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IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX OF THE COMMUNIQUE PSC/MIN/COMM.1304 (2025) ADOPTED BY THE PSC OF THE AU, AT ITS 1304TH MEETING (AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL) HELD ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 ON THE SITUATION IN THE SAHEL REGION.

No	Task (Specified and Implied)	Implementers/Responsibilities	Actions to be taken	Resource(s)	Implementation Timeline	Status/Observations
1	Urgently expedite inclusive political transition processes in Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger, bringing on board all key stakeholders and promoting genuine political dialogue.	Transitional authorities of Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger; AU Commission; AU Special Envoy for the Sahel	Engage transitional authorities to accelerate transition timelines; convene inclusive national dialogues with political parties, women, youth, CSOs, community and religious leaders.	N/A	Immediate / Short-term	Constructive engagements between the AU and respective countries have been ongoing, including the recent official visit of the AUC Chairperson to Mali and Burkina Faso in July 2026.
2	Adopt comprehensive, multidimensional 'whole-of-government – whole-of-society' approaches to address structural root causes and drivers of terrorism and violent extremism.	Transitional authorities of Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger; AU Commission	Support development of integrated national strategies addressing governance, development, security and social dimensions of terrorism.	N/A	Short-term	The Commission has been providing support to the transition countries in a holistic manner and some of these are listed below: •The African Union through its mediation mechanism - FemWiseAfrica Network, successfully convened the Sahel Women's Dialogue from 25–27 March 2026, bringing together Sahelian women mediators and peacebuilders to strengthen their role in conflict prevention and peacebuilding across the region. The Dialogue emphasized the need to bridge grassroots women-led mediation efforts with African Union-led political processes, particularly in

						the context of ongoing transitions in the Sahel, and underscored the importance of inclusive peacebuilding processes. •On 15 and 16 December 2025, the African Union (AU) Panel of the Wise held a two-day consultative roundtable with eminent religious and traditional leaders from the Sahel and West Africa. The meeting aimed to reaffirm the importance of inclusive dialogue and preventive diplomacy in strengthening peace, social cohesion, and regional resilience. - The Commission in collaboration with the Government of Ghana in November 2025, convened a Technical Coordination Meeting on Establishing an Inclusive Platform for Cohesion of Efforts between the African Union and Countries in Political Transition in West Africa. The meeting was attended by all the Transition countries and resolved to establish a dialogue framework for continuous engagements. •The African Union Commission, in partnership with the United Nations through AU-MISAHIL, supported disarmament sensitization activities in Mali, in September 2025; under the Africa Amnesty Month, leading to the voluntary surrender and destruction of significant quantities of illicit arms and ammunition, and contributing to peace and stability. •The AUC-PAPS convened, a CSOs Expert meeting on addressing radicalization and the root causes of terrorism and violent extremism in the Sahel and Coastal States of West Africa, from 11 to 15 August 2025. The consultative meeting brought together
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						experts and Stakeholders from the Sahel and other West African countries, to examine the drivers of extremism and identify coordinated, preventive approaches to countering these threats across the region.
3	Ensure strict implementation of transition roadmaps within agreed timelines and operationalize joint transition monitoring committees.	Transitional authorities of Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger; AU Commission	Monitor adherence to transition roadmaps; support establishment and functioning of joint transition monitoring committees.	N/A	Short-term	Ongoing
4	Enhance collective security: intelligence sharing, joint operations and strengthened border management among Sahel and West Africa regional stakeholders.	AU Member States; RECs/RMs; ECOWAS; ECCAS; Sahel countries	Develop and operationalize joint security protocols; strengthen cross-border intelligence sharing and joint counter-terrorism operations.	N/A	Short-term	Ongoing as AUCTC, CISSA has been engaging the respective countries as guided.
5	Ensure effective State presence throughout the territories of Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger, especially in areas liberated from terrorist groups, through provision of basic goods and services and respect for human rights; request AU Commission support.	Transitional authorities of Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger; AU Commission	Provide AU technical support for restoring state services in liberated areas; monitor human rights compliance.	N/A	Short-term	Ongoing
6	Scale up mobilization of predictable, adequate and sustainable financial and material resources for peace initiatives in the Sahel, including through the AU Peace Fund, AFSIT, AUDA-NEPAD and UNDP.	AU Commission; ECOWAS; ECCAS; AUDA-NEPAD; UNDP; International partners	Launch coordinated resource mobilization campaign; activate AFSIT for Sahel countries; engage AU Peace Fund for peace dividends and quick impact projects.	N/A	Short-term	Through the CRF of the Peace Fund, the AU Commission disbursed the following funds were disburse: •Burkina Faso - \$1,000,000 USD •Mali - \$500,000 USD •Niger - \$500,000 USD
7	Develop PCRD programmes tailored for supporting Sahel region countries.	AU Commission (PCRD Centre)	Design and implement PCRD programmes addressing post-conflict recovery needs of Sahel countries.	N/A	Short-term	Ongoing

8	Support humanitarian efforts in the Sahel from international community, humanitarian agencies and AU Member States.	International community; Humanitarian agencies; AU Member States	Mobilize and channel humanitarian assistance to Sahel populations; coordinate with UN OCHA and humanitarian partners.	N/A	Immediate / Short-term	Ongoing
9	Establish an AU Task Force for the Sahel to address security, socio-economic and humanitarian challenges, including terrorism and violent extremism.	Chairperson of the AU Commission	Establish the Sahel Task Force; define mandate, composition and operational modalities; report to PSC on activation.	N/A	Short-term	Ongoing
10	Conduct a field visit by the AU Special Envoy for the Sahel (H.E. Evariste Ndayishimiye) with AU Commission support, to Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger to engage on transition processes and enhance direct dialogue.	AU Special Envoy for the Sahel; AU Commission	Plan and execute the field visit; produce a visit report with recommendations; report to PSC.	N/A	Short-term	Done: - The AU Chairperson, President Évariste Ndayishimiye of Burundi, was on official visit in Ouagadougou on Monday, April 20, 2026, for a high-stakes working visit aimed at bridging the gap between the AU and the Central Sahelian States. - Following that official visit, the AUC Chairperson Mahmoud Ali Youssouf conducted a high-level tour in mid-July 2026 to Mali and Burkina Faso. The visit aimed to restart direct political engagement with the Sahel nations, express solidarity against terrorism, and build cooperation with the Sahelian States.
11	Support the organization of a Summit on the Sahel situation in Luanda, Angola as proposed by the Republic of Angola.	AU Commission; Republic of Angola; Sahel countries	Coordinate with Angola to plan the Luanda Summit; ensure participation of Sahel countries and key stakeholders.	N/A	Short-term (to be scheduled)	Ongoing.