

AU POLICY CONFERENCE

Promoting the
Peace, Security,
& Development
Nexus:

The Promise of
Regional Integration

25th - 27th
October 2022
Tangier,
Kingdom of Morocco

AGENDA



DAY 1 Tuesday, 25 October 2022	
	ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS
10:00 - 11:30	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson, African Union Commission (AUC) • H.E. Nasser Bourita, Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates, Kingdom of Morocco <p>Opening Keynotes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, President, African Development Bank (AfDB) • H.E. Dr. Hanan Morsy, Deputy Executive Secretary and Chief Economist, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) • Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa, Assistant Administrator and Director Regional for Africa, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) - Video Message
11:30 - 11:45	GROUP PHOTO
11:45 - 13:00	<p style="text-align: center;">1. THE MEDITERRANEAN PLENARY</p> <p>A Policy Conversation on the Overview of the Peace, Security & Development Nexus: The Road to the Africa We Want (Agenda 2063) & the SDGs (2030 Agenda)</p> <p>This session will outline the importance of the policy conference from a peace, security and development perspective while placing emphasis on the crucial role of regional integration in the delivery of Africa’s ambitious Agenda 2063 and 2030 Agenda.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ambassador Bankole Adeoye, Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, African Union Commission (AUC) <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Catherine Samba-Panza, Former President of Central African Republic • H.E. Domitien Ndayizeye, Chair of the AU Panel of the Wise • H.E. Nardos Bekele Thomas, Chief Executive Officer, African Union Development Agency-NEPAD • H.E. Parfait Onanga-Anyanga, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General to the African Union and Head of the United Nations Office to the African Union (UNOAU) • Mrs. Hassatou Diop N’Sele, Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer, African Development Bank Group (AfDB)

13:00 - 14:15	LUNCH BREAK
14:15 - 15:30	<p>2. THE RIVER NIGER PLENARY</p> <p>The Promise & Capacity of Regional Integration for Peace and Prosperity in Africa: Implementing the AU Landmarks</p> <p>This session will outline the AU and continent-wide flagship projects such as Agenda 2063, Silencing the Guns, PIDA, AfCFTA, etc. which, together, are supposed to provide concrete answers on the nexus between peace, security and development on the continent.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sarjoh Bah, Director, Conflict Management Directorate, African Union Commission (AUC) <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amb. Olusegun Akinsanya, Former Regional Director, Institute for Security Studies (ISS) • Ms. Marie-Laure Akin-Olugbade, Ag. Vice-President, Regional Development, Integration, and Business Delivery, African Development Bank Group (AfDB) • Mr. Mehdi Tazi Riffi, CEO of the Board of TMSA, Tanger-Med • Hon. Siraj Fegessa, Director of Peace and Security Division, Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) • Ms. Doris Mpoumou, Director, Save The Children.
15:30 - 16:00	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
16:00 - 17:15	<p>3. THE ATLAS MOUNTAINS PLENARY</p> <p>Inclusive Economic Growth and Sustainable Development: Path for Peace, Prosperity and Stability in the context of global uncertainties and disruptions</p> <p>This session will examine the relationship between inclusive economic growth and sustainable development, peace, prosperity and stability, in particular in the context of global uncertainties and disruptions. The basis of discussion during the session will be the AU-AfDB joint Study on Key Actions to Drive Inclusive Economic Growth and Sustainable Development in Africa. This study aims at positioning African economies to sustain 7-10% annual growth rates in the next 30 years, which is necessary for sustainable peace and stability across Africa.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ambassador Albert Muchanga, Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals, African Union Commission (AUC) <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Kassey Garba, Co-Coordinator for the Centre for Growth and Development in Nigeria, University of Ibadan • Prof. Kevin Chika Urama, Acting Chief Economist and Vice President for the Economic Governance and Knowledge Management Complex, African Development Bank Group (AfDB) • Prof. Harold Ngalawa, Council Member of the Economic Society of South Africa, University of KwaZulu Natal

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Nagla Rizk, Professor of Economics and Founding Director of Access to Knowledge for Development Center (A2K4D), American University of Cairo, Egypt • Prof. Jane Kabubo-Mariara, Executive Director of the Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP), University of Nairobi, Kenya • Prof. Yves Mandjem, Head of Integration Department, International Relations Institute of Cameroon • Mr. Milton Nyamadzawo, Director, Southern Africa Institute for Economy and Peace
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<p>DAY 2</p> <p>Wednesday, 26 October 2022</p>

10:00 – 11:15	<p>4. THE VICTORIA FALLS PLENARY</p> <p>Interlinking Intra-African Trade, Industrialization and Infrastructure Development where the Guns are Silent – One Border, One Post!</p> <p>The objective of the session is to examine how intra-African trade, industrialization and infrastructure development contribute to the transition from fragile, unstable and emergency contexts to sustainable development. Participants will reflect on how peace and security create conducive environments for pursuing regional integration processes and initiatives, including the AfCFTA and attaining broader development objectives, such as those embodied in the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and the African Union’s Agenda 2063.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Said Adejumobi, Director, Strategic Planning, Oversight and Results, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) <p>Keynote remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Stephen Karingi, Director, Regional Integration and Trade Division (RITD), United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Hanan Morsy, Deputy Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) • Dr. Hespina Rukato, Founding Director, Centre for African Development Solutions (CADS) • Prof. Babafemi Badejo, Director General, Chrisland Institute for Security, Development and Diplomacy (CLISDD) • Ms. Angela Strachan, Consultant in Business Environment, Trade Facilitation and Investment Climate • Ms. Itumeeng Dlamini, Technical Advisor to the CEO and Corporate Governance, African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM)
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11:15 – 12:30	<p>5. THE ZAMBEZI RIVER PLENARY</p> <p>Investing in the Peace-Security-Development Nexus: Needs, Opportunities and the Way Forward</p> <p>85% of Africa’s 1.3 billion people at present live in a country affected by conflict, or in a neighbouring country. Violence and fragility are well-established barriers to economic and social progress, while rising security expenses can crowd-out fiscal space for social spending. In this context, the African Development Bank (AfDB) is exploring innovative approaches to raise additional financing at scale, including through capital markets, for investments that contribute to peace and security. This plenary session provides an opportunity for the audience to receive an update on the Security-Indexed Investment Bond (SIIB) Initiative, which analyses how a development finance institution can collaborate with other stakeholders for this purpose. These findings will be shared for the community’s reflection and feedback and will inform the coming months of more intensive bilateral and multilateral stakeholder engagement.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Christopher Egerton-Warburton, Founding Partner and Co-CEO, Lion’s Head Global Partners <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Catherine Samba-Panza, Former President, Central African Republic • H.E. Amb. Bankole Adeoye, AU Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace & Security • Mrs. Hassatou Diop N’Sele, Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer, African Development Bank Group (AfDB) • Mr. Scott M. Weber, President, Interpeace • Ms. Fatima Hamdouch, Director General, Masen
12:30 – 13:45	LUNCH BREAK
12:30 – 13:45	Closed Side Event: 2nd PROJECT BOARD MEETING OF THE AFRICA BORDERLANDS CENTRE (By invitation only)

<p>13:45 – 15:00</p>	<p>6. THE LAKE TANGAYIKA PLENARY</p> <p>Promise and Resilience: Agropastoralists and the Peace, Security and Development Nexus in Africa’s Borderlands</p> <p>UNDP’s Africa Borderlands Centre (ABC) is co-organizing the session on the PSD nexus in the borderlands to reinforce the discourse on some of the most creative and innovative occupational groups in the borderlands. The session will feature highlights of the UNDP research and original perspectives from speakers working on borderlands development and in the contexts of peace and security ecosystems in Africa.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Jide Martyns Okeke, Regional Programme Coordinator for Africa, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E Mohamed Juldeh Jalloh, Vice President of the Republic of Sierra Leone (recorded video) • H.E. Maman Sambo Sidikou, High Representative of the AU for Mali and the Sahel • Hon. Siraj Fegessa, Director, Peace and Security Division, Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) • Hon. Abla Dzifa Gomashie, Member of Parliament from Aflao Borderland, Accra, Ghana • Prof. Demeke Achiso, Lecturer, Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS), Ethiopia
<p>15:00 – 16:15</p>	<p>7. THE RIVER LIMPOPO PLENARY</p> <p>African Stakeholders as Watchdogs of Democratic Governance, Ownership and Leadership of the Nexus</p> <p>In the quest to protect the rights of African peoples to pursue their aspirations, the African Union continues to place the agenda of democracy, peace and development as one of its priorities through norm-setting and norm-domestication in the Member States. This session will explore the normative and institutional architectures provided by the AU and RECs in terms of peacebuilding, democratic governance, and post-conflict reconstruction and development and discuss practical strategies to enhance the ownership and leadership by African stakeholders of the peace, security and development nexus.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Patience Chiradza, Director, Governance and Conflict Prevention, African Union Commission (AUC) <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Amb. Fatma Kyari Mohammed, African Union Representative to the United Nations • H.E. Dr. Ahmed Abbadi, Secretary General, Rabita Mohammedie of Ulema • H.E. Amb. Akin Fayomi, former AU SRCC for Liberia and former Nigerian Ambassador to France • Mr. Karim El Aynaoui, Executive President, Policy Center for the New South • Prof. Adebayo Olukoshi, Expert on Governance, Peace & Security • Grace Kaboyo Majoro, Secretary General - Pan African Women Organization

16:15 – 16:45	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
16:45 – 18:00	<p data-bbox="397 271 890 304">8. THE CONGO RIVER PLENARY</p> <p data-bbox="368 315 1437 378">Economic Integration under the AfCFTA: The importance of Peace and Security from the View of the Private Sector</p> <p data-bbox="368 389 1422 629">This session will provide a platform to discuss the importance of peace and security across the continent in the context of the AfCFTA, the necessary environment required for private sector businesses to thrive while operating on the continent, as well as the required policies to facilitate these conditions. The panel session will also discuss what interventions trade finance institutions such as Afreximbank and its partners are making to peace, security and development across the continent, and the opportunities for collaboration to help boost these efforts.</p> <p data-bbox="368 674 512 701">Moderator:</p> <ul data-bbox="416 712 1385 775" style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Babajide Sodipo, Senior Manager, AU/AfCFTA Relations and Trade Policy (ARTP), Afreximbank <p data-bbox="368 819 488 846">Panelists:</p> <ul data-bbox="416 857 1433 994" style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Pat Utomi, Chairman, Pan African Private Sector Trade and Investment Committee (PAFTRAC) • Mr. Chakib ALJ, President of the General Confederation of Moroccan Enterprises • Dr. Amany Asfour, President, Africa Business Council

DAY 3
Thursday, 27 October 2022

9. THE MANO RIVER PLENARY	
Preventing and Responding to Complex Political Transitions including Unconstitutional Changes of Government in Africa	
What is driving the recent surge in military coups in Africa? What existing national and regional mechanisms are in place to mitigate the risks of, and effectively respond to unconstitutional changes of government, including military coups in Africa?	
To address these questions, this panel will build on ongoing primary research by UNDP, based on interviews with 9,000 respondents in countries where recent military coups have occurred as well as countries where there is evidence of democratic processes taking root. It will also offer concrete proposals on how to enhance programmatic responses to prevent and respond to varying forms of complex political transitions through the African Facility to Support Inclusive Transitions (AFSIT). The Facility is being co-created by UNDP, the AUC and development partners to support countries experiencing complex political transitions, including unconstitutional changes of government. It will seek to support countries and to provide technical and limited financial support to regional institutions to bring their political leadership to bear in supporting inclusive and peaceful transitions.	
10:00 – 11:15	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amb. Hadiza Mustapha, Special Advisor to the Special Envoy of the Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC) to Chad <p>Preliminary findings of the flagship report and scope of the Facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Jide Martyns Okeke, Regional Programme Coordinator for Africa, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Parfait Onanga-Anyanga, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General to the African Union and Head of the United Nations Office to the African Union (UNOAU) • H.E. Amb. Bankole Adeoye, Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, African Union Commission (AUC) • Ms. Kholood Khair, Senior Advisor, HD Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Sudan • Mr. Dalmar Jama, Technical Advisor, African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) • Mr. Julien Oussou, Regional Coordinator, West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP)
11:15 – 12:30	<p>Closing Statements and Declarations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the Tangier Declaration on Promoting the Nexus between Peace, Security and Development • Press conference (media only)
12:30 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK
15:00	<p>ORGANIZED TOURS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour of Tangier Medina (registration required) • Site visit to Tanger-Med Port (by invitation)