



Concept Note

On Sidelines of ARFSD-10

“Expanding Armed Conflicts: Negative Repercussions on Poverty and Development in Africa”

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Background

Several countries on the African continent are currently grappling with ongoing and expanding armed conflicts. Environments plagued by active conflicts provide fertile ground for the emergence of multiple crises, with economic crises and disparities being among the most significant manifestations within societies. One direct consequence is the widening circle of poverty in conflict-affected societies. Furthermore, conflicts pose a fundamental obstacle to endeavors aimed at supporting and advancing the right to development in these societies. Hence, it is crucial to address the highly detrimental impact of armed conflicts on development goals, particularly the crisis of poverty in countries such as Sudan, South Sudan, and Chad, where conflicts continue to intensify.

Within focus on development goals in Africa, particularly those under review in this year's High-Level Political Forum, and in alignment with United Nations' theme for the year, "Strengthening 2030 Agenda and Eliminating Poverty in Times of Multiple Crises: Effective Implementation of Sustainable and Innovative Solutions," A side event, titled **“Expanding Armed Conflicts: Negative Repercussions on Poverty and Development in Africa”**, on the sidelines of 10th session of African Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, between April 21 and 23. This event aims to discuss negative effects of armed conflicts on poverty and development in the continent, by highlighting case studies of African countries suffering from these repercussions.



Time & Location

Location: Cairo - in person (venue to be determined)

Date: Expected to be convened in the period April 17-21, 2024

Duration: 90 minutes.

Discussion Axes

1. Overview of impact of armed conflicts on exacerbating poverty in Africa.
2. Impact of repercussions of armed conflict on the right to development. Statistics on 2030 and 2063 Agendas.
3. Reviewing case studies of countries where armed conflict expansion has exacerbated poverty, such as Sudan, Chad and South Sudan.
4. Role of African mechanisms and civil society in accelerating work related to first goal in countries of armed conflict in Africa.
5. Mechanisms and recommendations to support ways to combat poverty in countries where conflict is expanding.

Partner Organizations

- 1) Maat for peace, Development and Human Rights
- 2) NGOs Major Group for Africa
- 3) Partners for Transparency