



## **African Regional Workshop on Security Sector Reform: Opening and Technical Sessions**

African Union Commission, Committee Room 1  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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**Monday 23 March 2009**

**0830-0930:** Registration

**0930-0935:** Welcome by Mr. Geoffrey Mugumya, Director of Peace and Security, African Union Commission

**0935-0945:** Introduction by Mr. Edmond Wega, Chargé d'affaires, Embassy of Canada

**0945-1000:** Keynote address by H.E. Mr. Ramtane Lamamra, Commissioner for Peace and Security, African Union Commission

**1000-1015:** Keynote address by Mr. Dmitry Titov, Assistant Secretary-General for Rule of Law and Security Institutions, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, United Nations

**1015-1030:** Questions, answers and close

**1030-1100:** Coffee break

**1100-1115:** Opening of the technical session, Ms. Fiona Lortan (AU DSD)

**1115-1135:** Overview of the UN's approach to SSR: Concepts, programme plan and next steps, Mr. Adedeji Ebo (UN DPKO SSR Team)

**1135-1200:** Overview of the AU's approach to SSR: Objectives, requirements and possible areas of support, Mr. Norman Mlambo (AU DSD)

**1200-1300:** Discussion, chaired by Dr. Kwaku Asante-Darko (AUC)

**1300-1415:** Lunch break

**1415-1435:** Challenges and opportunities for SSR in Africa: Sub-regional experiences and requirements, Comdt. Abdourahmane Dieng (ECOWAS)

**1435-1455:** Perspectives from the ground: SSR in West Africa, Mr. Christopher Rampe (UN Mission in Liberia)

**1455-1515:** Perspectives from the ground: SSR in Liberia, Mr. Prosper Addo (AU Liaison Office in Liberia)

**1515-1545:** Coffee break

**1545-1630:** Discussion, chaired by Prof. Eboe Hutchful (SSR expert)

**1630-1700:** Challenges and opportunities for SSR in Africa: Sub-regional experiences and requirements, Mr. Didacus Kaguta (EAC)

**1700-1715:** Challenges and opportunities for SSR in Africa: Sub-regional experiences and requirements, Ms. Marit Kitaw (COMESA)

**1715-1745:** Discussion and close, chaired by Col. Mbaye Faye (BINUB)

## **Tuesday 24 March 2009**

**0845-0930:** Opening of the second day, summary of findings, and discussion on the outline of the AU Policy Framework on SSR, by Ms. Kristiana Powell (UN DPKO SSR Team) and Mr. Norman Mlambo (AU DSD)

**0930-0950:** Challenges and opportunities for SSR in Africa: Sub-regional experiences and requirements, Col. Maurice Aguru (ECCAS)

**0950-1020:** The DDR-SSR nexus in Central Africa and beyond, Mr. Said Condé (UN DPKO DDR section)

**1020-1055:** Discussion, chaired by Ms. Aïssatou Hayatou (AU Commission)

**1055-1125:** Coffee break

**1125-1135:** Perspectives from the ground: SSR in Burundi, Col. Yaya Samaké (AMIB)

**1135-1150:** Perspectives from the ground: SSR in Burundi, Col. Mbaye Faye (BINUB)

**1150-1250:** Discussion, chaired by Mr. Sivuyile Bam (AU PSOD)

**1250-1410:** Lunch break

**1410-1430:** Challenges and opportunities for SSR in Africa: Sub-regional experiences and requirements, Mr. Nizar Suleiman (IGAD)

**1430-1455:** Perspectives from the ground: SSR in Southern Sudan, Col. Moses Kwonyike (AU Liaison Office in Sudan)

**1455-1520:** Perspectives from the ground: SSR in Southern Sudan, Mr. Waldemar Vrey (UN Mission in Sudan)

**1520-1545:** Coffee break

**1545-1615:** Perspectives from the ground: SSR in the Central African Republic, Dr. Niagalé Bagayoko Penone (SSR expert)

**1615-1710:** Discussion, chaired by Mr. Jérôme Mellon (UN DPKO SSR Team)

**1710-1725:** Break

**1725-1820:** Summary of main findings and close, Ms. Fiona Lortan (AU DSD) and Mr. Adedeji Ebo (UN DPKO SSR Team)