

# 2023 ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

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**20** COUNTRY/REGIONAL  
SITUATIONS COVERED  
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**118** PUBLICATIONS

**4** COUNTRIES WHERE WE  
CONDUCTED ACTIVITIES

**OVER 80** BRIEFINGS AND  
CONSULTATION MEETINGS

**43** TECHNICAL AND POLICY IMPLEMENTATION  
SUPPORT TO POLICY MAKERS

**OVER 100** CITATIONS AND  
MEDIA MENTIONS

**OVER 2.4M** PAGE VIEWS AND GOOGLE &  
SOCIAL MEDIA IMPRESSIONS

**4** BRIEFINGS TO  
THE PSC AND UNSC

**41** SESSIONS ON THEMATIC ISSUES

**15** POLICY DIALOGUE FORUMS  
AND TRAINING ORGANIZED

**17** REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL  
POLICY FORUMS

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDING DIRECTOR



**Solomon A. Derso, Founding Director**

In 2023 we marked the 5th anniversary of the launch of our flagship work *Insights on the PSC* through a thanksgiving event. It was a special occasion for recognizing all our state, intergovernmental and non-state partners and friends who accompanied us in various ways in the pioneering journey of Amani Africa.

We at Amani Africa are fully cognizant that we owe each and every achievement we registered in our journey thus far to the support and partnership of all our collaborators. On my behalf and on behalf of the Amani Africa team, I say to each and every one of you a special *Asente Sana!*

2023 was a challenging but incredibly productive year. It was a year of remarkable growth in the scale and breadth of the various areas of our work. Part of the challenge to which our team rose was on ensuring that we balance the expansion of the areas of our work with consolidating existing ones. Simultaneously, we also strove to enhance the quality and impact of our work.

Amani Africa also showed institutional agility in ensuring that changes in staffing don't impact on the delivery and quality as well as expansion of its work.

As documented in this report, during the year we launched new initiatives, introduced new knowledge and media products and expanded our networks. Together with our existing work streams, these expansions hugely increased the reach and impact of our work, cementing our standing as a credible pan-African think tank that is a leading source of information and analysis on matters African Union (AU) and its Peace and Security Council (PSC).

Like the previous year, Amani Africa worked with and accompanied the members of the PSC through technical support for the implementation of the monthly program of work of the PSC. In doing so, we continued to play our share in the collective endeavour for implementation of the PSC Protocol, for which organizations like Amani Africa play a part within the framework of Article 20 of the PSC Protocol. I wish to thank the monthly chairpersons of the PSC for 2023 for counting us as technical partner and for calling on us to contribute our part in their crucially important conflict prevention, management & resolution work.

In 2023, we also enhanced our close working relationship with the Department of Political Affairs, Peace and Security. We are pleased to contribute to the implementation of some of the policy implementation activities of the Department. I wish to once again express Amani Africa's gratitude to Commissioner Bankole Adeoye and his entire team for the continued collaboration and support in 2023 as in the past years, with special mention of the Head of the PSC Secretariat, Neema Chusi and all colleagues at the Secretariat.

I wish to also thank our various institutional partners including the UNOAU, ICRC, Switzerland, Open Society Foundation, Ireland, Norway and Canada.

We are also grateful for the various organizations and partners with whom we implemented various projects during 2023 including United States Institute of Peace (USIP), International Crisis Group and Australia.

I consider myself lucky for the fortune of working with an incredibly energetic and professional team whose hard work and ingenuity represents a critical ingredient to overcome the challenges we faced and accomplish the successes we registered. My heartfelt thanks to each member of the Amani Africa team, associates, consultants and contributors. I look forward to experience Amani Africa's rise to further prominence with you all!

Allow me to once again thank each of you for being part of Amani Africa's journey through your partnership, collaboration and friendship. We count on your continued engagement and collaboration during 2024 and beyond!

## INTRODUCTION

Amani Africa is an independent pan-African policy research, training, consulting think-do-tank dedicated to analyzing and reporting on the work, products and working dynamics of multilateral policy platforms relating to Africa with a focus on the AU and its PSC.

Amani Africa is organized to engaging in i) the production of evidence-based policy research and analysis as well as communications and media products, ii) the provision of technical support to policy makers, iii) the convening of training workshops and policy dialogue forums on current policy issues and iv) shaping narratives and discourse through strategic communications and media engagements.

Amani Africa carries out its work in support of the pan-African vision of a peaceful, prosperous, and integrated Africa, through promoting and advocating for the implementation of the PSC Protocol and other relevant AU instruments.

The core areas of work of Amani Africa cover policy relevant knowledge production, technical support and advice, and convening and outreach activities as well as strategic communications and media.

## Policy relevant knowledge production

Undertaking policy research for producing and disseminating regular, evidence-based, high-quality, policy relevant knowledge products based on current information and data and impartial analysis about peace and security, democratic governance and regional integration issues of concern for AU policy processes including in the PSC and Africa's engagement in multilateral processes. Our policy research and knowledge products take various forms including our flagship work *Insights on*



the PSC, offering analysis on matters on the agenda of the PSC, *Monthly Digest on the PSC*, special research reports, policy briefs and Ideas Indaba- our platform for publishing commentaries and opinion editorials on current affairs.

## Technical support and advice

The provision of technical support and advice to AU policy actors and stakeholders in their work on and engagement in policy making processes on peace and security, democratic governance and Africa's engagement in multilateral processes including through the preparation of tailored technical documents, provision of briefings and analysis and background information, data and analysis as well as provision of support for policy implementation activities of the AU. This is also the aspect of our work that we use to enhance the uptake by policy makers of policy options in our knowledge products.

## Convening and outreach activities

Organizing expert consultations and policy dialogue forums, usually collaboratively with our state, intergovernmental and non-state partners, on current continental affairs and global issues of concern for Africa as well as issues on the agenda of the PSC, its working methods and implementation of its mandate as well as convening and providing high-level and interactive training workshops such as our signature Amani Africa Training Institute on the AU.

As part of our outreach activities, we conduct regular meetings and exchange of information with the AU policy community including members of the PSC and the Political Affairs, Peace and Security (PAPS) Department and representatives of RECs/RMs and with wider AU stakeholders including international organizations, AU

partners, peer organizations and CSOs and media.

## Media and communication

Utilizing various media platforms and communications tools to disseminate our analysis and research widely. In the course of the past two years, Amani Africa has opened its own YouTube Channel and launched a podcast and *Amani Africa Dispatch*, audio-visual explainer. Through its media engagements involving interviews and publication of opinion editorials, it also seeks to shape and inform public discourse and narrative on issues in its areas of work, including major policy and political developments of concern for the continent.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

2023 has been a year that registered substantial expansion in Amani Africa's work. We have continued to enhance our work involving the production of knowledge and analysis and the provision of timely information on matters AU and its PSC.

In 2023, we have been able to expand not only the range of issues our work covers but also our products and their impact. We have introduced new products such as the *Amani Africa resources hub*, *Ideas Indaba* and *Amani Africa Dispatch*. We also upscaled the range of partnerships and engagements with state, intergovernmental and non-state stakeholders including those beyond the continent.

The most notable highlight of 2023 in the work of Amani Africa is the launch of the joint **Namibia-Amani Africa High-Level Panel on Africa and the Reform of the Multilateral System** under the leadership of the Vice President of Namibia H.E. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah.



This is a precedent setting and landmark initiative both in terms of being a joint initiative of a member state of the AU and a think tank and in creating an independent platform for leading African experts, policy practitioners and seasoned diplomats for articulating an African vision of the reform of the multilateral system in support of the engagement of the AU and its member states in the policy discussions and negotiations on the reform of the multilateral system. Expanding our coverage of AU's engagement in the global arena, we also focused on AU's membership in the G20.

Highlighting Amani Africa's expanding reach and growing continental and international recognition, in 2023 we extended our engagement outside of our base in Addis Ababa. We convened various policy dialogue forums in Windhoek, New York and Nairobi during the year.



**Solomon Windhoek, Namibia, July 2023**



**Nairobi, Kenya, July 2023**



**New York, USA, September 2023**



**Nairobi, Kenya, December 2023**

Showing a marked expansion from previous years, we convened 14 policy forums in 2023. Not only has the quantity of Amani Africa policy dialogue forums increased in 2023 but also the level of engagement and the scope of topic covered has showed marked expansion.

We also held our signature training program, Amani Africa Training Institute on the African Union in November 2023.

Cementing Amani Africa's recognition as a leading source of analysis and information on matters African Union and its peace and security and democratic governance and constitutional rule work, our experts and our work also featured in key policymaking spaces including the PSC and the UNSC.

During 2023, our experts briefed the UNSC on two occasions.





The subject matter of the briefings with respect to which Amani Africa was invited to intervene were indicative of the organisation’s enhanced significance in the field of peace and security and African multilateral processes.



Our flagship project, *‘Insights on the PSC’* remains an authoritative and the ‘go-to’ source of reference that offers the only independent information and analysis on issues on the agenda of the PSC for informing the preparation for and deliberation of member states during the PSC Sessions. During the year, we produced 72 editions of *‘Insights on the PSC’* on all issues featured on the agenda of the PSC including its monthly provisional program of work. As illustrated by the increase in the average number of page views and readership to over 500 hundred per edition of *Insights on the PSC* and by how our analysis inform and found their way into policy decisions, the contribution and impact of *‘Insights on the PSC’* has grown substantially during the year.



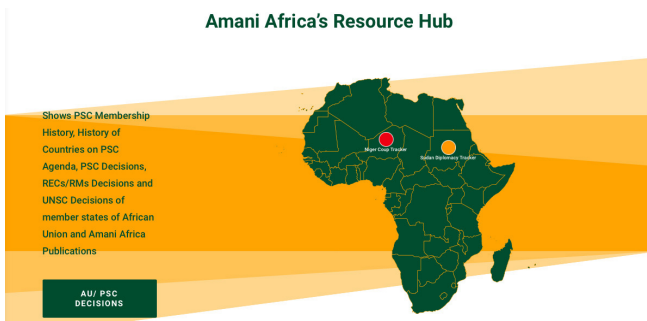
## Cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union - Security Council, 9435th meeting

Another highlight of the year was the visit to Amani Africa by the State Minister for Africa and Middle East of Brazil, H.E. Carlos Duarte. This served as an occasion both to brief the State Minister and his delegation on the work of Amani Africa and exchange with the delegation on Brazil’s engagement in and partnership with Africa.



We held an anniversary event to celebrate the remarkable journey of this flagship work and Amani Africa in general. The occasion held on 13 April 2023 served both to celebrate Amani Africa’s accomplishments over the last five years and importantly to give thanks and recognition to our esteemed partners and friends who have accompanied us throughout our remarkable journey.

The anniversary also served as an occasion for launching Amani Africa’s new product – the Amani Africa Resources Hub – a gateway to all policy documents and decisions on conflict situations in Africa from AU, RECs and UN canvassed on an interactive map of African countries.



**5th year anniversary of Amani Africa's 'Insights on the PSC' in pictures – 13 April, Addis Ababa**



**Testimonial regarding Amani Africa's achievements by Amb. Nicola Brennan, PR of Ireland Mission**



**Dr Solomon Ayele Derso delivering remarks at the opening of the ceremony**



**Handing of recognition by Amani Africa to various partners**



**Invited guests and participants**



**Testimonial regarding Amani Africa's achievements by SRSG, H.E Parfait Onanga-Anyanga**

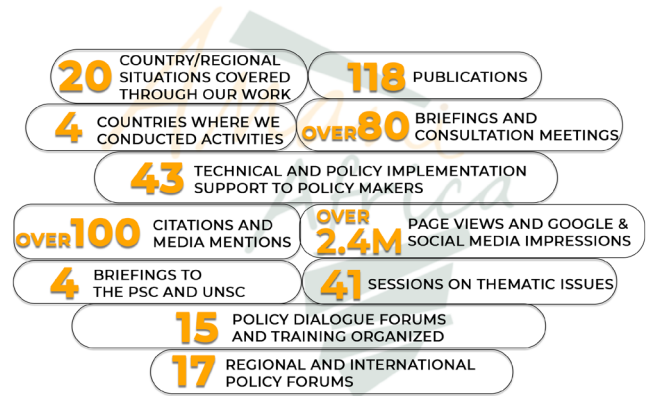
## INCREASED PROVISION OF KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

In addition to the regular production of *Insights on the PSC* and consolidating and expanding our knowledge production work, Amani Africa also regularized the publication of the **Monthly Digest on the PSC**. We also produced five Special Research Reports and three Policy Briefs in 2023. We complemented these with production of analysis on current issues through our new platform **Ideas Indaba**.





## AMANI AFRICA IN 2023



Our work shaped the narratives and discourse around major developments on the continent during the year from the outbreak of a new war in Sudan to the coup in Niger. It featured in international media platforms that covered these developments.

## IMPACTFUL AND HIGH-QUALITY RESEARCH WORKS

Building on the foundations of the past years, Amani Africa team continued to enhance our research and publication work. In 2023, Amani Africa team produced over 118 publications excluding materials published in platforms outside of Amani Africa. Further to scaling up the frequency and quantity of the production of our research works, 2023 served to also broaden the scope of topics covered. The strategic dissemination of our research products including through direct engagement with key policy actors has also enabled us to advance the uptake and impact of our knowledge products.



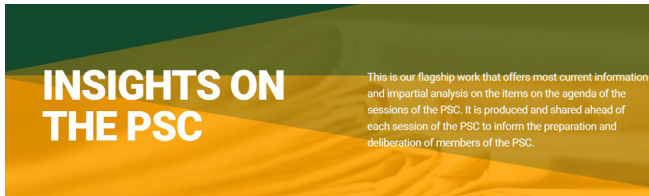
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## Insights on the Peace and Security Council

Drawing on the tracking and documentation of the peace and security, political and socio-economic developments on the continent and the work of the PSC and other multilateral bodies including the UN, the publication of our flagship project 'Insights on the Peace and Security Council' continues to provide much needed and widely read analysis on the various thematic and country/region specific issues on the agenda of the PSC.





Corresponding to the number of sessions held in 2023 and the number of agenda items considered by the PSC during the year, Amani Africa produced 72 editions of *Insights on the PSC*. In addition to our established dissemination strategies through personalized email to subscribers and our social media platforms, we expanded the media coverage of our *Insights on the PSC* in 2023 through the production of short videos and their reflection in the Amani Africa Dispatch.

Published ahead of the convening of PSC sessions, *Insights on the PSC* continues to serve the intended purpose of informing the preparations of PSC members and deliberations of the PSC on the items on the agenda of its sessions. The *Insights on the PSC* produced during 2023 were critical to members of the Council and the broader policy community in availing much needed up-to-date information and analysis into the issues that form part of the subject of the agendas of the sessions of the PSC. More often than not apart from enriching the policy thinking of the PSC, the analysis presented in *Insights on the PSC* often found their way into the outcome of the policy decisions of the AU.

## Special Research Reports and Policy Briefs

It is through the production of special research reports and policy brief that we provide in-depth analysis of topical policy issues requiring expansive examination. In 2023, we produced five special research reports. Aiming to grow the readership of Amani Africa products, particularly on one of the timely issues we closely addressed during the year, we also translated and published a French version of our special research report on financing of AU Peace

Support Operations (PSOs) through UN assessed contributions.

Titled '[Seizing the New Momentum for UNSC Resolution on UN funding of AU Peace Operations](#)', this was also the first special research report we produced in 2023. Generally, the report examines how the AU Consensus Paper on financing of AU Peace and Security Activities and the May 2023 UN Secretary-General's report to the UNSC advance the development and consideration of the draft resolution on financing of AU PSOs in the UNSC. It provides analysis on the issues that required further engagement and negotiated compromise, the next steps in the process for updating and presenting the draft resolution, and the role expected of various African policy actors for running smooth and effective show in the negotiation process.



The analysis and recommendations integrated in this special research report generated a lot of interest. In September, when the PSC convened a ministerial level session on the issue under Cameroon's chairship, Amani Africa, within the framework of its technical assistance to the month's chair, was requested to provide copies of the special research report for use as a working document to inform Cameroon's input into and steering of the deliberations of the ministerial session on the subject. Hence, the report served as a major source of reference for policy debates demonstrating its immediate and direct policy relevance.

This special report also formed a key part of the basis for Amani Africa's invitation for briefing the UN Security Council on 25 May during its session on the subject of financing of AU PSOs. Indeed, our briefing to the Council drew on the key messages from this special research report.

**Together with the public policy forums we convened in Addis Ababa and New York, our special research report and briefing to the UNSC not only shaped the policy discourse around financing of AU PSOs but also contributed to the drafting and finalization of UNSC Resolution 2719 adopted in December 2023.**

Another special research report we produced during the year originated from the ongoing discourse relating to AU-RECs relationship, specifically informed by developments in 2023. Having regard to the coups that took place in the course of 2023, particularly the case of Niger and the kind of policy divergence it brought into play between the AU and the relevant REC, the [special research report](#) we produced in August interrogated the different norms and standards that should guide the exercise of the respective roles entrusted to the AU and RECs/RMs. Apart from providing analysis on how the AU and RECs/RMs engaged in various conflict settings over the years, this special report attempted to deconstruct and demystify the limited usefulness of subsidiarity as a basis for informing the role of the AU and RECs/RMs in peace and security.

Building on our [work from 2022](#) which provided an overview on the decision-making institutions of the AU and which identified the need for Amani Africa to undertake further in-depth studies examining the attributes and roles of each of the AU's key actors and how they fit into the AU's decision-making processes, one of our special research reports of 2023 explored how decision-making undertaken by the [AU Commission](#) influences the realisation of the goals and strategies of the AU while another one examined the [Executive Council's](#) involvement in the decision and policy-making processes of the AU. In addition to their substantive value, the production of these reports demonstrates Amani's commitment towards ensuring continuity of its various works.

**SPECIAL RESEARCH REPORT**

**MAPPING THE ROLES OF THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES OF THE AFRICAN UNION**

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Amani Africa has also been expanding its engagement on the role of civil society actors in shaping AU decision-making. In that context, one of our special research reports of 2023 provided analysis on [‘The Role of Civil Society Organizations in African Union's Decision-Making Processes: Agenda Setters, Participants, Collaborators and Shapers?’](#).



The policy brief titled [‘Safeguarding the Humanitarian Space in Africa: Analysis of Current State of Affairs and Policy Recommendations’](#) identifies the main emerging conflict trends that present challenges to humanitarian access and effective delivery of humanitarian assistance in Africa and the proposed policy response options to address them.

**POLICY BRIEF**

**SAFEGUARDING THE HUMANITARIAN SPACE IN AFRICA: ANALYSIS OF CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS AND POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**Monthly Digest on the AU Peace and Security Council**



Whereas our *Insights on the PSC* provides evidence based and data driven anticipatory analysis ahead of the convening of PSC sessions, *the Monthly Digest on the PSC* is produced following the finalisation of the PSC’s monthly programme of work. It is prepared both to systematically document the activities of the PSC that took place during that month and interrogate the policy relevance and implications of the activities. In addition to their contribution towards enhancing the PSC’s institutional memory,

**SPECIAL RESEARCH REPORT**

**THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN AFRICAN UNION'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES: AGENDA SETTERS, PARTICIPANTS, COLLABORATORS AND SHAPERS?**

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The first policy brief produced in February 2023 – [‘The Peace and Security Council in 2022: The Year in Review’](#) – provided reflections on the activities of the AU PSC during the previous year. It presented critical analysis of the various engagements of the Council as well as some of the major trends in the continent’s peace and security landscape that emerged in the course of 2022 and their implications for 2023.

One of the signature policy briefs we produced during 2023 provided very [timely reflections](#) on the kind of opportunities that the *New Agenda for Peace* presents for articulating how best the UN can deliver on its mandate on the maintenance of international peace and security in the changing peace and security dynamics and the emerging multipolar global order arising from the end of the post-Cold War order.



Having regard to the growing trend of restrictions and limitations to humanitarian access in conflict settings in Africa, we also developed a policy brief within the framework of our regular collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).



the Monthly Digest continues to serve the purpose of providing updates and critical reflections on the outcomes of PSC sessions and the overall engagements of the Council during a given month. It also serves as a key tool for following-up implementation of previous PSC decisions as well as identifying key actionable decisions that warrant close follow-up for upcoming months.

## MONTHLY DIGEST ON THE AFRICAN UNION PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL

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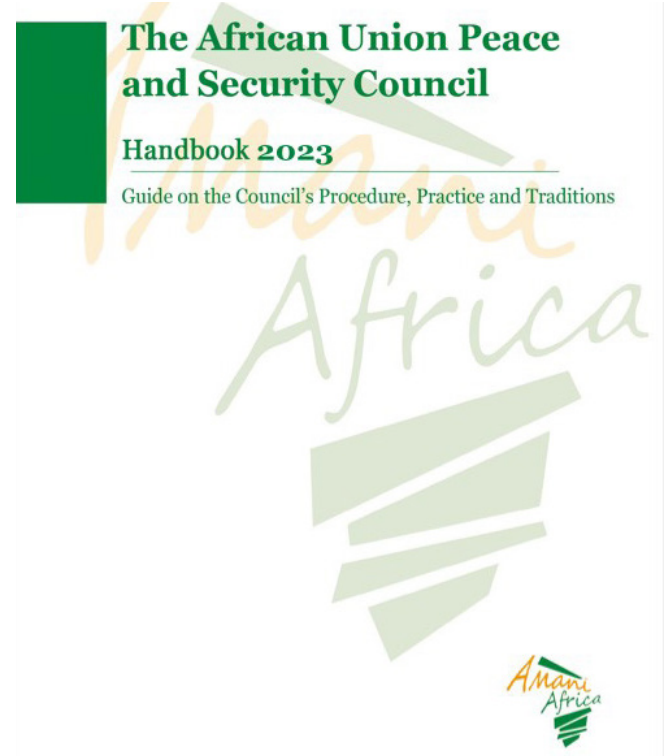
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## Amani Africa's African Union Peace and Security Council Handbook

The fourth edition of *Amani Africa's African Union Peace and Security Council Handbook* was published in November 2023. In line with its central purpose, the Handbook outlined the latest data and analysis focused on the organisation of work of the PSC, its working methods and developments relating to its decision-making processes and the use of conflict prevention, management and resolution tools. In so doing, it availed information and analysis on the changes and emerging developments surrounding the work of the PSC, the decision-making dynamics and its various supporting structures.



## TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND COLLABORATION AS WELL AS STRATEGIC CONSULTATIONS

As per its established practice and in pursuit of one of the core areas of its works, Amani Africa continued to accompany PSC member states and other key policy making stakeholders through the provision of technical support, collaboration and advice.

### Monthly consultations with and briefings to PSC Chairs

The monthly meetings that Amani Africa holds with the rotating chairpersons of the PSC is one of the main ways through which it implements its technical support work. In 2023, as in the previous years, Amani Africa's team met with the PSC chairs of each month. In addition to discussions on the issues on the program of work of the month, our engagement also provided inputs on matters that require follow-up or PSC's engagement. This has been a critical way of signalling to the PSC not only pending timelines for the implementation of specific decisions, but also some time sensitive situations that require PSC's urgent attention and action.



***Amani Africa team meeting with Amb. Rebecca Amuge Otengo, PR of Uganda and PSC Chair for January 2023***

Uganda being the stand-in chair of the PSC during January 2023, our first engagement with PSC chairpersons for the year was with Ambassador Rebecca Amuge Otengo, Permanent Representative of Uganda to the AU. We shared ideas, updates and perspectives on the agenda items that were tabled for the Council's consideration in January 2023. The exchanges informed our analysis for the various sessions during the month.



***Meeting with PR of South Africa, Amb. Edward Xolisa Makaya, PSC Chairperson for February 2023***

In February, as South Africa took over the chairship of the PSC, a team of Amani Africa met with the PSC chair of the month and Permanent Representative of South Africa to the AU, Ambassador Edward Xolisa Makaya to discuss the PSC programme of work and various areas of technical support collaboration for Amani Africa to provide in respect to selected files.



***Meeting with a team of Tanzanian Mission to the AU, PSC Chair for March 2023***

We also met with the team of Ambassador Innocent Shiyo, Permanent Representative of Tanzania to the AU, who chaired the PSC during March 2023. Further to discussing the month's programme of work and the various agenda items tabled, we had broader exchange on issues of significance to continental peace and security and areas for Amani Africa's input.



***Meeting with Amb. Rebecca Amuge Otengo, PSC Chairperson for May 2023***

On the basis of our meeting with Ambassador Rebecca Amuge Otengo who chaired the PSC in May 2023, Amani Africa accompanied Uganda during its chairship of the Council, through consultations and provision of targeted technical support on specific agenda items considered during the month.





**Consultations with Amb. Sophia Nyamudeza, PSC Chair for June 2023**

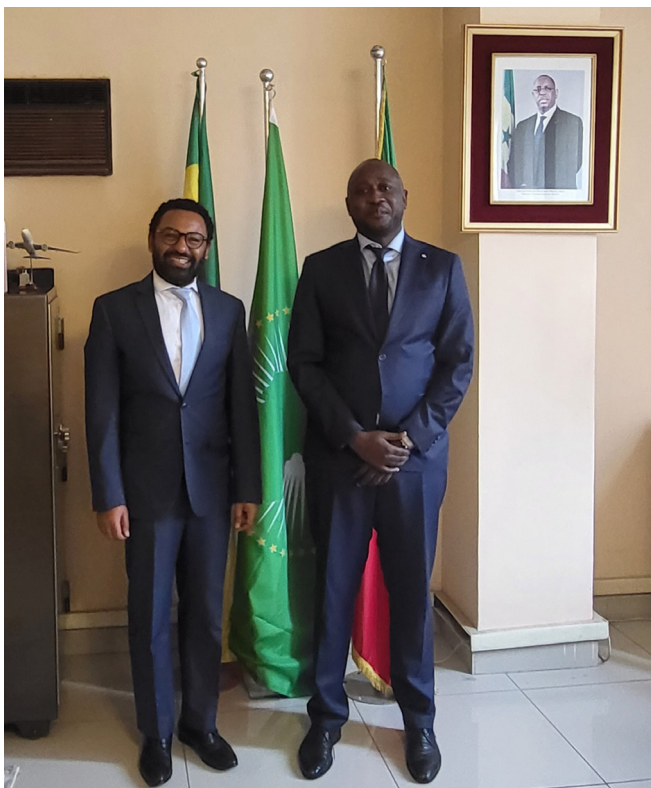
In June 2023, a team of Amani Africa met with the PSC Chairperson for the month, Ambassador Sophia Nyamudeza, Permanent Representative of Zimbabwe to the AU. The meeting, further to reflecting on the programme of work for the month, served to exchange ideas on how to bring more traction and PSC engagement on the timely issue of financing AU-led PSOs, given the momentum created during the year for the adoption of a framework resolution in that respect.

The PSC chairship in July 2023 went to Senegal. Amani Africa consulted with Ambassador Mohamed Lamine Thiaw, Permanent Representative of Senegal to the AU and PSC Chair for the month, to discuss on the month's program of work and areas for collaboration during the month. On the basis of discussions held, Amani Africa provided support through developing technical documents tailored to specific sessions held during July.



**During consultations with Amb. Willy Nyamitwe, PSC Chair for August 2023**

Ambassador Willy Nyamitwe, Permanent Representative of Burundi to the AU and chairperson of the PSC for August 2023 received Amani Africa's team for insightful exchanges regarding continental peace and security, with a focus on matters incorporated in PSC's programme of work for the month of August.

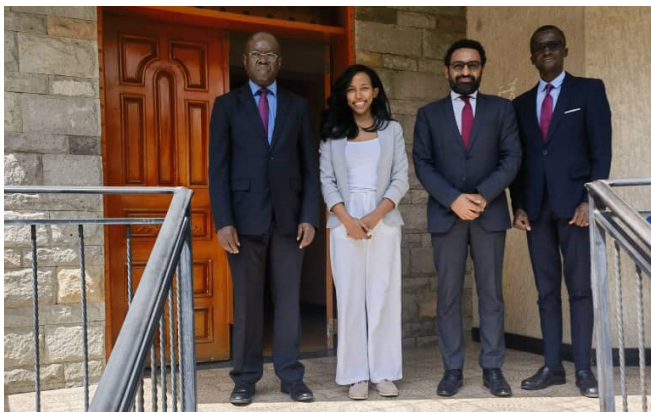


**During consultation held at Senegal Embassy in Addis Ababa, with Amb. Mohamed Lamine Thiaw, PSC Chair for July 2023**



**During consultations with Amb. Churchill Ewumbue-Monono, PSC Chair for September 2023**

Ambassador Churchill Ewumbue-Monono, Permanent Representative of Cameroon to the AU and PSC Chair for September 2023 visited our office with his team for detailed consultation on the Council's programme of work for the month. Amani Africa provided its usual support to Cameroon including through the production of copies of our special research report [‘Seizing the New Momentum for UNSC Resolution on UN funding of AU Peace Operations’](#), for use as a working document during PSC ministerial level deliberations on Financing AU PSOs, on 23 September in New York.



**Following consultations at the Embassy of Congo, with Amb. Daniel Owassa, PSC Chair for October 2023**

Ambassador Daniel Owassa, Permanent Representative of Congo to the AU and Chairperson of the PSC for October 2023 welcomed Amani Africa's team for exchanges on the peace and security landscape in Africa and areas of Amani's support relating to the agenda items planned for the month.



**Meeting with Amb. Abdi Mahamoud Eybe, PSC Chair for November 2023, at the Embassy of Djibouti**

Ahead of Djibouti's assumption of the role of chairing the PSC in November 2023, Amani Africa was received by Ambassador Abdi Mahamoud Eybe, Permanent Representative of Djibouti to the AU and PSC Chair for the month to discuss collaborations on the basis of the programme of work for November. One of the various areas in which Amani Africa collaborated with Djibouti during the month was the joint convening of a roundtable on women, peace and security (WPS), which was one of the agenda items considered by the PSC during the month.



**Consultations at Amani Africa offices, with the team of Gambian Mission to the AU, PSC Chair for December 2023**

Ahead of Gambia's chairship of the PSC in December 2023, we received at our office the team of Ambassador Jainaba Jagne, Permanent Representative of The Gambia to the AU and PSC Chair for December 2023. The meeting served to have extensive consultation covering issues expected to feature in the monthly program of work and how to address issues affecting PSC's efficacy. We also discussed follow up on the situation in Sudan focusing on operationalization of PSC decision on AU's dedicated mechanism for the situation in Sudan.

Further to our monthly meetings with chairpersons of the PSC, we also continued having consultations with various members of the Council on different occasions to provide technical support and guidance on specific areas of concern.





**Exchange with Amb. Emilia Mkusa, PR of Namibia to the AU, and her team on the 26 July 2023 coup in Niger**

## Collaborations with the AU PAPS and PSC Secretariat

During the year, Amani Africa strengthened its collaboration with the AU Department for Political Affairs, Peace and Security (PAPS) including through the provision of technical and financial support for the successful undertaking of some of the PSC’s activities. In July 2023, we provided material support to the PAPS Department in support of the convening of the I-RECKE Second Policy Session held as part of the mid-year coordination meeting of the AU and RECs held in Nairobi, Kenya.

Later in the year, we provided support to the PSC Secretariat and the Chairperson of the Month in the convening of the Ministerial and High-Level Open Session on Children Affected by Armed Conflicts (CAAC), on 4 to 5 December, in Banjul, The Gambia. Our Founding Director was also among the briefers during this ministerial meeting.



**Ministerial and High-Level Open Session on CAAC, Banjul, Gambia, 4-5 December 2023**

## Strategic consultations with PAPS

As part of our periodic strategic consultation with PAPS Department, we held three consultation meeting with PAPS Commissioner, Bankole Adeoye,

one of these was on 14 September. The meeting served to discuss topical policy issues of relevance to peace and security, including pressing concerns arising in relation with the war in Sudan and its regional impact and the contribution of Amani Africa’s work.



**Neema Chusi** · 1st  
Head, AU PSC Secretariat at African Union  
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Thank you my dear brother **Solomon Ayele Dersso** and the entire team of **Amani Africa** for your valuable support to I-RECKE Second Policy Session



**Meeting with PAPS Commissioner, H.E Bankole Adeoye**

In February we had a Meeting with the Commissioner Bankole Adeoye on the sidelines of the launch of the African Union Network of Think Tanks for Peace on joint areas of collaboration.



A team of Amani Africa met with African Union Political Affairs Peace and Security department and discussed on the area of collaboration including in delivering on specific areas of work and its contributions to knowledge production.



Amb. Bankole Adeoye  
@Bankole\_Adeoye

Good exchange with Dr @SolomonADersso & Bitania Tadesse of @africa\_amani on Amani Africa's work and collaboration with @AUC\_PAPS including in delivering on specific areas of work and its contribution to knowledge production.



## Briefings to the PSC

In 2023, Amani Africa had the opportunity to deliver briefings during some of PSC's sessions. On 27 September, our Founding Director addressed the PSC as it convened its 1176th meeting to follow-up on status of pledges made at the 2022 Malabo Extraordinary Summit on Humanitarian Situation. Our briefing to the PSC drew

much needed attention to the gravity of the humanitarian situation in Sudan and its ramifications to the wider east and Horn of Africa regions with the escalation of the war in that country.



### **Amani Africa's briefing to the PSC's 1176th session, 27 September 2023**

The other briefing Amani Africa delivered to the PSC was during the ministerial high-level open session on Children Affected by Armed Conflict (CAAC). During the second and final day of the meeting on the promotion and protection of the rights and welfare of children in situation of armed conflict conducted on 4 and 5 December in Banjul, The Gambia, our Founding Director Dr. Solomon Ayele Dersso delivered a presentation.



**Dr Solomon A. Dersso, Founding Director of Amani Africa briefing PSC's Ministerial High-Level Meeting on CAAC, Banjul, The Gambia, 05 December**



## Briefings to the UNSC

In 2023, Amani Africa was also invited to brief the UNSC on two separate occasions. The first of these was on 25 May, as the Council met on the issue of financing of AU PSOs. The briefing delivered in person by our then Program Director, Bitania Tadesse, emphasised that authorizing the use of UN assessed contributions for AU PSOs is about working out an arrangement between the UN and the AU for fulfilling UN Charter's most fundamental pledge and not principally about money nor is it a charity to the AU. This briefing drew on Amani Africa's work on the subject including its special research report published in early May titled '[Seizing the New Momentum for UNSC Resolution on UN funding of AU Peace Operations](#)'.



***Bitania Tadesse in front and Solomon Ayele Derso at the back, during Amani Africa briefing to the UNSC, 25 May 2023***

The second briefing to the UNSC was delivered virtually by our Founding Director, Dr. Solomon Ayele Derso on 10 October 2023, on Cooperation between the UN and Regional Bodies, including the AU. The briefing outlined the importance of rectifying the inadequate state of AU-UN partnership and made a case for why 'elevating UN-AU partnership to a higher level is also a strategic imperative for the effective functioning of multilateralism'.



## Cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union - Security Council, 9435th meeting

***Amani Africa briefing to the UNSC, 10 October 2023***

## OUTREACH, CONSULTATIONS AND TECHNICAL PARTNERSHIPS WITH WIDER AU STAKEHOLDERS

2023 was also a year when Amani Africa expanded its engagement with wide range of stakeholders in the peace and security, governance and Africa in the multilateral arena policymaking space.



***Amani Africa Founding Director and Ghana PR to UN, New York***



In January 2023 during a work visit to New York, our Director met with the Permanent Representative of Ghana to the UN and member of the A3 in the UNSC. This served as useful occasion for discussing on Amani Africa’s work and our engagement on research and technical support concerning the work of the A3 and the then emerging policy discussion on the relaunch of the presentation of a UNSC resolution on financing of AU PSOs through UN assessed contributions.



**Amani Africa Founding Director and experts at Swiss mission to UN, New York**

On 17 January, during his New York work visit, our Founding Director also briefed experts at the Swiss mission to the UN covering various files on African issues and UN and AU relationships as well as climate and terrorism.



**Dr Solomon Ayele Dersso and Amb. Fatima K. Mohammed, New York**

On 18 January, Solomon Dersso also met with Ambassador Fatima K. Mohammed, Head of the African Union Permanent Observer Mission to the UN to discuss the work of Amani Africa as it relates to AU-UN partnership and the role of the AU Mission as well as A3.



**Dr Solomon Ayele Dersso with Dr Confort Ero and Richard Gowan, New York**

As part of the collaboration on a project with Crisis Group, Amani Africa’s Solomon Ayele Dersso met with President of Crisis Group Dr Confort Ero and UN Director of Crisis Group Richard Gowan on 20 January 2023.



**At the SCR office in New York, during consultations on ways of collaboration**

On 19 January 2023, our Founding Director visited one of our peer organisations, Security Council Report (SCR), in New York. The visit served to have rich exchanges on the work of our respective institutions and for planning of collaborations.



***During consultations between Amani Africa and CISSA teams***

On 23 February, we met with Ambassador Zainab Ali Kotoko, Head of AU's Committee of Intelligence and Security Services of Africa (CISSA) for productive exchanges on shared areas of work and on how to collaborate and leverage each other's work.



***During meeting Amani Africa and a team of AU PAPS, YPS Program***

We also had rich discussion with a team of AU PAPS Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) Program on 23 February. Amani Africa's comparative advantages such as in knowledge production in issues of concern for YPS and WPS agendas was one of the central issues discussed.



***During exchanges between Dr Solomon Dersso and Mr William Carew, Head of ECOSOCC***

On 17 April, we hosted at Amani Africa Mr William Carew, Head of ECOSOCC Secretariat to discuss about the various areas of our work and to explore opportunities for collaboration between Amani Africa and ECOSOCC on aspects of shared interest building on our productive collaborations during 2023.



***Meeting between Amani Africa and the State Minister for Africa and Middle East of Brazil, H.E. Carlos Duarte***

On 06 June, we welcomed a delegation headed by the State Minister for Africa and Middle East of Brazil, H.E. Carlos Duarte, along with H.E Dos Santos, Brazil's Ambassador to Ethiopia. Held in context of the visit of Brazil's Foreign Minister to Addis, the meeting served for discussing Amani's work and areas of potential collaboration.





**Meeting between the heads of Amani Africa, ICRC Delegation to the AU and IFRC Office to the AU**

On 23 June, our Founding Director held an exchange with Head of ICRC Delegation to the AU, Bruce Mokaya and Itonde Kakoma, then Permanent Representative of International Federation of Red Cross (IFRC) and Red Crescent Societies and Head of IFRC Office to the AU.



**Amani Africa's team with a team of the ICRC Delegation to the AU**

On 02 August, we held a meeting with a team of the ICRC Delegation to the AU, including the Head of Delegation, Bruce Mokaya. The meeting served for rich exchanges on the implementation of our partnership agreement and joint areas of work for 2023 and 24.



**During meeting between Amani Africa and IRRI teams at Amani Africa office**

We welcomed a team from the International Refugee Rights Initiative (IRRI) on 08 July to share respective experiences and perspectives and exchange ideas on how we can work together for better impact and for leveraging each other's strengths.



**During meeting between Amani Africa team and UNOAU Head of Institutional and Operational Partnership**

On 9 August, Head of Institutional and Operational Partnership of UNOAU, Hester Paneras, to discuss on the institutional partnership between UNOAU and Amani Africa and joint activities for 2023 and 24.



**Meeting between Amani Africa's team and team of Amb Jean Kamau**

For purposes of planning potential collaboration on the sidelines of the Africa Climate Summit, we held discussions on 14 August with H.E. Ambassador Jean Kamau, former Permanent Representative of Kenya to the AU.



**During Amani Africa team's consultations with SRSG Parfait Onanga-Anyanga and his team**

In one of the highlights of our engagement with the wider AU policy community, on 18 August, we welcomed to our office SRSG and Head of UNOAU, **H.E Parfait Onanga-Anyanga**, to discuss various contemporary global and continental concerns and current policy events, with a specific focus

on the 2023 Africa Climate Summit. We also exchanged ideas on global conversations regarding the reform of the multilateral system and Africa's place in shaping such conversations.



**Amani Africa team and Amb Nicola Brennan and her team during the signing ceremony of a new contract**

We also renewed our established partnership with the Embassy of Ireland in Ethiopia, through the signing of a new agreement on 22 August. The signing ceremony served to discuss at length specific areas of productive engagement to be carried out during the coming period of collaboration.



**Amb. Petro Mona, PR of Switzerland to Ethiopia and Dr. Solomon Dersso during the signing of a new project agreement between Switzerland Embassy in Ethiopia and Amani Africa**



On 15 September, we renewed our longstanding collaboration with our founding partner, the Embassy of Switzerland in Ethiopia, through the signing of a new project agreement.



**During consultations with Amb Stian Christensen, PR of Norway Mission to the AU**

As part of deepening and strengthening our partnership with the Norway Mission to the AU, we had fruitful exchanges with Ambassador Stian Christensen on current AU and peace and security affairs, on 15 September.



**Meeting between Executive Director of IJR Prof. Cheryl Hendricks and Amani Africa teams at Amani Africa office**

On 13 October, we welcomed a team of the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation (IJR), including the Executive Director, Prof. Cheryl Hendricks, for rich exchanges on areas of potential collaboration. The meeting also served as an occasion for handing over recognition to IJR, as part of the recognition we presented in appreciation of the collaboration and support we received from

various constituencies, during our 5th year anniversary.



**Amani Africa's team during consultations with ADAF Secretary-General Navy Commander O. Equere ADAF team**

In view of expanding our engagement with subsidiary bodies of the PSC, we had a consultation for the first time, with the African Defence Attachés Forum (ADAF) and members of the Military Staff Committee (MSC), on 16 October. The interaction was critical to discuss ways of bridging the civil-military gaps in governance to achieve sustainable peace.



**During meeting with H.E. Laila O. Gad, the Representative of UNICEF Office to the AU and UNECA**

On the same day, 16 October, we held a meeting with H.E. Laila O. Gad, the Representative of UNICEF Office to the AU



and UNECA. The meeting served to share perspectives on our respective works and how we can work together including on advancing children issues in AU policy works.



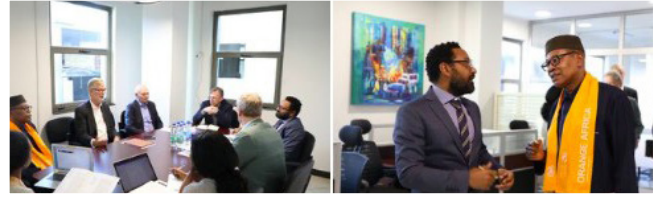
***During meeting between Amani Africa team and H.E. Ambassador Mohamed Gad and his team***

On 08 November, our team met with H.E. Ambassador Mohamed Gad, Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the AU and his team, to discuss current and emerging African and AU affairs and areas of collaboration around these issues.



***Meeting with Vesna Dolinsek, Charge d'Affaires of Embassy of Slovenia***

On 17 November, we welcomed Charge d'Affaires of Embassy of Slovenia, Vesna Dolinsek for a lively discussion about Slovenia's election into and upcoming membership in the UNSC and areas of collaboration with Amani Africa in that context.



***During consultation between Amani Africa and SIPRI teams***

On 24 November, we had fruitful exchanges on our work and areas of collaboration with a delegation of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), led by Mohamed Ibn Chambas, Member of the SIPRI Governing Board and AU High Representative for Silencing the Guns, and Dan Smith, Director of SIPRI.



***Meeting with Amb Jainaba Jagne and her team at the Gambian Mission to the AU***



On 24 November, we were also received by H.E. Ambassador Jainaba Jagne of The Gambia, incoming Chairperson of the PSC for December, as a follow up meeting on PSC's program of work for December.



**Meeting with Deputy Head of Mission of South Africa to the AU at Amani Africa office**

We welcomed to Amani Africa on 24 November, Ms Matheko U. Letsie, Minister Plenipotentiary and Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of South Africa. We held engaging and rich interaction including on women in decision-making, state of peace and security as well as priority issues for 2024.



**Meeting between Amani Africa Founding Director Dr Solomon Dersso and Ms Rita Amukhobu, Head of AU HHS**

On 28 November, at the sidelines of the 11th AU Annual Humanitarian Symposium, our Founding Director held a meeting with Ms Rita Amukhobu, Head of Humanitarian Affairs Division, Department of Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Affairs (HHS), to discuss possibilities for enhancing close working relationships on knowledge production and policy making on the intersection between peace and security and humanitarian action.



**During meeting between Amani Africa team and delegation of Japanese Mission to the AU**

On 12 December, we had a productive meeting with a delegation of the Japanese mission to the AU, to further our exchanges on collaboration and planning joint activity within the framework of Japan's membership in the UN Security Council.



**Signing ceremony at Amani Africa office with Dr Solomon Dersso and Mr Toru Sugio of the Japanese Mission to the AU**

Expanding our pool of partners, we signed an agreement with the Japan Mission to the AU on 22 December, for undertaking joint work in 2024.

On the occasion of the visit of the COP 27 Presidency team, led by H.E. Mohamed Nasr, COP 27 Lead Negotiator, we had the pleasure of welcoming to our office the delegation along with Dr Paul Simon Handy, of the Institute for Security Studies, for a discussion on outcomes & follow up to COP27.

In January 2023 we welcomed to our office Franc But Ambassador-at-Large of Slovenia, candidate to UNSC, along with Avis Klanvinskis of EU Delegation to AU for briefing on the AU, role of elected members of UNSC vis-a-vis African issues & our work in these & related areas.



Our Founding Director delivered a presentation on the nexus between the humanitarian agenda and the AU theme of the year on acceleration of implementation of the AfCFTA (African Continental Free Trade Area) during a ministerial side event held jointly by the AU Department of Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Affairs and IFRC on the margins of the AU summit in February 2023.





Amani Africa moderated a session during the Inaugural Meeting of a Strategy Group for the Launch of the African Union Political Affairs, Peace and Security Network of Think Tanks for Peace.



We welcomed to our office Ambassador Ahmed Abdel-Latif Director General of Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding for exchanges on areas of work of respective institutions, potential areas for collaboration & pathways for effective takeoff of African Union Political Affairs Peace and Security Network of Think Tanks for Peace, which Ambassador Ahmed Abdel-Latif co-chairs.



**Meeting with Ambassador Ahmed Abdel-Latif, Director General of Cairo International Center for Peace**

## CONVENING OF POLICY FORUMS AND TRAININGS

In addition to conducting our signature annual training on the AU and its various institutions, we convened twice as much policy forums in 2023 as compared to the previous year. In total, we organised 14 policy forums during the year.

### Amani Africa Training Institute on the AU

In 2023, the third edition of our training workshop was held from 6 to 8 November at Haile Grand Hotel in Addis Ababa. While the previous two training workshops targeted respectively diplomats and civil society actors, in 2023, our training workshop brought together actors from both sectors. It specifically catered to new diplomats from African member states appointed to AU affairs as well as diplomats from non-African member states with mandates focused on AU processes. Representatives from African civil society organisations, particularly those at the grassroots level also constituted a part of the participants.

More details about the training including testimonials from the participants and facilitators can be found [here](#).







**During the third edition of Amani Africa Training Institute on the AU**

## Policy Forums

The first policy forum we convened during the year was held on the margins of the 36th AU Summit, on 17th and 18th February. Focused on active engagement of civil society actors in the decision-making processes of the AU, it brought together CSOs from across the continent to deliberate on salient policy issues that would require the attention of policy and decision makers and leaders during the Summit. More details on this event can be found [here](#).



**During CSOs Consultation on the sidelines of the 36th AU Summit**

On 17 February, we also had a high-level event organised jointly with Namibia. Further to calling attention to Africa's active engagement in conversations surrounding reform of the multilateral system, the high-level event also served as the starting point for the joint Amani Africa and Namibia High-Level Process on Africa and the Reform of Multilateralism. More details on this high-level event can be found [here](#).

**High-Level Event**

**AFRICA, THE NEW AGENDA FOR PEACE AND REFORM OF MULTILATERALISM**

**H.E. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah**  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Namibia

**H.E. Amb. Bankole Adeoye**  
Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, Coast of Honor

**H.E. Dr. Tekeda Alemu**  
Former State Minister for Foreign Affairs and Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the United Nations

**H.E. Amb. Emilia Mkusa**  
Permanent Representative of Namibia to the African Union

**H.E. Amb. Adonia Ayebare**  
Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations

**Dr. Solomon Ayele Derso**  
Founding Director, Amani Africa

**Faten Aggad**  
Senior Advisor Climate Diplomacy and Geopolitics, African Climate Foundation

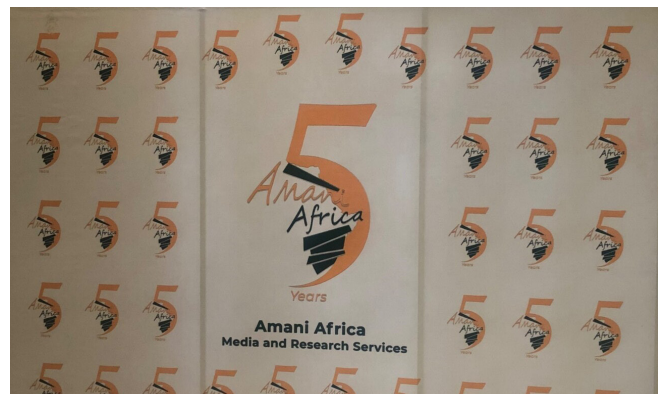
**Prof. Tim Murithi**  
Head of Peacebuilding Interventions Program, Ltd

**17<sup>th</sup> Friday Feb 2023**

**Time: 08:00-10:00 EAT**  
**Venue: Best Western Plus Hotel (next to Edna mall)**

## Joint Namibia-Amani Africa High-Level Event on Africa, the New Agenda for Peace and Reform of Multilateralism

We celebrated the 5th year anniversary of our flagship project 'Insights on the PSC' on 13 April. Further to noting the success of our very first product on the AU PSC, the occasion served to appreciate and give thanks to our various partners for their continued collaborations with and support to Amani Africa.



**During the 5th Anniversary of Amani Africa's flagship project, 'Insights on the PSC'**



On 22 March, a joint seminar of Amani Africa and Security Council Report (SCR) on financing of AU PSOs was hosted at the SCR in New York. Apart from presenting our initial thoughts that informed the special research report published subsequently and receiving useful insights from the seminar, the occasion was also useful for exploring close working relationship between the two organizations.



During the joint seminar, Solomon Ayele Dersso made a presentation on the current state of policy discussion in the AU on financing of AU PSOs through UN assessed contributions and pending issues.

On 10 May, we organised a policy dialogue forum on the very timely topic of renewing AU-UN partnership with a focus on financing AU-led PSOs. The event served

to launch one of our key research products of the year, 'Seizing the New Momentum for UNSC Resolution on UN funding of AU Peace Operations'. The conversations during the event were among many that Amani Africa facilitated during the year to advance the adoption of a framework resolution by the UNSC on financing AU-led PSOs. More details about this event can be found [here](#).

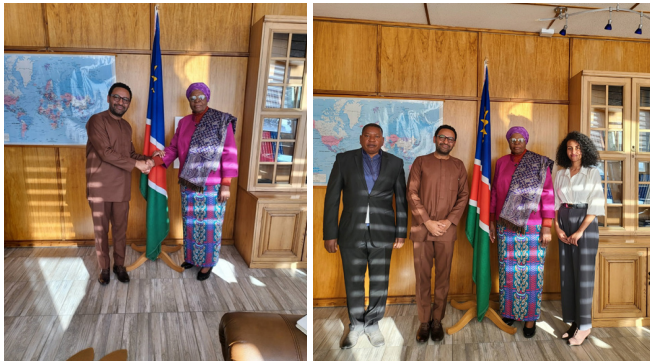


***During the Amani Africa-UNOAU Joint Policy Dialogue on AU-UN Partnerships and Financing of AU-Led PSOs***

On 17 and 18 July, Amani Africa travelled to Windhoek, Namibia to conduct the inaugural meeting of the joint Namibia and Amani Africa high-level panel of experts on Africa and the reform of the multilateral system. The event served to officially launch the High-Level Panel of Experts and the joint Namibia-Amani Africa process on Africa and the reform of multilateralism, in the presence of Hon. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, then Minister of International Relations & Cooperation and current Vice-President of the Republic of Namibia. The inaugural meeting also served the members of the High-Level Panel of Experts to consider and adopt a strategic document to guide the Panel's modalities of operation and the development of a report as a final outcome of the Panel's work. On that basis, the Panel of Experts were able to convene two more



physical meetings in 2023 as well as other multiple virtual meetings to discuss in working groups, elements for the drafting of a report. More details about this meeting can be found [here](#).



***Inaugural Meeting of the High-Level Panel of Experts on Africa and the Reform of Multilateralism***

Centred around the idea of bridging the gap between AU decision-making and citizens’ perception of issues related to democratic governance, rule of law, constitutionalism and peace and security, we convened an engagement with relevant AU stakeholders to promote and strengthen the uptake of Afrobarometer data in the various areas of their decision and policy making. The event was held as a two-days consultation, from 26 to 27 July, in Nairobi, Kenya. More details about this engagement can be found [here](#).



***Engagement with African Union Stakeholders to Strengthen Afrobarometer Data Uptake***

On 02 August, we joined peer organisations including the International Refugee Rights Initiative (IRRI) in the convening of a webinar on the free movement of people in the context of armed conflicts in Africa. Details about this virtual event can be found [here](#).



**EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT**

**INCLUSIVE AND SAFE FREE MOVEMENT:  
FREE MOVEMENT IN CONFLICT SITUATIONS**

Webinar  
Date and time: Wednesday August 2,  
14:00 - 16:00 (EAT)

***Webinar on Inclusive and Safe, Free Movement in Conflict Situations in Africa***

Following the 26 July coup in Niger and the myriad of policy issues it raised particularly regarding AU-RECs relationship, we convened a high-level dialogue under the framing ‘Making the Coup in Niger the Last Coup?’ on 22 August, jointly with the PSC Chairperson for that month, Ambassador Willy Nyamitwe of Burundi. Given the timeliness of the dialogue, this was one of Amani Africa’s events of the year that received a high degree of participation and attendance from actors in the policy space as well as academia and others. More about this event can be found [here](#).





**High-Level Policy Dialogue on the Coup in Niger**

From 8 to 9 September, we convened a second engagement focused on strengthening Afrobarometer data uptake in AU policy and decision-making, this time targeting civil society actors. The consultation brought together representatives of civil society whose works focus on democracy, governance and peace and security to offer insights on how sources such as Afrobarometer could be instrumental in gathering primary data on citizen perception of issues of relevance to AU policy and decision-making. The purpose of the second consultation was to discuss ways through which civil society actors can enhance their works on and engagements with the AU by making them evidence based through utilisation of data sources such as Afrobarometer. See more [here](#).



**Engagement with AU-Facing CSOs to Strengthen Afrobarometer Data Uptake in AU Policy and Decision Making**

The second physical meeting of the Joint Namibia and Amani Africa High-Level Panel on Africa and the Reform of Multilateralism was held on the sidelines of the 78 Session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA-78), in New York, USA, on 26 September. The convening was critical for the members of the High-Level Panel of Experts to engage and have exchanges with The African Group in New York at the UN in New York. More about this meeting can be found [here](#).



**Second Meeting of Joint Namibia-Amani Africa High-Level Panel of Experts on Africa and the Reform of Multilateralism**

The next forum we convened took place on 11 October. This was a high-level panel discussion held jointly with Namibia and the Embassy of Switzerland in Ethiopia, on Africa's evolving role in global governance and its implications at the UN and the AU.



The discussion explored at length the options for a multilateral African foreign policy. More details about this event are available [here](#).



**High-Level Panel Discussion on ‘Towards a Multilateral African Foreign Policy? Africa’s evolving role in global governance and its implications at the UN and the AU’**

As part of PSC’s commemoration of UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, we organised a roundtable on women in peace and security decision-making, on 30 November, jointly with the PSC Chair of the month, Ambassador Abdi Mahamoud Eybe of Djibouti as part of the project we implement with support from Canada.



**Roundtable on Women in Peace and Security Decision-Making and Launch of the Fourth Edition of Amani Africa’s Handbook on the PSC**

The occasion also served to launch the fourth edition of the AU PSC Handbook.

On 12 December, we convened a policy dialogue forum with the UNOAU, within the framework of the MoU signed in 2022. The forum afforded a panel discussion on the New Agenda for Peace and on how to reimagine the UN-AU partnership in peace and security. More can be found on this event [here](#).



**Dialogue on The New Agenda for Peace: Reimagining the UN-AU Partnership in Peace and Security**

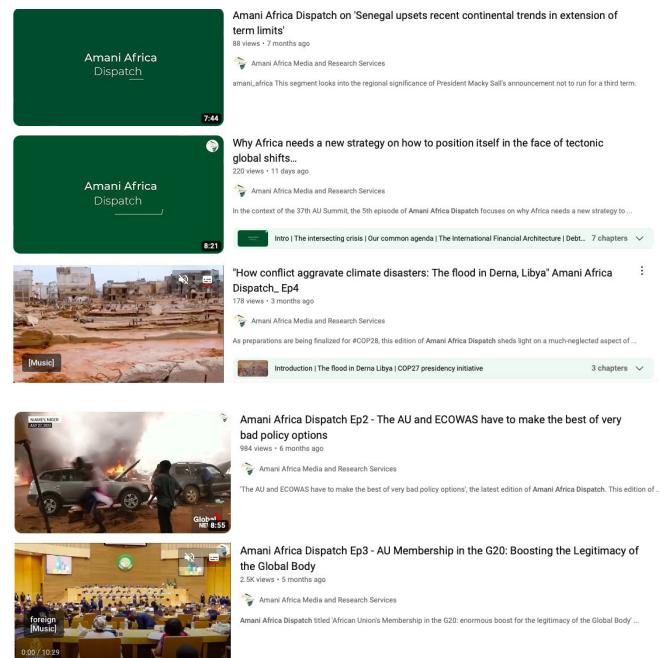
The last convening we organised in 2023 was the third physical meeting of the joint Namibia and Amani Africa High-Level Panel of Experts on Africa and the Reform of Multilateralism. The meeting was conducted in Nairobi, Kenya, where Dr. Korir Sing’Oei, Kenya’s Principal Secretary of Foreign Affairs delivered opening remarks. Following from the various virtual meetings convened by members of the Panel organised into different thematic working groups, the third convening brought members of the Panel together to discuss components of a draft report developed by one of the expert members on the basis of inputs provided from the meetings of each working group, along the lines of agreed thematic areas of focus.

## LAUNCH OF NEW RESEARCH AND MEDIA PRODUCTS

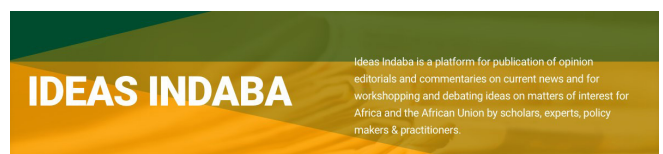
In 2023, we extended our work and introduced new research and media products. One of the innovative products we introduced in 2023 is the **'Amani Africa Dispatch'**. In addition to expanding our media work, Amani Africa Dispatch has been critical in garnering enhanced audience engagement in the work that we do. Developed as short audio-visual production that enriches current policy discourse, Amani Africa Dispatch covers very timely continental and global developments of policy concern for Africa.



**Third Meeting of the Namibia and Amani Africa High-Level Panel on Africa and the Reform of Multilateralism**



Another new addition to the research and publication component of Amani Africa's work has been the launch of **'Ideas Indaba'**, our platform for publication of commentaries on various matters related to Africa and the AU, as well as global issues of interest for Africa. During the year, we produced 25 editions of Ideas Indaba including joint and individual contributions from Amani Africa team members as well as external contributors.





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**TRACKER OF EVENTS AND DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS ON THE COUP IN NIGER**

This page presents the sequence of events with respect to the coup in Niger, and the diplomatic efforts for resolving the constitutional crisis resulting from the coup.

In addition to the introduction of new media products in 2023, we also further consolidated the production of monthly podcasts on the monthly program of work of the PSC, within the framework of our partnership with the Australian Embassy in Addis Abeba. 'In the words of the Chairperson of the PSC', a short clip providing very brief highlights of agenda items to be discussed during a given month serves to profile the monthly chairperson of the PSC and the expectations of the Chairperson about the issues featuring on the agenda of the PSC.

The **'Conflict Tracker'** developed in 2023 as part of Amani Africa's **Resource Hub** to trace unfolding developments in conflict/crisis hotspots has also been a significant addition to our work. During the year, the tracker focused on diplomatic efforts and major incidents related to two situations – the war in Sudan and crisis emerging from the coup in Niger.

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**TRACKER OF DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS ON SUDAN CONFLICT**

On 15 April 2023, deadly fighting broke out in the capital of Sudan, Khartoum, between Sudan Armed Forces (SAF), headed by General Abdel Fattah el-Burhan the de facto leader of Sudan, and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) led by General Mohamed Hamedan Dagalo, better known as 'Hemedti', who is Burhan's deputy in the military led transitional government. In the days following the eruption of hostilities, the fighting has expanded to many parts of Sudan.

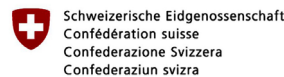
The outbreak of this fighting and its escalation elicited widespread reaction from continental & international bodies including the African Union (AU), the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD), the European Union (EU) and the United Nations (UN).

This page is dedicated to tracking the regional and international efforts for securing cessation of hostilities and eventually restoring peace in Sudan.



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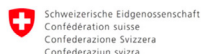
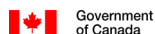
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We support the pan-African dream of peaceful, prosperous and integrated Africa through research, training, strategic communications, technical advisory services, and convening and facilitation.

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