

Draft Concept Note Amani Africa Seminar

The Role of the A3 in advancing the common interest of Africa in the UNSC: Bridging the gap between its potential and reality

During its 983rd session, the PSC deliberated on the unified role of the African three elected members (A3) of the United Nations (UN) Security Council (UNSC). This served as an occasion for stock taking and identifying both lessons learned from the experience thus far and proposals on enhancing the role of the A3 and the coordination between the A3 and the PSC. The communique that the PSC issued not only sought to consolidate existing best practices but also crafted new proposals. Both the best practices highlighted for consolidation and the additional proposal that expand beyond existing experiences offer good basis for examining the ways in which the gap between the potential of the A3 in advancing the common interest of Africa and the experience thus far in this respect.

Building on the outcome of the 983rd session of the PSC, Amani Africa convenes a semi-virtual seminar. The seminar seeks to reflect approaches for operationalizing the proposals on enhancing the unified role of the A3 including based on insights from the experiences of recent members of the A3 and the critical place that the AU Permanent Observer Mission to the UN occupies as well as the work of the UNOAU. This will also serve as an occasion during which Amani Africa launches its latest special research report on the same subject.



Program

Date: Wednesday 24 March 2021

Venue: Virtual

Time: 3:00-5:00PM EAT

Welcoming Remark

Solomon A. Dersso, Founding Director Amani Africa (Moderator)

Keynote Address

H.E. Ambassador Bankole Adeoye,
Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security (TBC)

Supporting the Role of the A3 and
Coordinating between the A3 and PSC

Amb Mohammed Fatima, AU
Representative to the UN and Head of
AU Office (TBC)

Role of the A3 as bridge
between the AUPSC and the UNSC

Hanna Tetteh, UN Under Secretary
General and SRSG to the African Union
and Head of UNOAU (TBC)

Lessons from South Africa's
membership in the UNSC

Mr Marthinus Van Schalkwyk, Political
Coordinator, South African Mission to
the UN

Lessons from Ethiopia's
Membership in the UNSC

Dawit Yirga, Political Coordinator,
Ethiopia Mission to the UN