



APSTA Annual General Meeting

Draft Agenda

Background

1. At the ASF Training Support and Coordination Workshop held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 24-26 April 2007, the AU Peace Support Operations Division (PSOD) and the African Peace Support Trainers Association (APSTA) agreed on a framework for collaboration between the two institutions.

2. Among other things, the AU PSOD and APSTA agreed on the need to establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that sets out the respective roles of various stakeholders and creates clear channels for the mobilization of resources, including funding, in support of APSTA's involvement and participation in ASF training.

3. Against this background, APSTA undertook to consider the following issues at its AGM:
 - Revision or adjustment to its Articles of Association to provide for the expansion of its membership, and the strengthening of its permanent secretariat to enable it to accommodate requests from the AU PSOD. The ISS has since expanded the capacity of the Secretariat.
 - Establishment of a mechanism for the verification, accreditation and recognition of institutions seeking membership of the Association
 - Internal generation of funds for the APSTA

Objective of the AGM

7. In the hope that the AU-APSTA MoU would be duly signed, the main objective of the AGM is to discuss the APSTA and AU (PSOD) collaboration as set out in the draft MoU due to be signed between the two institutions and in the implementation of the outcomes of the Workshop, as outlined above, and the rotation of the APSTA Presidency in accordance with the Articles of Association.

Workshop Date and Venue

8. In order to achieve maximum participation at the AGM, the APSTA Workshop will be held in Abuja, Nigeria from 4-5 October 2008, just prior to the 14th IAPTC Conference from 6-10 October 2008. The exact date(s) and venue for the AGM will be communicated in due course of time.

Participation

9. Each member institution is requested to nominate one representative to attend the AGM and the IAPTC Conference. The cost of international air travel, accommodation and meals for participation of such representatives will be borne by the Association. However subject to prior arrangements with the APSTA Secretariat or the Executive Committee of the IAPTC, member institutions may nominate additional representatives to attend the two events with the understanding that they will bear responsibility for the additional costs.

Proposed Draft Agenda

Day 1: Arrival of Delegates and registration

Day 2 & 3

1. Welcome Note by APSTA (ISS)
 - (a) Acknowledgements
 - (b) Introductions
2. Opening Ceremony:
 - (a) Remarks by the President
 - (b) Opening Remarks by the African Union
 - (c) Keynote address by the Patron
 - (d) Signing of the AU APSTA MoU
3. Adoption of the Agenda.
4. Adoption of the Report of the 4th AGM.
5. Matters Arising from the Report
6. Group Photograph
7. Cocktail
8. MoU on the collaboration between APSTA and AU (PSOD)
9. Deliberation on revision of APSTA's Articles of Association
10. Accreditation of training institutions and recognition of training courses
11. APSTA Training Exchange Program
12. APSTA Electronic Journal: APSTA Peace Keeping This Month
13. Internal generation of funds for the APSTA
14. Rotation of APSTA presidency

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End of AGM/ Start of the IAPTC international Conference