africa and Commemoration of UN Security Council Resolution 1325, one of which should focus on financing women, peace and security agenda in Africa | Twice a year | 23 March 2024 (HLS in Swakopmund) | March and October 2025 |

# INDICATIVE ANNUAL PROGRAMME FOR 2025

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| 6. | Open session on Hate Crimes and fighting Genocide Ideology in Africa | Once a year | 4 April 2024 | April 2025 |
| 7. | Open session on children and armed conflict and related themes (Fight against the use of child soldiers) | Twice a year | 27 February 2024 | April and November 2025 |
| 8. | Open session on organized Transnational Crime, Peace and Security in Africa | Once a year | 6 May 2022 | May 2025 |
| 9. | Commemorating the international day of Living together in Peace | Once a year | 16 May 2023 | 16 May 2025 |
| 10. | Open session on refugees, IDPs and Humanitarian assistance in Africa | Once a year | 19 June 2024 | June 2025 |
| 11. | Review on Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development in Africa | Once a year | 13 Nov 2024 | November 2025 |
| 12. | Review on the progress made towards Silencing the Guns in Africa – M & E Mechanism of the AU Master Roadmap of Practical Steps to Silence the Guns in Africa by the Year 2030 | Twice a year | 9 March 2021 | June and December 2025 |
| 13. | Review of the implementation of PSC Decisions | Twice a year/quarterly | 5 December 2024 | June and December 2025 |
| 14. | Briefing by the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) | Twice a year | 17 Jan 2024 | July 2025 |
| 15. | PSC session on Constitutionalism, Democracy and Governance | Once a year | 6 August 2024 | August 2025 |
| 16. | Open Session on the Amnesty Month | Once a year | 30 October 2024 | September 2025 |
| 17. | Commemorating the International Day of Peace | Once a year | | 21 September 2025 |
| 18. | Open session on the nexus between Climate Change, peace and security in Africa | Once a year | 30 October 2024 | September 2025 |
| 19. | Briefing by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)on its activities and the humanitarian situation in Africa | Once a year | 29 October 2024 | October 2025 |
| 20. | Consideration of the Report of the Chairperson of the Commission on Counter-Terrorism and related | Once a year | 25 October 2024 | October 2025 |
| 21. | Open session on Youth, Peace and Security | Once a year | 1 November 2024 | November 2025 |
| 22. | PSC session on the interdependence between Peace, Security and Development in Africa | Once a year | 2 October 2024 | December 2025 |
| 23 | Open session on Community Responses to the Security Challenges in Africa | Once a year | 21 July 2023 | July 2025 |
| 24 | Commemoration of Africa Reconciliation Day | Once a year | 31 January 2024 | January 2025 |
| 25 | Open Session on Inclusive Education in Conflict situations | | 21 August 2024 | |

# INDICATIVE ANNUAL PROGRAMME FOR 2025

## V. FIELD MISSIONS:

Field missions based on PSC decisions adopted in 2022 - 2024:

| NO | AGENDA | COUNTRY | TIMELINE |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Field Missions to conflict or post-conflict situations in Africa (countries and dates to be decided by the PSC, considering the prevailing situation in different regions of Africa) – to be agreed upon by the PSC. | South Sudan | |
| | | Libya | March 2025 |
| | | DRC and the Great Lakes Region | |
| | | Guinea Bissau | |
| | | Lake Chad Basin region | |
| | | Sahel region | |
| | | Sudan | |
| | | Abyei Administrative Area | |
| 2. | Continental Logistics Base (CLB) | Cameroon | Early 2025 |
| 3. | Commemorating Africa Amnesty Month | TBC | September 2025 |

## VI. SEMINAR AND RETREATS:

| NO | AGENDA | Country | TIMELINE |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Induction of the Newly Elected PSC Members | | March 2025 |
| 2. | PSC Retreat on Working Methods | | November 2025 |
| 3. | High-Level Seminar on Peace and Security in Africa (Assisting the incoming members of the A3) – Oran Process | Oran, Algeria | December 2025 |
| 4. | Capacity building/Retreat of the PSC Committee of Experts | TBC | May/June 2025 |
| 5. | Capacity building/Retreat of the Military Staff Committee | TBC | May/June 2025 |
| 6. | Capacity building/Retreat of the PSC Sub-Committee on Sanctions | TBC | |
| 7. | Ministerial and High-Level Session on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights and Welfare of Children in situations of Conflict in Africa – Banjul Process | **TBC** | 2025 |
| 8. | Ministerial High-Level Seminar on Women, Peace and Security – Swakopmund Process | **TBC** | March 2025 |

# INDICATIVE ANNUAL PROGRAMME FOR 2025

**VII. CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS:**

| NO | AGENDA | VENUE | LAST MEETING | NEXT MEETING |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 2nd Annual Joint Consultative meeting between the AUPSC and ECOWAS Mediation and Security Council | Addis Ababa, Ethiopia | 24 April 2024 | 2025 |
| 2. | **AU PSC/EU PSC: (EU PSC – Host)**<br>● Joint Retreat<br>● 16th Annual Joint Consultative meeting* | Brussels, Belgium | 22 November 2024 | May 2025 |
| 3. | Annual Consultative meeting between the PSC and the Pan-African Parliament | Johannesburg, South Africa | 30 June 2023 | June 2025 |
| 4. | Annual Consultative meeting between the PSC and African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights | TBC | 8 October 2020 | |
| 4. | 3rd Annual Consultative Meeting with the Economic, Social & Cultural Council (ECOSOCC) and representatives of Civil Society Organisations | TBC | 6 July 2023 | July 2025 |
| 5. | 4th Annual Consultative Meeting between the PSC and the RECs/RMs Policy Organs | TBC | 28-29 Aug 2023 | August 2025 |
| 6. | Annual Consultative meeting between the PSC and the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights | TBC | 10 Aug 2021 | |
| 7. | 2nd Annual Joint Consultative meeting between the AUPSC and SADC Organ on Politics Defence and Security Cooperation | Addis Ababa, Ethiopia | 30 August 2024 | 2025 |
| 8. | Consultative meeting with AGA-APSA Platform | TBC | 11 August 2023 | September 2025 |
| 9. | **AU PSC/UNSC (host – AUPSC):**<br>● 10th Informal Joint Seminar<br>● 19th Annual Joint Consultative Meeting | Addis Ababa, Ethiopia | 18 October 2024 | October 2025 |
| 10. | Annual Joint Consultative Meeting with the UN Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) | Addis Ababa | 18 October 2024 | |
| 11. | 4th Annual Joint Retreat between the PSC and APRM | South Africa | 11-12 Dec 2023 | March/April 2025 |

# HOW PSC MONTHLY PROGRAMMES DRAFTED

- The Monthly Provisional Programme of Work of the PSC is developed by the PSC Chairperson of the month in consultation with the PSC Secretariat;
- The IAP guides the development of the monthly provisional programme of work;
- The Programme covers situations deserving the attention of the PSC at that time and situations which are mandatory (e.g. renewal of mandate) for the PSC to consider, as well as thematic issues;
- The programme remains provisional as it is flexible to accommodate any issue which may arise during the course of the month which will require the immediate attention of the PSC;
- The Programme is presented to the PSC, by the incoming PSC Chairperson for the month, for its consideration and adoption, at least two weeks before assuming the chairpersonship.

# HOW PSC MONTHLY PROGRAMMES DRAFTED…CONT.

African Union | AU PEACE & SECURITY COUNCIL

**PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE AFRICAN AFRICAN UNION**
**FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2025,**
**STAND-IN CHAIR: THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA**

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| March 31 | **April 1**<br>**Ambassadorial (Physical)**<br>• Flag Day- for Incoming members of Council and Briefing by the AUC Chairperson.<br>• International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action. | **2**<br>**Ambassadorial (Physical)**<br>Open session on Hate Crimes and Fighting Genocidal Ideology in Africa & 31st Anniversary Commemoration of the Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda.<br>**CoE Meeting (3:00 pm)**<br>Preparation of the 4th Annual Joint Consultative Meeting between AU PSC and APRM. | **3** | 4 | **5** | **6** |
| **7** | **8** | **9** | **10**<br>**Ambassadorial (Through Silence Procedure)**<br>Consideration and adoption of Draft Monthly Provisional Programme of Work for May 2025. | **11** | **12** | **13** |
| **14** | **15**<br>**Ambassadorial (Through Silence Procedure)**<br>Adoption of the conclusions of the 4th Annual Joint Consultative Meeting between AU PSC and APRM. | **16** | **17**<br>**Ambassadorial (Physical)**<br>Update on the situation in Somalia/AUSSOM. | **18** | **19** | **20** |
| **21** | **22**<br>**CoE (Physical)**<br>Preparation for the CoE Induction. | **23**<br>**Ambassadorial (Physical)**<br>The imperative of a Combined Maritime Task Force in addressing piracy in the Gulf of Guinea. | **24** | **25**<br>**Ambassadorial (Physical)**<br>Reflection on the political landscape in the Sahel Region with a focus on the regional implications of the recent withdrawal of the Republics of Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger from ECOWAS. | **26** | **27** |
| **28** | **29** | **30** | May 1 | 2 | **3** | **4** |

**4th Annual Joint Consultative Meeting between AU PSC and APRM**
**Johannesburg, South Africa**

**CoE Induction Programme**

*All meetings will be held in person in the Plenary Hall of the Old AU Conference Centre Building or online (unless otherwise specified) at 10:00 am (Addis-Ababa time).

# HOW ARE THE PSC MEETINGS ORGANIZED?

Two types of meeting: Article 8 ( 9 & 10)

- **Closed meetings**
  - Open Stage (with invited guests)
- Closed State (PSC Members & AU Commission)
- **Open meetings**
- Open Stage (with all participants)
- Closed State (PSC Members & AU Commission)

**Informal consultations: Art. 8 (11))**

**PSC meet at three levels: Art. 8(2)**

- Permanent Representatives level
- Ministerial level
- Heads of State and Government level

**Meetings held at AUHQs**

**Agenda: PSC Chair –**Proposals from AUC Chairperson and MS-proposed agenda may not be objected by a MS

**Quorum: 2/3 (10 PSC Members) Art. 8(8)**

# HOW ARE THE PSC MEETINGS ORGANIZED?…CONT.

**Following the agenda in the PSC monthly Provisional programme of work:**

- The PSC Secretariat sends a NV to all PSC Members announcing and inviting the PSC for the meetings with a list of proposed invited guests.
- The NV will be accompanied with the relevant working documents for the meeting, if any, e.g. briefing note, concept note or report etc.
- The PSC Members will advise the PSC Secretariat if there is any objection to the proposed list of invited guests within a specified time.
- If there is no objection the PSC secretariat will send invitations to the invited guests (two days before the meeting).
- For open sessions, the PSC Secretariat sends NVs and Concept Note to all invitees two days before the meeting date.

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (Rule 6)

- Once the quorum is met, the PSC Chairperson will call a meeting to order and presents the agenda items for adoption.
- PSC Members may add any agenda item as substantive agenda for discussion or under AOB which will only be for information and not subjected for any discussion.
- Then the agenda will be adopted with or without amendment.
- List of speakers (Rule 8).
- Time management-3 minutes per speaker.

## OUTCOMES OF THE MEETINGS

Rule 32, Working Methods: Para B(xii) para 43-49:

- Communiqué for closed sessions.
- Press statement for open sessions.
- Summary Record.
- Council shall consensually exercise some flexibility, based on the evolutions of the discussion, in deciding the format of the outcome of its deliberations on some particular situations or thematic issues.
- Outcomes are developed from the PSC Chairperson's summary
- Silence Procedure.
- Voting

# OUTCOMES OF THE MEETINGS…CONT.

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PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL
1200TH MEETING

8 FEBRUARY 2024
ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA

PSC/PR/COMM.1200 (2024)

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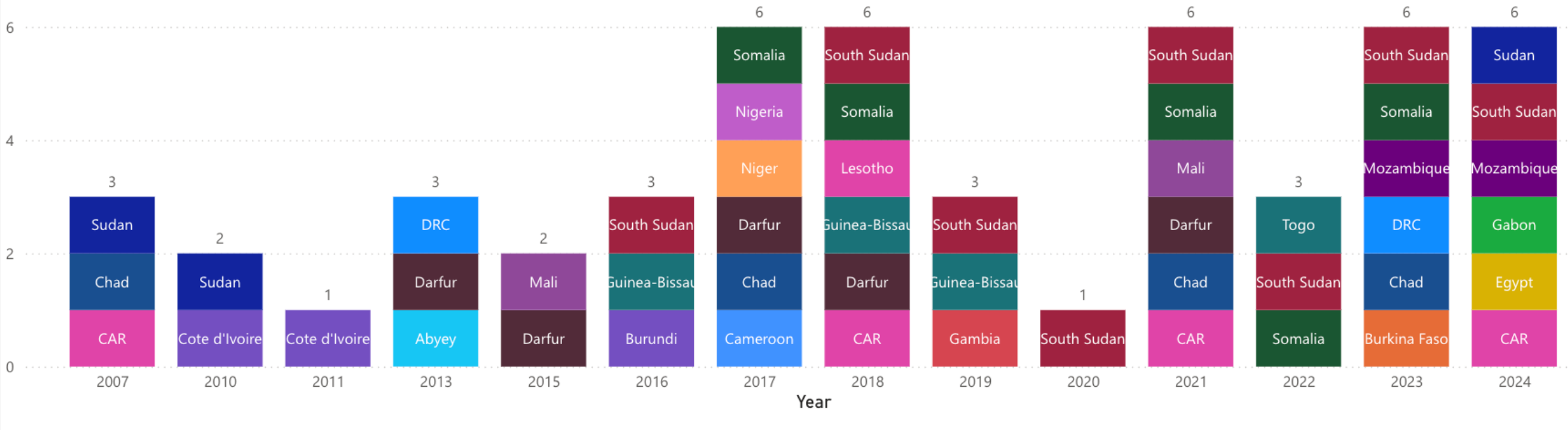
PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL
1192ND MEETING

17 JANUARY 2024
ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA

PSC/PR/BR.1192 (2024)

PRESS STATEMENT

# FIELD MISSIONS




**Field missions**: to enhance its work the PSC; First-hand information; Meet different stakeholders on the ground; Solidarity to the Government & people of the country concerned.

- Report to be adopted through a communique

# PSC RETREATS and SEMINARS

**Retreats**: Essentially to review and improve its working methods.

- 16 Retreats on different issues so far.
- Address challenges emerged in the Council e.g. Working methods etc.
- Outcome of the Retreats (Conclusions - submitted to the Assembly)
- High Level Seminars: Oran Process (2013); Banjul Process (2023); Swakopmund Process (2024)

# PSC CHAIRSHIP

- The Chair of the PSC shall be held in turn in the alphabetical order of their names, for one calendar month: Art. 8(6) Rule 23.
- Duties of the PSC Chairperson: Rule 24.
- Presence of the PSC Chairperson during the month.
- Rotation of the Chair of the Council-new members should queue at the tails end of the existing queue, so as not to change the subsisting order of succession.
- Swapping arrangement: swapping arrangement should be on the basis of the next Chair in the queue in accordance with the English alphabetical order.
- PSC Chairperson represents the PSC.
- New members will take their seats on 1 April 2024.

**CHAIRSHIP OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL 2025/2026**

| S/N | COUNTRY | REGION | CHAIRING MONTH |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | **2025** | |
| 1. | Cote d'Ivoire | Western | January |
| 2. | Equatorial Guinea | Central | February |
| 3. | The Gambia | Western | March |
| 4. | Nigeria | Western | April |
| 5. | Sierra Leone | Western | May |
| 6. | Tanzania | Eastern | June |
| 7. | Uganda | Eastern | July |
| 8. | Angola | Southern | August |
| 9. | Botswana | Southern | September |
| 10. | Cameroon | Central | October |
| 11. | Cote d'Ivoire | Western | November |
| 12. | Democratic Republic of Congo | Central | December |
| | | **2026** | |
| 13. | Egypt | Northern | January |
| 14. | Ethiopia | Eastern | February |
| 15. | Eswatini | Southern | March |

**NOTE** - The mandate of the ten (10) Members of the PSC, elected for a two-year term, will end on 31 March 2026. The Executive Council, which will be held in February 2026, will elect ten (10) Members for a two (2) year term each, to be endorsed by the 39th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union in February 2026. The ten (10) elected members will assume their seats in the Council on 1 April 2026.

- The list might be adjusted once the election of a three-year term Member of the Northern region is concluded.

# PSC REPORTS TO THE ASSEMBLY

**Two reports: Art.7(1)(q)-Are submitted for consideration by the Assembly of the Union together with the draft decisions:**

- Report of the PSC on its Activities and the State of Peace and Security in Africa – **Every year**
- Report of the PSC of the African Union on the Implementation of the African Union Master Roadmap of Practical Steps to Silence the Guns in Africa by the Year 2030 (from 2017) – **After every 2 years**

**Elaboration of the Reports**

**Presentation of the Reports to the Assembly**

- The PSC Chairperson for the month of the AU Summit will introduce the PSC Report to the Assembly.
- The AU Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security will make a detailed presentation and respond to issues and questions that Member States may raise.
- Assembly Decisions.

# PSC SUBSIDIARY BODIES/SUB-COMMITTEE-Art. 8(5)

1. **Military Staff Committee - Article 13(8)**

   Comprised of Defence Advisors of all fifteen (15) PSC Member States, supported by the PSC Secretariat.

2. **Committee of Experts - Dakar Conclusions, 2007**

   Comprised of experts of all fifteen (15) PSC Member States, supported by the PSC Secretariat.

3. **Committee on Sanctions - Ezulwini Conclusions-2009 –** PSC Retreat 15/2023 (Tunis Conclusion para 17(9) – Directed the subcommittee to start its operation

4. **Committee on Counter - Terrorism -249th PSC meeting of 22 November 2010**

5. **Committee on Post-conflict Reconstruction and Development**

*NB: Currently only CoE and MSC are operational*

# WORKING RELATIONS WITH THE RECs/RMs (Article 16)

RECs are Integral components of the APSA and Building Blocs for continental integration.

APSA seeks to ensure effective implementation of Article 16 & the 2008 AU-RECs/RMs MoU and Abuja Conclusions.

RECs/RMs are invites to the PSC meetings on issues of the interest of their respective regions.

Annual Consultative Meeting (PSC & RECs/RMs Policy Organs on Peace and Security ) May 2019; August 2022 and August 2023.

PSC consultations with RECs/RMs – April/August 2024

# WORKING RELATIONS WITH SISTER AU ORGANS: Articles 18 & 19

- PSC has close working relations with  all sister Organs whose mandate includes issues related to promotion of peace, security and stability in Africa.
- PSC Chairperson is invited to attend annual Sessions of the **PAP**.
- Need to reactivate annual consultative meetings.
- Close cooperation with **ACHPR** in all matters relevant to its objectives and mandate.
- ACHPR brings to the PSC information relevant to the objectives and mandate of the PSC.
- ACHPR very instrumental in fighting impunity and in promoting justice for victims of atrocities committed in conflict contexts and also in peace times.

# WORKING RELATIONS WITH THE RECs/RMs (Article 16)…CONT

- **APRM**: Annual Joint Consultative Meeting and Annual Joint retreat

- 5 September 2017- at its 717th meeting, the PSC convened the first consultative meeting with the APRM whose respective mandates include issues relating to promotion of peace, security and stability in Africa, good governance, democracy, and the general well being of African people.

- Agreed to regularize and institutionalize such collective consultations.

- PSC held regular meetings with the **Panel of the Wise**
- **CISSA**

# RELATIONSHIP WITH UN & OTHER INT. ORGANIZATIONS (ART. 17)

- Within APSA, the AU acknowledges the primacy and responsibility of the UNSC in promoting international peace and security.
- Institutionalized working relations with the UNSC. To date 18 AJCMs (1st meeting 16 June 2007) and 9 Informal Joint Seminars (1st 23 May 2016).
- A number of agreed decisions need to be implemented e.g. joint field missions.
- PSC Chair/UNSC President monthly coordination meeting.
- A3 coordination facilitates the PSC/UNSC working relationship.

# RELATIONSHIP WITH EUROPEAN UNION PSC

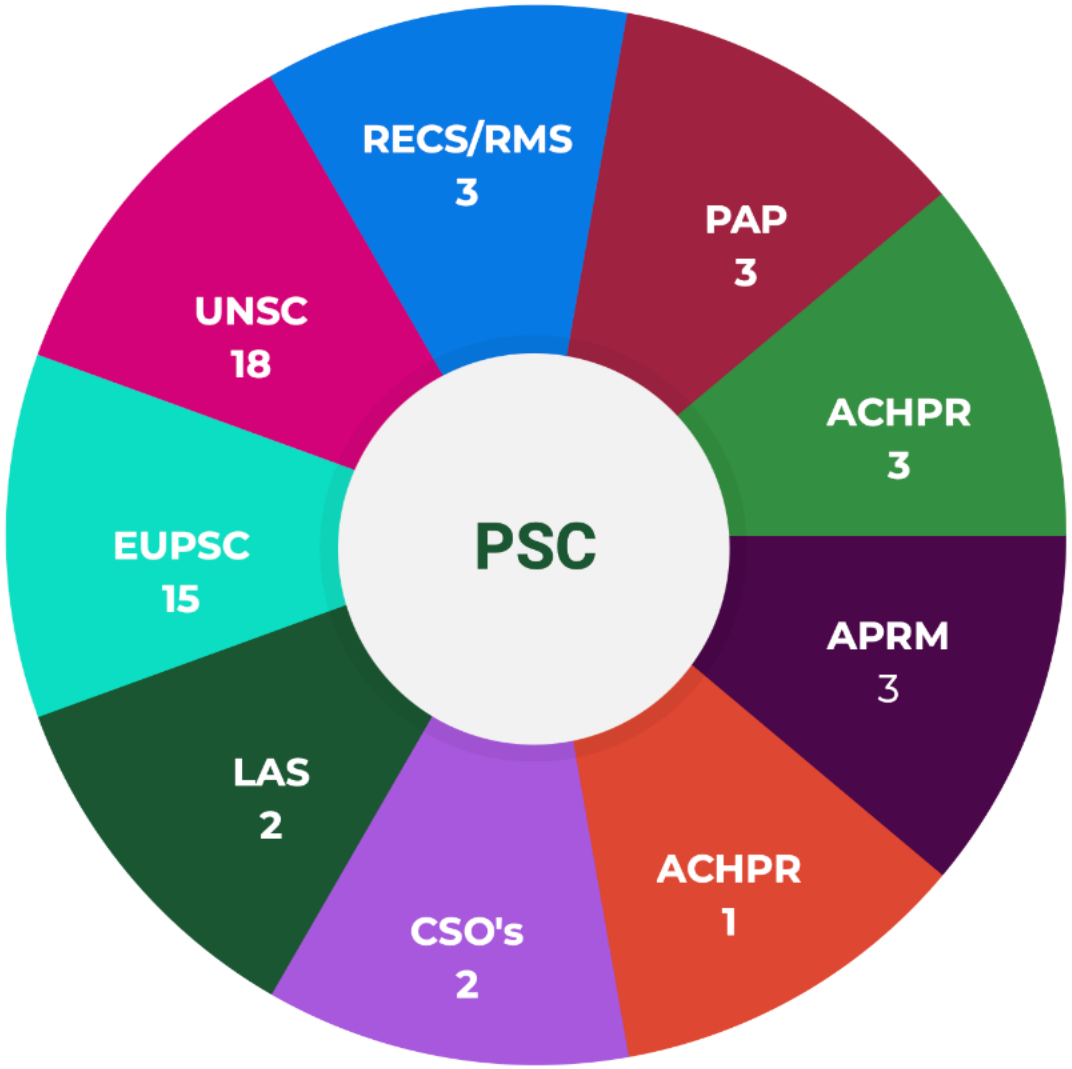
- 15 Annual Joint Consultative Meetings held to date.
- 7 Joint Informal Seminars.
- Two Joint Field Missions: Mali and CAR.
- No agreed joint communique for the past two years
- Need for greater coordination, particularly on the upcoming AJCM.

# WORKING RELATIONS WITH LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES

- PSC established working relations with LAS within the context of Article 17 of its Protocol.
- From 18 to 19 December 2010, the first meeting at the Secretariat level- the two sides agreed to institutionalize and regularize the relationship between the two Councils.
- 27 Sept 2012 – PSC/LASPSC
- 15 January 2018 at its 744th meeting- PSC had an interactive Session on enhancing dialogue with Assistant Secretary-General LAS
- Decided to hold AJCMs with PRs of LAS pending LAS PSC Revitalization.

# SISTER ORGANS & INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

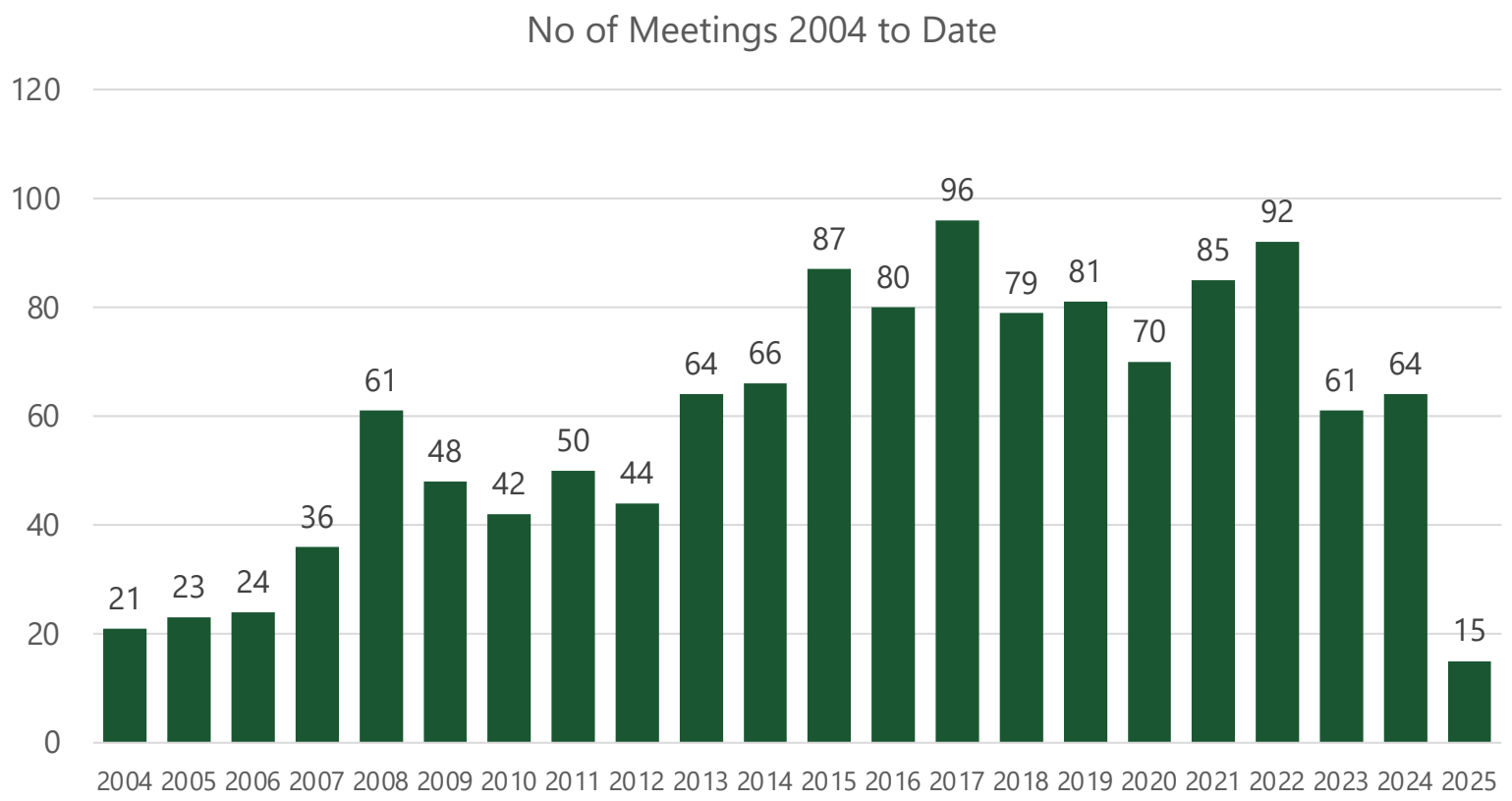
## Working with Sister Organs and International Organizations



# No. OF MEETINGS

- Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo and the Great Lakes Region, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Lake Chad Basin, Libya, Mali/Sahel, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan (including Darfur), relationship between Sudan and South Sudan (including Abyei) and Western Sahara (at the level of Heads of Government and State, per Assembly Decision)

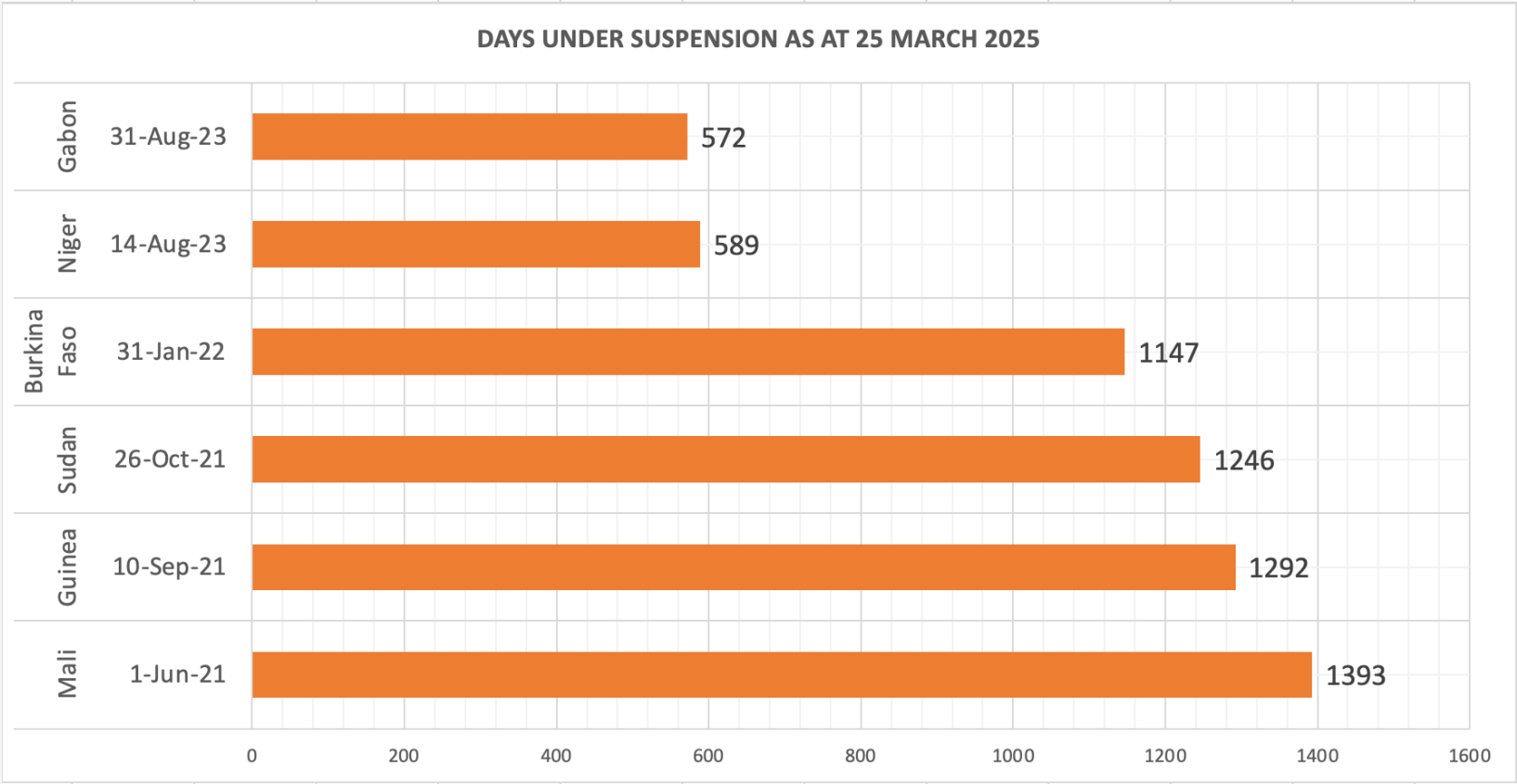
- Major thematic issues: Unconstitutional Change of Government, countries in transition, terrorism, climate change, youth, women and children, genocide, amnesty month.



# SUSPENDED MEMBER STATES

**Countries under suspension:**

1. Mali
2. Sudan
3. Burkina Faso
4. Republic of Guinea
5. Niger
6. Gabon



# PSC BUDGET PROCESS

- Budget presentation.
- Budget implementation.
- To be reviewed in June/December.
- 2024 execution rate 99%
- 2025 total budget USD 1,782,980.00

**2025 Peace and Security Council Program budget with budget codes**

| SN | Activity | Cost Center | Fund Center | Fund | Func Area | Main Budget | Technical Assistance | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Hold regular meetings of the PSC. | HQ07PPSE01 | PSC030101MB | PB-MST01 | MSHT-04 | 2,304.00 | - | **2,304.00** |
| 2 | Convene Ministerial and Heads of State and Government meetings | HQ07PPSE01 | PSC030102MB | PB-MST01 | MSHT-04 | 36,797.00 | - | **36,797.00** |
| 3 | Attend Annual Consultative meeting with the UN Security Council | HQ07PPSE01 | PSC030103MB | PB-MST01 | MSHT-04 | 7,353.60 | - | **7,354.00** |
| 4 | Attend Annual Consultative Meeting with the European Union Political and Security Committee | HQ07PPSE01 | PSC030104MB | PB-MST01 | MSHT-04 | 119,067.00 | - | **119,067.00** |
| 5 | Attend Annual consultative meetings with other AU Organs | HQ07PPSE01 | PSC030105MB | PB-MST01 | MSHT-04 | 57,232.00 | - | **57,232.00** |
| 6 | Hold 12th High Level Seminar on Peace and Security in Africa - PSC and A3 | HQ07PPSE01 | PSC030106MB | PB-MST01 | MSHT-04 | 53,656.00 | - | **53,656.00** |
| 7 | Support activities of the PSC Chairperson | HQ07PPSE01 | PSC030107MB | PB-MST01 | MSHT-04 | 56,998.00 | - | **56,998.00** |
| 8 | Support activities of the PSC Sub-Committees | HQ07PPSE01 | PSC030108MB | PB-MST01 | MSHT-04 | 105,008.00 | - | **105,008.00** |
| 9 | Conduct PSC Peace Missions - 5 AU Regions | HQ07PPSE01 | PSC030109MB | PB-MST01 | MSHT-04 | 358,733.00 | - | **358,733.00** |
| 10 | Induct the Newly elected PSC Members (3-year term) with the participation of all PSC Members | HQ07PPSE01 | PSC030110MB | PB-MST01 | MSHT-04 | 152,709.00 | - | **152,709.00** |
| 11 | Hold 17th PSC Annual Retreat on Working Methods | HQ07PPSE01 | PSC030111MB | PB-MST01 | MSHT-04 | 132,512.00 | - | **132,512.00** |
| 12 | Pay salaries of PSC Interpreters and Translators | HQ07PPSE01 | PSC030112MB | PB-MST01 | MSHT-04 | 541,849.51 | - | **541,850.00** |
| 13 | Maintain, upgrade and pay license fee of the PSC Repository & Publication of PSC Annual Report | HQ07PPSE01 | PSC030113TA | PB-MST01 | MSHT-04 | - | 8,000.00 | **8,000.00** |
| 14 | Conduct Capacity Building Workshop for PSC Secretariat Staff | HQ07PPSE01 | PSC030114MB | PB-MST01 | MSHT-04 | 26,460.00 | - | **26,460.00** |
| 15 | Develop contingency plan for PSC emergency activities. | HQ07PPSE01 | PSC030115MB | PB-MST01 | MSHT-04 | 100,000.00 | - | **100,000.00** |
| 16 | Hold PSC Informal Consultations | HQ07PPSE01 | PSC030116MB | PB-MST01 | MSHT-04 | 24,300.00 | - | **24,300.00** |
| | **Total** | | | | | **1,774,979.11** | **8,000.00** | **1,782,980.00** |

# MOVING FORWARD

- Proactiveness of the Council Members (participation, intervention, engagement etc.)
- Enhancing early mechanisms (informal consultations with CPAPS and AUC Chairperson).
- Focusing on the interest of the Continent.
- Budget presentation and defending.
- Reactivation of PSC Subsidiary bodies.
- Working with civil society
- Monthly Briefing to the PRC

- Confidentiality of PSC working documents/reports
- Publicity of the PSC work: Monthly video recording & PSC Activities Monthly Brief
- Compliance to the AU Rules and Regulations e.g. Undertaking missions outside the HQs (ticket change, reroute, name change etc.)
- Capacity building programme for CoE and MSC
- Human capacity at PSC Member States and PSC Secretariat.
- Interpretation

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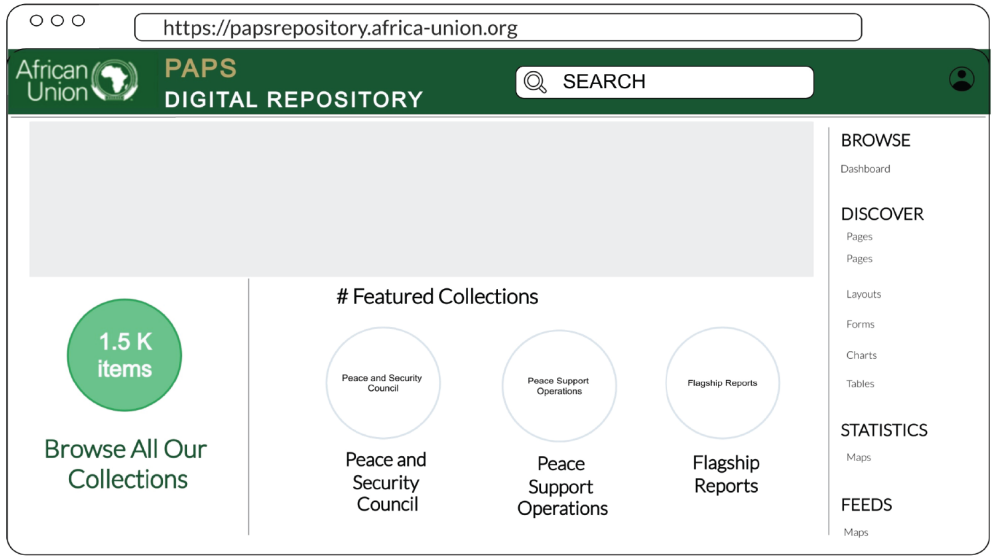

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