



Amani Africa, Burundi, Nonviolent Peaceforce, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Joint Policy Dialogue

High-level Policy Dialogue 'From the Luanda Summit to the Finalisation of the APSA Review: Revitalising African Union's Role in Conflict Prevention and Resolution,' Wednesday, 30 September 2026, Hyatt Regency, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Agenda

9:30 – 10:00 AM: Arrival and Registration

10:00 – 10:10 AM: Welcoming and Introductory Remarks – Zekarias Beshah, Senior Researcher, Amani Africa

Panel Discussion

10:10 – 10:20 AM: Ambassador Willy Nyamitwe, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Burundi to the AU (Chair of the AU) | From Luanda to Implementation: Strengthening African Ownership of Conflict Prevention and Resolution

10:20 – 10:30 AM: Ibrahim Orit, Situation Room Coordinator, PAPS, AU Commission | From Early Warning to Early Action: Strengthening the AU's Preventive Capacity

10:30 – 10:40 AM: Jesutimilehin Akamo, Research Coordinator, Africa Peace and Security Programme, Institute for Peace and Security Studies | Revitalising APSA for a New Era of Insecurity: Lessons for the APSA Review

10:40 – 10:50 AM: Lesley Connolly, Regional Policy, Advocacy Manager to the AU, Nonviolent Peaceforce | Community-Level Conflict Prevention: Connecting Grassroots and Citizen-Driven Peacebuilding to the AU's Early Warning and Prevention Architecture

10:50 – 11:00 AM: Moussa Soumahoro, Researcher, African Peace and Security Governance (APSG) Programme, Institute for Peace and Security Studies | APSA Functional challenges and options for improvement

11:00 AM – 12:25 PM: Open Discussion and Reflections

12:25 – 12:30 PM: Closing | Zekarias Beshah, Senior Researcher, Amani Africa