



**African Peace Support Trainers' Association
Support to African Standby Force Training**

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Current APSTA Members



- African Centre for Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD) - **South Africa.**
- African Civilian Response Capacity (AFDEM) - **Zimbabwe**
- Cairo Regional Centre for Training on Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping in Africa. (CCCPA) - **Egypt**
- Environmental Aid Nigeria (EAN) - **Nigeria**
- Impact for Change & Development (IMPACT) - **Nigeria**
- Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS) - **Tanzania**
- Institute for Security Studies (ISS) – **South Africa**
- International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC) - **Kenya**
- Kofi Annan International Peace Support Training Centre (KAIPTC) - **Ghana**
- Legon Centre for International Affairs and Diplomacy (LECIAD) - **Ghana**
- National Defence College (NDC) - **Nigeria**
- Nigeria Army Peacekeeping Centre (NAPKC) - **Nigeria**
- Peace Mission Training Centre (PMTTC) – **South Africa**
- Peacekeeping School (EMP) - **Mali**
- Peace Support Operations Training Centre (EPSOTC) - **Ethiopia**
- SADC Regional Peacekeeping Training Centre (SADC-RPTC) - **Zimbabwe**

The Strategy



- ❑ **Vision:** An independent pan-African association that promotes and harmonises training for peace support operations towards a peaceful and stable Africa.

- ❑ **Mission:** APSTA exist to facilitate the development of African capacity for peace and security through coordination, advocacy, harmonization and standardization of training among its member institutions.

- ❑ **Values:** Peace and Security, Professionalism, Apolitical, Pan Africanism, Human dignity and respect for Diversity

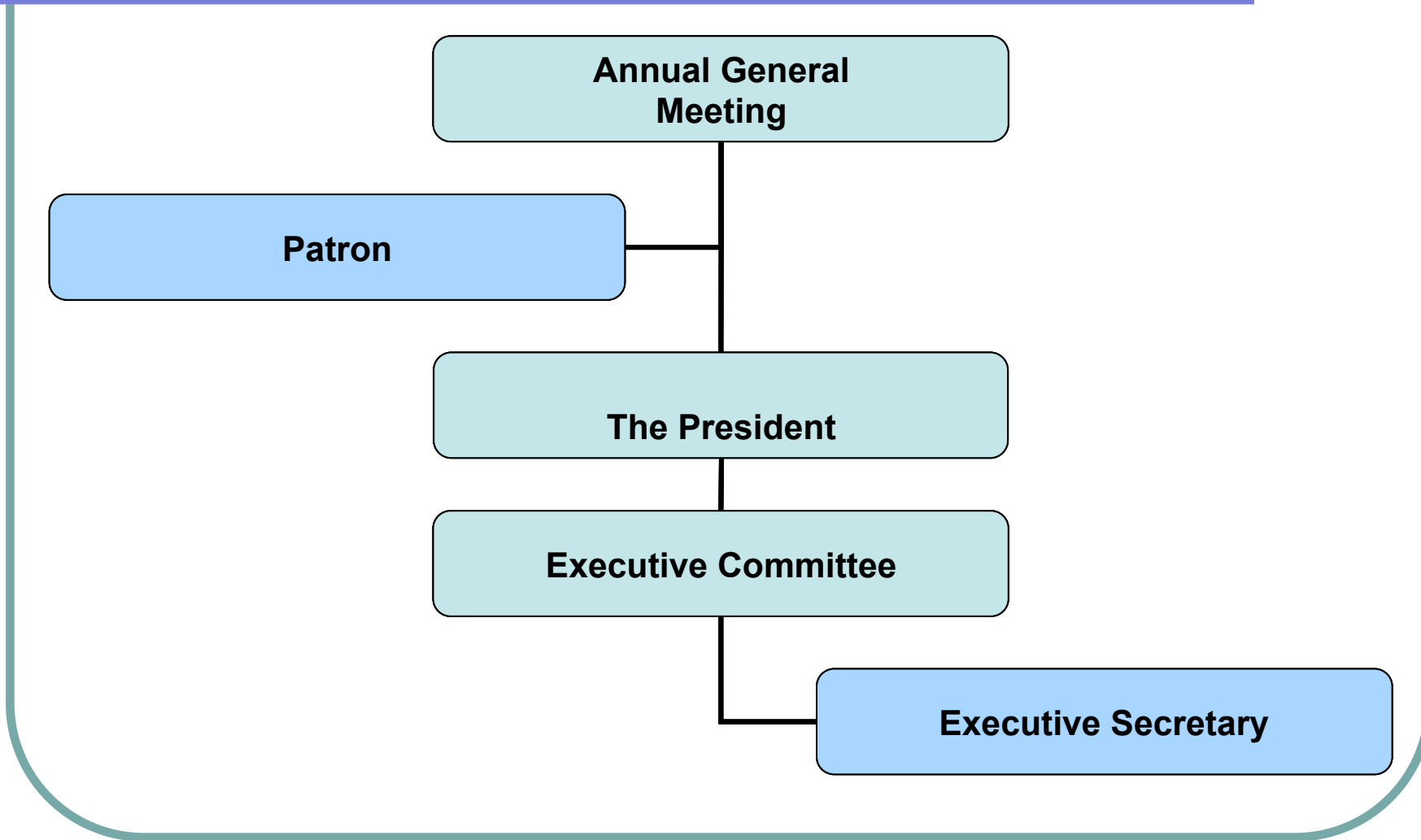
The APSTA Constitution



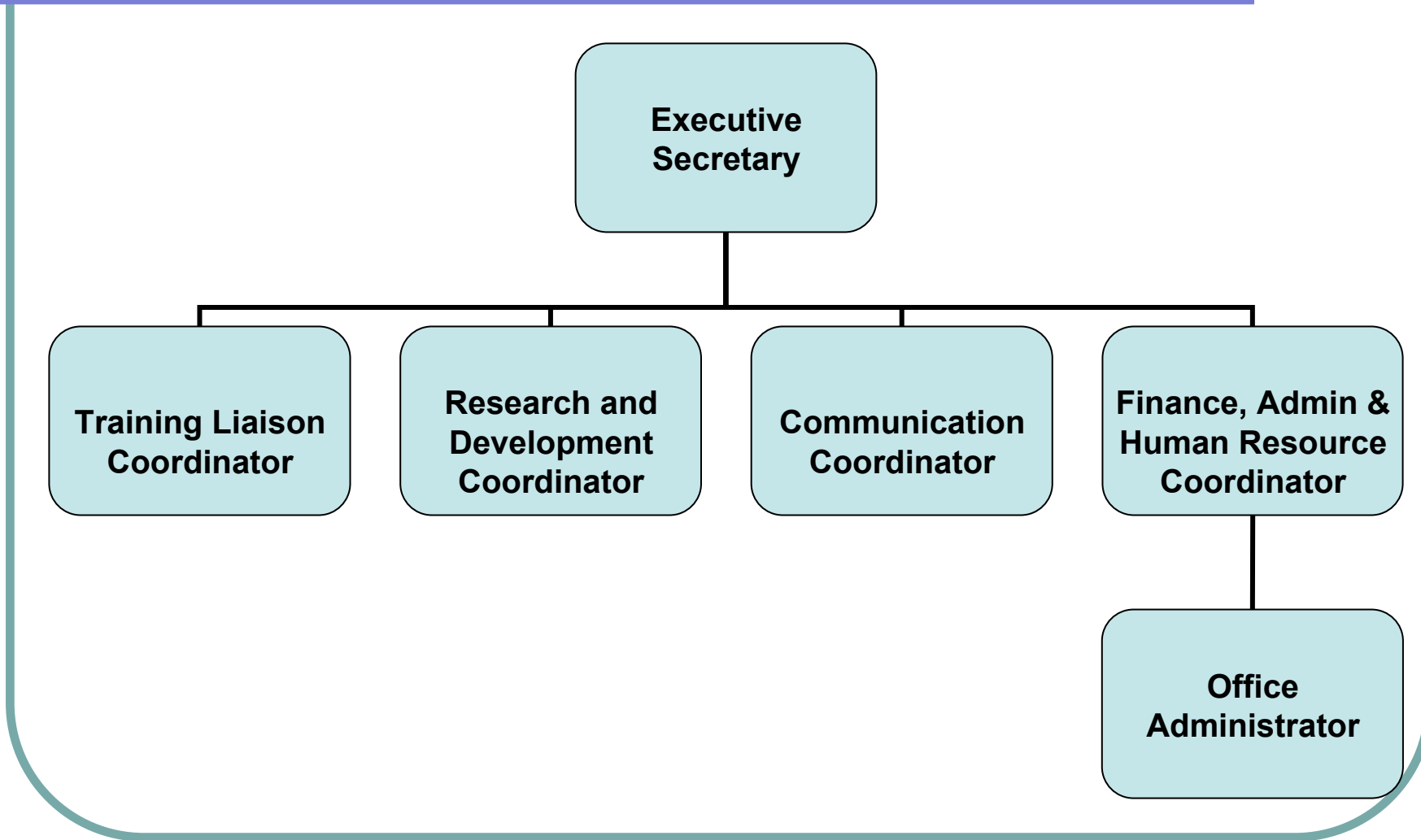
The training and research institutions on whose behalf this Constitution is signed are:

- **Committed to the promotion of the quality and contribution of peacekeeping in Africa and Africa's role in peacekeeping and peace support through quality training, research and policy development;**
- **Committed to the values of mutual benefit, collaboration, responsibility and partnership;**
- **Convinced that the realisation of these goals and values requires working in a collaborative framework harnessing the strengths of each of us sharing best practices and enhancing our capacities and the qualities of our trainings;**
- **Aware of emerging developments in Africa such as the process for the operationalization of ASF within the (APSA) African Peace and Security Architecture;**
- **Noting that in coming together as APSTA and through our various contributions we have raised expectation on the part of our stakeholders to enhance our role, participation and contributions and**
- **Realizing the need and desiring to enhance our capacity and strengths on the basis of clearer understanding of our objectives, the respective roles of member institutions, the Secretariat, the Presidency, the Executive Committee and the AGM.**

Governance Structure



Management Structure



Objectives



- To facilitate the ability of PSO training Centres to dialogue;
- To Facilitate meetings and exchange of information & communication amongst members in training;
- To facilitate efforts in harmonization of doctrine & training policies of member institutions in order to have standardized training programmes for PSO;
- To serve as a depository that offers advisory services to the AU on Peace and Security.
- To act as a sounding board for the AU for PSO and
- T serve as an instruments for the dissemination of research & expert-oriented training within Africa.

Core Functions



- Provide co-ordination services among members and stakeholders in all aspects of PSO training
- Facilitate development of minimum standards in research and training among members and for PSO training in Africa
- Be a depository/clearing house of research and training for members
- Facilitate capacity building of members, trainers and training institutions in PSO
- Conduct training needs assessment and evaluation
- Facilitate networking and partnership opportunities for members within Africa and internationally
- Provide timely and informed advise to AU, UN and RECs/RMs on PSO issues in Africa
- Depository of lessons learned and best practices on PSO training in Africa
- Facilitate capacity development of UN Field Mission in Africa through Integrated Training Services (ITS)
- Mobilize resources both human and capital for its Operations

Collaboration with the AU:



- Two Principal Documents
 - The ASF Training support coordination between AU PSOD and APSTA of April 2007
 - The MOU of October 2008 Regarding ASF Training Support and Coordination

ASF Training Support Coordination Workshop



The Aim:

To develop a coordination mechanism that will enable APSTA to assist AU PSOD with harmonization of ASF Training approaches among APSTA member institutions and the RECs and to explore how best the association could coordinate and harmonise the ASF training programme with various external capacity building initiatives in Africa.

ASF Training Support Coordination Workshop



- The workshop provided a platform to explore collaboration between the AU and APSTA.
- The AU and APSTA to live up to expectation in bringing to maturity African efforts towards the establishment and operationalisation of the ASF.
 - The AU and APSTA should continue to pursue collaboration, within the framework of a binding legal instrument on ASF-related training.
 - AU should introduce APSTA to its partners, to ensure collaboration in ASF-related training, and the mobilisation of resources, including funding.
 - In collaboration with the AU, APSTA should establish a comprehensive database of the core competencies of its member institutions, to serve the purposes agreed during the workshop

Training Recommendations



- Building collaboration between the AU PSOD and APSTA
- APSTA to assist AU PSOD in the development of ASF.
- For Effective collaboration, clarity was needed on the roles of stakeholders APSTA, AU PSOD and RECs/RM
- APSTA to make adjustments to its structure and expand its membership through identifiable regional and national centres of excellence.

The Memorandum of Understanding



- The MOU was to seek clear channels for AU PSOD to mobilise resources, including funding, in support of APSTA involvement and participation in ASF training.
- The framework paper adopted by the 5th APSTA AGM (Accra, 28 August 2006) in which it undertook to arrange an ASF Training Support and Coordination Workshop within the next six (6) months to among others: -
 - Familiarise APSTA members with the ASF training related work undertaken to date; and
 - To develop a work plan in support of the ASF's training needs for the twelve (12) to twenty four (24) months.

Approaches Steps and Actions



- The Binding Legal Framework
 - The MOU
 - The APSTA Constitution
- Channels of Communication
- APSTA membership Capacities
- Dissemination of AU PSOD training products (i.e. doctrine, PSC decisions etc)
- Cost Implications and centralized funding arrangements
- APSTA Funding Arrangements
- APSTA Roles in Multilateral ASF training Exercises.

Accreditation of Training Institutions



- Not based only on physical infrastructure or technical equipment but rather should focus on training products delivered
- ASF accreditation should support and strengthen institutions to meet the standards of ASF related training and accreditation of courses.

Challenges



❑ **Resource Mobilization**

➤ Financial :

- ❑ Not sure if APSTA will have the funding for the planned activities next year 2011

➤ Human :

- ❑ APSTA will have difficulties to recruit qualified staff with the funding uncertainties.

❑ **Membership Contributions**

❑ **Coordination with AU PSOD**

Vote of Thanks



- APSTA has been funded 100% by donors from its inception. APSTA thanks the financial support from the various Governments that have assisted the association to exist up to now

Conclusion



- APSTA is the vehicle for skills development and upgrade knowledge sharing and deepening.
- APSTA' role in ASF Training is key in any training harmonization, standardization, doctrine development, lessons learned, database management and research.
- These processes are living tools through which standards are shared, discussed and implemented.
- APSTA reflects on trainers' selection criteria so as to progressively ensure these are consistent, coherent and comprehensive.
- Facilitate any discussions on the development of a framework methodology for training delivery by member institution.
- With adequate resources and coordination with stakeholders APSTA should therefore play a relevant role in putting those methods in practice towards ASF and Peace Support Training in general.

Questions and Answers?



THANK YOU

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