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WORKSHOP ON THE ROLE OF THE SECURITY SECTOR IN PROVIDING SECURITY DURING ELECTION PROCESSES IN WEST AFRICA

AGENDA

24-26 NOVEMBER 2008
CONAKRY, GUINEA

23 November 2008

08:00 to 12:00 Arrival of participants

18:00 to 19:00 Workshop preparatory briefing by **Anatole Ayissi**, *Senior Political Affairs Officer*, UNOWA, and **Jérôme Mellon**, *SSR Coordination Officer*, SSR Team, Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions, UN DPKO

24 November 2008

08:00 to 09:00 Registration of participants

09:00 to 09:20 Presentation of the agenda and of logistical details by UNOWA, followed by questions and answers

09:20 to 10:45 Keynote address on electoral processes: defining the context, by **Tadjoudine Ali-Diabacté**, *Deputy Director*, Electoral Assistance Division, UN DPA, followed by questions and answers

10:45 to 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 to 12:00 Presentation on the roles, responsibilities and relationships of politicians, police services, armed forces, election management bodies and civil society: case study of Guinea, by **Mathieu Bile Bouah**, *Senior Electoral Advisor*, UNDP, followed by questions and answers

12:00 to 14:00 Lunch

14:00 to 15:00 Keynote address on security sector reform: contributing to the professionalization of the security institutions, by **Adedeji Ebo**, *Chief*, SSR Team, Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions, UN DPKO, followed by questions and answers

15:00 to 16:00 Case study on Ghana, by former Ghanaian Ambassador to Liberia Brigadier General (retired) **Francis Agyemfra**, Institute of Economic Affairs, followed by questions and answers

16:00 to 16:10 Statement, by **Said Djinnit**, *SRS*, UNOWA

16:10 to 16:20 Statement, by Major-General **Charles Okae**, *Director*, Department of Peacekeeping and Regional Security, ECOWAS

16:20 to 16:30 Welcoming remarks and official opening of the workshop, by the Prime Minister of Guinea **Dr. Ahmed Tidiane Souare**

16:30 to 16:45 Coffee break

16:45 to 17:30 Keynote address on existing instruments pertaining to duties and responsibilities of state and regional institutions involved in electoral processes in West Africa, by Major-General **Charles Okae**, *Director*, Department of Peacekeeping and Regional Security, ECOWAS, followed by questions and answers

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09:00 to 10:00 Presentation on the security sector: actors, legal frameworks and institutional arrangements, case study on Sierra Leone, by Dr. **Christina A. M. Thorpe**, *Chief Electoral Commissioner and Chairperson of National Electoral Commission* and **Christopher Rampe**, *SSR Advisor*, UNMIL, followed by questions and answers

10:00 to 11:00 Presentation on the security sector: actors, legal frameworks and institutional arrangements, case studies of Senegal, by Professor **Alioune Sall**, Université Cheikh Anta Diop (Dakar), and Ghana, , **Ernest Ansah Lartey**, *Research Associate*, Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre/Accra, followed by questions and answers.

11:15 to 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 to 13:00 Group work

13:00 to 14:30 Lunch

14:30 to 16:30 Group work (continued)

16:45 to 17:00 Coffee break

17:00 to 18:00 Presentation of recommendations developed by group work

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09:00 to 10:45 Presentation, review and approval of the consolidated recommendations

10:45 to 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 to 12:00 Concluding remarks and way forward, by **Said Djinnit**, *SRSR*, UNOWA and Major-General **Charles Okae**, *Director*, Department of Peacekeeping and Regional Security, ECOWAS

Departure of participants