

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

OF THE

AFRICAN PEACE SUPPORT TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION (APSTA)

Name

The name of the association will be the AFRICAN PEACE SUPPORT TRAINER'S ASSOCIATION (APSTA).

The association will serve as the African Chapter of the International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centres (IAPTC).

Membership

The African Peace Support Trainer's Association is a voluntary association of individuals, centres, and institutions working in Africa in peacekeeping capacity building, whose principal core activity or function delivers practical training.

Objectives

- ❑ To facilitate the ability of peace support training centres to dialogue with each other as a matter of routine;
- ❑ To facilitate meetings and the exchange of information and best practices;
- ❑ To facilitate efforts to harmonise the doctrine, training, etc of the various members;
- ❑ To serve as a depository that offers advisory services to the African Union (The Commission and the Peace and Security Council) on peace support operations issues;
- ❑ To act as a sounding board for the AU commission on peace support operations concerning donor relations.

Patron

An individual will be nominated and invited to hold the appointment of the patron of the association. The patron shall serve as the figurehead of the association with responsibility of representing its aims and objectives. Other duties include the formal opening of the association's meetings, and representing the association at various functions.

The patron will be an individual of good standing who is committed to the promotion of peace and security in Africa.

Chairperson

The Chairperson of the association shall be elected, from the association's active members, each year and may serve not more than three (3) consecutive years in that appointment. The roles and responsibilities of the Chairperson are as follows:

- ❑ Calling for and chairing meetings;
- ❑ Spearheading the activities of the association and;
- ❑ Organising, with assistance from the Secretariat, the Annual General Meeting.

General Meetings

The association will hold a general meeting in each year as its Annual General Meeting.

The venue, date, agenda and theme of the meeting will be decided after consultation between members and the secretariat.

Procedures of General Meetings

The meetings of the association will be chaired by the Chairperson of the association.

All decisions will be discussed and adopted through consensus.

Agenda of the General Meetings

Over and above any other items to be decided by the Annual General Meeting, the following shall be on the standard agenda:

- ❑ Thematic discussion for the year;
- ❑ Progress reports on annual activities;
- ❑ Prospectus for planned courses;
- ❑ Message for the IAPTC Annual General Meeting and;
- ❑ Agreement on the date and venue of the next meeting.

Secretariat

The association will, at every Annual General Meeting, entrust its day-to-day operations to a member organisation.

Adopted by the APSTA members at the APSTA Annual General Meeting
Durban, South Africa
16 October 2003