

Insights on the PSC Update on PSC's May 2018 Program of Work

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The PSC program of work for the month of May 2018 saw major restructuring of the sequence of the agenda items, and included some new additional themes since Amani published the Insight on the program on 29 May 2018.

The second week of the PSC saw the most changes as the PSC shifted its field mission to Darfur from the 16th to 19th of May to from 5 to 9 May 2018. The PSC session on African Migrants Crisis, Imperative for Expediting Free Movement Policy in Africa was held on 11 May instead of the provisional slot on the 10th. The 11 May meeting also considered and adopted the Draft Provisional Program of the PSC for the Month of June.

The Report on the Continental Results Framework for Monitoring and Reporting on the Implementation of the Women Peace and Security Agenda in Africa has been brought forward from 21 May to 16 May. A new agenda was also added to the 16 May session of the PSC. The PSC had a briefing on the Regional Cooperation Initiative for the Elimination of the LRA (RCI-LRA) and the renewal of the RCI-LRA.

On 18 May, the PSC considered the report on its field mission to Sudan and the status of implementation of UNAMID's downsizing and reconfiguration. The open session on 'Climate Induced Conflicts: Sources of Insecurity in Africa', initially planned for 15 May, now takes place on 21 May. The second open session on the 'Principles of Protection of Civilians in Conflict Situations in Africa' initially scheduled for 8 May

will take place on 22 May.

On 24 May, the PSC briefing session on 'Illicit Flow and Financing of Arms in Africa' will be held as initially planned. The theme of this session forms part of the areas specifically singled out for action in the AU Agenda on Silencing the Guns.

On 31 May, the last session of the month will also go as planned. The session which will take place at ministerial level will focus on two themes. The first is on the 'role of Africa in the harmonization of initiatives and operationalization of the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA) in the Sahel'. Moussa Faki Mahamat, the Chairperson of the AU Commission is expected to brief the Council. The second item will be on the Chairperson's 'Report on Security and Migration in Africa'.