



Final Communiqué

African Peace Support Trainers' Association (APSTA)

In cooperation with

Cairo Regional Center for Training on Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping in Africa (CCCPA)

APSTA Consultative Meeting

Cairo, 6th – 9th July 2010

- APSTA 7th Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in Durban on 18-19 February 2010 approved a revitalization plan aimed at developing a strategic plan for the association for the period 2010- 2013, drafting a new APSTA constitution and adopting a delinking plan to provide the association with more independent status vis-à-vis member institutions.
- In this context, the APSTA Consultative Meeting was held in Cairo from 6-9 July 2010 and hosted by the Cairo Regional Center for Training on Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping in Africa (CCCPA). The meeting aimed at discussing the above-mentioned three documents in preparation for the coming APSTA 8th AGM which is expected to be hosted by the International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC) in Nairobi in October 2010.
- Fifteen delegates, one consultant, an AU representative, a UNITAR expert and three members of the APSTA Secretariat attended the Meeting. The Meeting was chaired by Brigadier Robert Kibochi, APSTA President. Moderators were HE Ambassador Soad Shalaby, HE Ambassador Dr. Mahmoud Farghal, Dr. Alaa Abdalaziz, , Capt (SAN) Johan Potgieter, Dr. Istafanus Zabadi, Lt. Col. Sambulo Ndhlovu, Ms. Levinia Addae-Mensah and Brig Gen. Obida Ethan. Presenters were Ms. Bongie Ncube, Mr. Gad Awuonda and Ms. Claudi Croci.

Issues discussed during the meeting, were as follows:

A) Strategic Plan

1. The meeting adopted APSTA Strategic Plan 2010-2013 that was developed during the APSTA strategic planning workshop held in Nairobi in June 2010.

B) Proposed Draft Constitution

1. The meeting reviewed the draft constitution and commended the effort made by the three experts who were assigned to draft the new APSTA draft constitution.
2. Several amendments and recommendations were made to enhance the draft Constitution.
3. The meeting approved most of the Constitution articles.
4. The meeting requested Ms. Bongie Ncube to finalize and fine-tune few pending legal clauses in the draft constitution.

C) Delinking of APSTA

1. Appointed consultant made a presentation and submitted a report on selecting a new home city to host APSTA premises. The report offered a comparative analysis of the pros and cons of Nairobi and Addis Ababa as possible venues for the association.
2. Discussions showed that there is a need to revisit the report in order to make it more objective and professional.
3. Accordingly, APSTA president directed the consultant to revise his report in order to take the remarks and observations highlighted during the meeting into consideration.
4. It was agreed during the meeting that the ultimate goal of the delinking is to enable APSTA to be an independent pan-African association.

D) Cooperation with UNITAR

1. A Presentation was made by a representative of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) on possible areas of cooperation between APSTA and UNITAR in strengthening APSTA capacities on certification and e-learning.
2. The meeting welcomed the support offered by UNITAR and agreed on developing close ties with the Institute as part of APSTA Strategic Plan.

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