

CSO ENGAGEMENT CONSULTATION ON THE MARGINS OF THE 36TH ORDINARY AU SUMMIT

FEB 17TH-18TH, 2023
ADDIS ABABA

AGENDA

Day 1	
Time	Title
09:00-10:00	Registration
10:00-10:30	<p>Opening Remarks:</p> <p>Solomon Dersso- Founding Director - Amani Africa</p> <p>Ibrahima Kane- Advisor- Open Society-Africa</p> <p>Amb. Frederic Ngoga- Senior Advisor for International Partnerships- PAPS- AUC</p> <p>William Carew- Head- ECOSOCC Secretariat</p> <p>Chair: Yemisrach Kebede- Senior Expert Consultant- Amani Africa</p>
10:30-11:30	<p>Session 1: Mobilising collective response for Continental Challenges</p> <p>The Geopolitical Context: Mapping the Peace, Security and Governance shocks in Africa – Tim Murithi- Head of Peacebuilding Interventions- Institute for Justice and Reconciliation</p> <p>The State of Affairs- African risks landscape- Economic, Environmental, and Societal Inter-connections- Desire Assogbavi- The One Campaign- Francophone Africa Director</p> <p>Chair- Solomon Dersso- Founding Director - Amani Africa</p>

11:30-12:30	<p>Session 2- The AU Decision-making process and the space for adequate CSO engagement</p> <p>Bringing ECOSOCC closer to the People: Pendulum- of state-centric vs. citizen-driven Union- Mr. William Carew- Head- ECOSOCC Secretariat</p> <p>CSO Engagement Study commissioned by OSF & Amani Africa- Presented by George Mukundi- Chief Executive Officer- Maendeleo Group</p> <p>Organization modality for the engagement of African CSOs in the AU peace and security frameworks- Shuvai Nyoni- Shuvai Busman- Executive Director</p> <p>The role of the AU Commission in decision and policy making- Lawrence Mute- Human Rights and Governance Consultant</p> <p><i>Chair/Lead Discussant- Jeggan Grey-Johnson- Advocacy Manager- Open Society Foundation</i></p> <p><i>Citizen engagement in Africa and the importance of the citizenry- experiences and challenges of engaging the AU</i></p>
12:30-13:30	<p>Lunch</p>
13:30-15:00	<p>Session 3- Peace and Security- Unconstitutional Changes of Government, Transitional Justice</p> <p>Addressing Unconstitutional Changes of Government- Mohammed Diatta- AU Office Director- Crisis Action</p> <p>The expansion of terrorism and violent extremism in Africa- Ibrahima Kane- Adviser- OSF</p> <p>The role of CSOs in Conflict Prevention- Chukwuemeka Eze- Executive Director- WANEP</p> <p>The role and scope of Transitional Justice in addressing new and emerging issues on the Continent- Annah Moyo- Executive Director- CSVR</p> <p>Young People's Contribution to Youth, Peace and Security in Africa- Achaleke Christian Leke- AU Youth Ambassador for Peace for Central Africa</p> <p><i>Chair/Lead Discussant- Zinu Alghali- PAPS- AUC</i></p>
15:00-15:30	<p>Coffee Break</p>

15:30-17:00	<p>Session 4- Post COP27- Climate Change action in Africa and the CSO Advocacy priorities</p> <p>Democratising Climate Change advocacy in Africa and the CSO Advocacy priorities- Augustine Njamnshi- Chair-Technical and Political Affairs Committee- PACJA</p> <p>COP27 Presidency Initiative: Climate Responses for Sustaining Peace (CRSP)- Sarah Rabbie- Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding (CCCCPA);</p> <p>Data and narrative in the development advocacy to advance the climate change agenda- Faten Aggad- Climate Diplomacy Advisor- Africa Climate Foundation;</p> <p>Chair/Lead Discussant: Philip Kilonzo-Policy Advocacy and Communication Lead- PACJA</p>
17:00	End of Day 1
Day 2	
8:30-9:00	Recap of Day 1
9:00-10:30	<p>Session 5- Governance and Trade</p> <p>ACFTA Accelerator- Ratification of the Free Movement Protocol and the Niamey Convention- Joseline Komuhangi- Programme Manager, Gender and Governance- East African Sub-Regional Support Initiative for the Advancement of Women (EASSI)</p> <p>APRM NPoA Implementation- Steven Gruzd- Head: African Governance and Diplomacy Programme- SAIIA</p> <p>State reporting and CSO engagement on compliance to key governance, transparency and democratic norms: Scaling up the Wits (reporting) Template- Jeggan Grey-Johnson- Open Society Foundation</p> <p>AGA-APSA Strategy Development process and the role of CSOs (lessons for the Youth and Gender Strategies)- Update on the consolidation and finalization of the AGA-APSA Draft Comprehensive Citizen's Engagement Strategy- Salah Hammad</p> <p>Chair/Lead Discussant: Don Deya- Executive Director at Pan African Lawyers Union (PALU)</p>
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break

11:00-12:30	<p>Session 6- Accelerating AfCFTA Implementation as the AU Theme for 2023</p> <p>Democracy and governance impacting African investment and the AfCFTA- Yavi Madurai- Founder- African Prosperity Fund</p> <p>Role of Regional Economic Communities and coordination with CSOs for monitoring implementation- Lilian Alex- Programmes Coordinator and A.g. CEO, EACSO</p> <p>Advancing local production of Essential Health Products in Africa for regional and national self-determination: will the AfCFTA deliver? - Rangarirai Machedze- Southern and Eastern African Trade Information and Negotiations Institute (SEATINI)</p> <p>Youth championing AfCFTA- What should youth inclusion look like and the role for promotion and monitoring- Ivan Ayutambe- Director, YouLead Program</p> <p>Chair/Lead Discussant: Bitania Tadesse- Program Director- Amani Africa</p>
12:30-14:00	<p>Lunch</p>
14:00-15:30	<p>Session 7- African Humanitarian Agency and citizen engagement in Humanitarian Diplomacy in Africa</p> <p>Humanitarian Crises in Africa- Policy responses and AU Partnerships for sustainable community-centred approaches- Itonde Kakoma- Permanent Representative for the IFRC to the African Union</p> <p>Humanitarian Diplomacy, the perspective of a network on the AU's role in Humanitarian diplomacy and engagement with humanitarian actors- Addis Tesfa- ICVA Representative to the AU and East/Southern Africa</p> <p>Humanitarian contexts and the increased demand for citizen engagement- Mimidoo Achakpa- Executive Director- Women's Right to Education Programme; Chair- Africa Humanitarian Organisations Network</p> <p>Who gets left behind? The invisibilisation of vulnerable groups by regional integration frameworks- Achieng Akena- Executive Director- Refugee Rights Initiative</p> <p>Chair/Lead Discussant: Bruce Mokoya- Deputy Regional Director and Head of Delegation of the ICRC Mission to the AU</p>
15:30-16:30	<p>Finalisation of the CSO Outcome Statement- Social Media Launch</p>
16:30-18:30	<p>CSO Engagement Session/Side-events/Side-Meetings</p>
18:30-20:30	<p>Networking Reception with AU and Diplomatic Corps</p>