

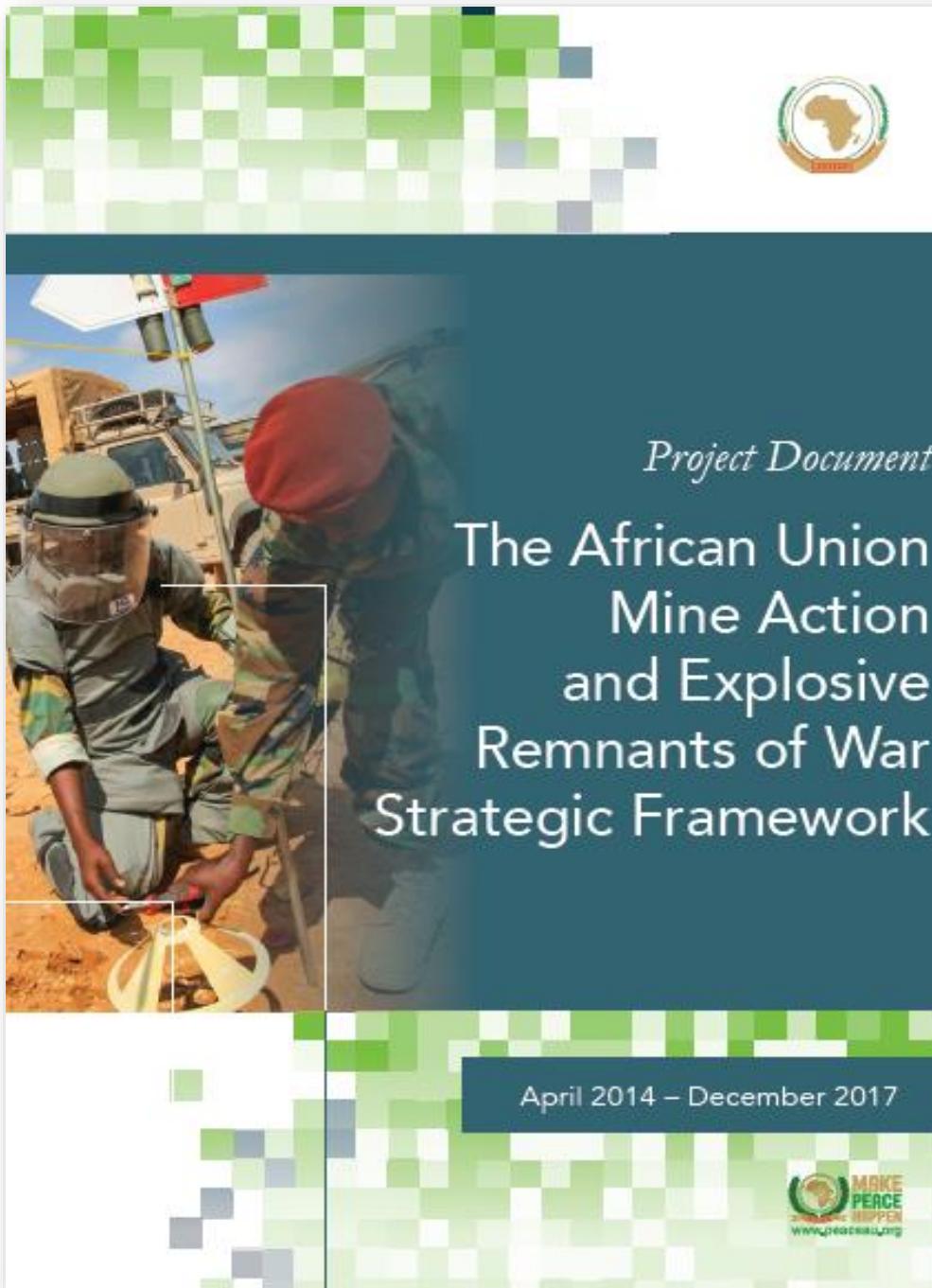


# **BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AU MINE ACTION STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK**

**21<sup>ST</sup> INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF NATIONAL MINE  
ACTION DIRECTORS AND UN ADVISORS (NDM UN 21)  
14 FEBRUARY 2018, GENEVA**

## **POLICY FRAMEWORK**

- Res. (CM/Res 1593 ) of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Session of the OAU Council of Ministers on the CCW, June 1995
- Kempton Park Plan of Action “Towards a Landmine-Free Africa: The OAU and the Legacy of Anti-Personnel Mines”, May 1997
- African Common Position on anti-personnel mines in preparation for the 1<sup>st</sup> RevCon of APMBC, September 2004
- Communique of the 584<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Peace and Security Council, March 2016



**Advocacy**

**Technical and  
Operational  
Assistance to  
Peace Support  
Operations**

**Technical and  
Operational  
Assistance to  
Member States**

# PARTNERSHIPS: APPROACHES AND PRINCIPLES

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National ownership

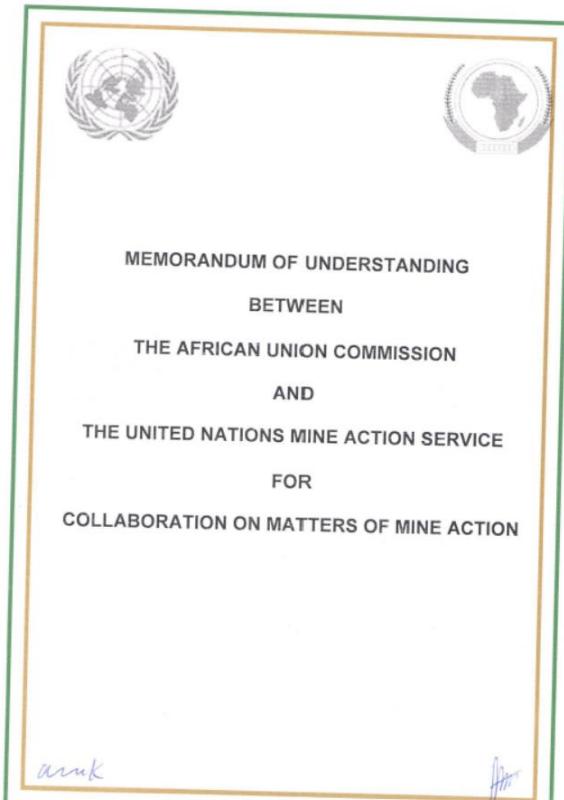
Efficiency & Sustainability

Integrated approaches

Institutional building

Inter-agency coordination

# AU-UN STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP



## UNITED NATIONS – AFRICAN UNION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

New York, 19 April 2017

### Joint United Nations-African Union Framework for Enhanced Partnership in Peace and Security

#### **I. Introduction**

Since the establishment of the African Union in 2002, the legislative bodies and senior leadership of both the United Nations and the African Union have strongly endorsed closer cooperation and coordination in peace and security, leading to a more strategic partnership. This endorsement is based on a recognition that African peace and security challenges are too complex for any single organization to adequately address on its own.

Both the United Nations Security Council and the African Union Peace and Security Council, at their 7816<sup>th</sup> and 628<sup>th</sup> meetings respectively,<sup>1</sup> reiterated the need to transform the partnership between the United Nations and the African Union into one that is predictable, systematic and strategic. They recognized the imperative for close coordination and cooperation based on their respective comparative advantage and complementarity in peace and security, and burden-sharing on the basis of collective responsibility to respond early, coherently and decisively to prevent, manage, and resolve violent conflict.

In fulfilment of this mutual determination, the United Nations Secretary-General and the African Union Commission Chairperson have endorsed this Joint United Nations-African Union Framework for Enhanced Partnership in Peace and Security, as a basis for collaboration through joint mechanisms and regular consultations. Under the Joint Framework, the African Union Commission and the United Nations Secretariat will strive to collaborate from the earliest indications of conflict on the African continent. In particular, they will work together to identify and respond to indicators of potential conflict and plan for prevention, as well as cooperate on early warning. Should preventive efforts fail, the African Union Commission and the United Nations Secretariat commit to work together throughout the stages of conflict management – preventive diplomacy, mediation, peacekeeping, peace enforcement and peacebuilding. These stages are neither separate nor sequential, but form a continuous and integrated response to the “cycle of conflict”. A partnership characterized by a continuous and forward-looking

<sup>1</sup> S/RES/2320 (2016) and PSC/PRI/COMM.2 (DCO/XVIII) of 18 November 2016 and 29 September 2016 respectively.

UNOAU Mine Action advisor to the AU since 2012  
providing day-to-day assistance and support

# INFORMATION SHARING AND ADVOCACY



AU – ICRC Workshop on addressing key challenges to meeting clearance deadlines, 5-7 March 2013 -Addis Ababa

Consultative Meeting on Assistance and Coordination in Implementing Articles 5 & 4, 6-7 December 2016 - Addis Ababa

# AMMUNITION SAFETY MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE



(1) Sensitization and stakeholder consultation workshop (August 2017, Bissau)



(2) Rapid TAMs to ammo storage sites (August 2017)

(3) Ammunition Practitioner Training Course  
4-8 December 2017, Bissau



# PARTNERSHIPS FOR BUILDING AND SUSTAINING TECHNICAL CAPACITIES



Training of practitioners from Ethiopia, South Sudan, Sudan and Zimbabwe on EOD 1 & 2 October 2014, Kenya

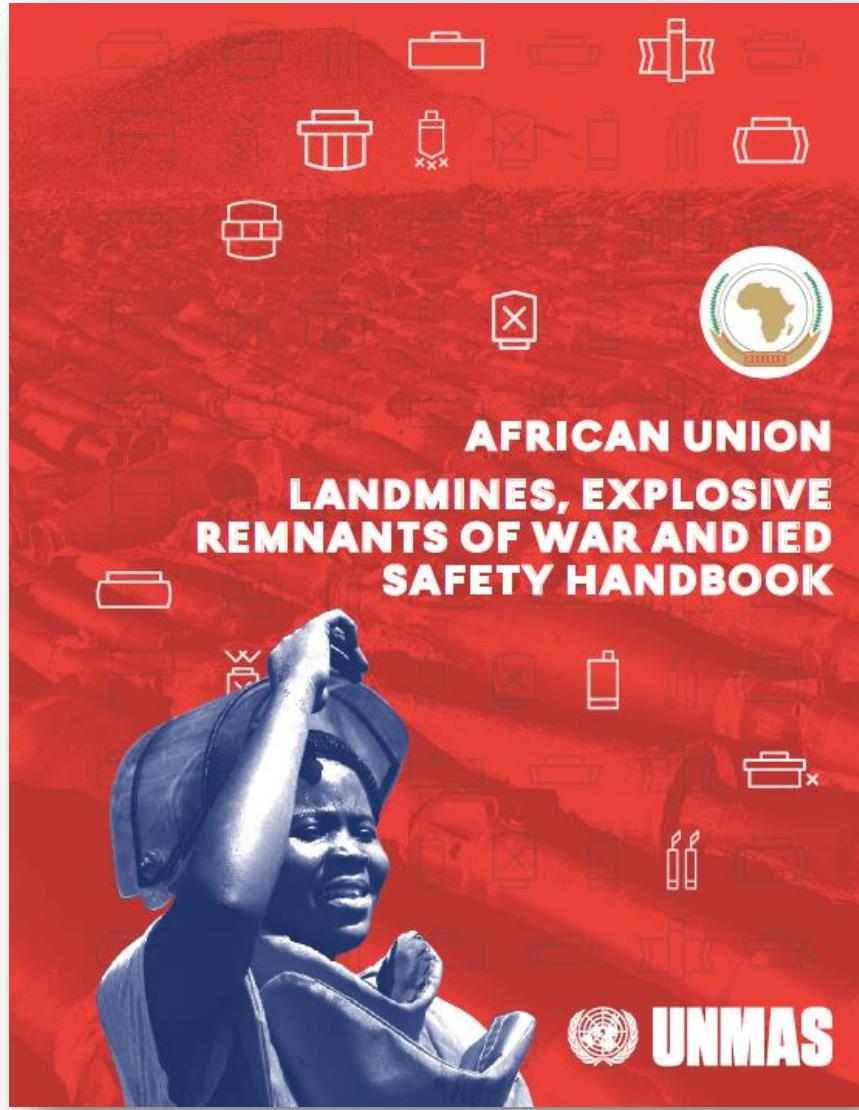


International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC)



Training on PSSM for the AU Roster of Practitioners (2018)

# ASSISTANCE TO PEACE SUPPORT OPERATIONS



1,000 copies distributed to 7  
AU and UN missions in 2017

# AU INTER-AFRICAN COOPERATION INITIATIVE

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- AU Mine Action Member State Survey - February 2017
- Aims to identify
  - a. Mine Action resources and capabilities
  - b. Explosive threats and treaty progress
  - c. Mine Action needs and challenges
- Enable the AU Commission match-make assistance needs and offers and coordinate the exchange of expertise and resources.

# CHALLENGES TO STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS

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- Deprioritization of mine action support in Africa by donors in favor of support to new conflicts;
- Mine Action “competing” with other thematic issues;
- The challenge of maintaining strategic focus and long-term engagement;
- Growing IED threat and associated assistance and coordination challenges.

# OUTSTANDING ARTICLE 5 COMMITMENTS

Angola	31 Dec 2025	Niger	31 Dec 2020
Chad	1 Jan 2020	Senegal	1 Mar 2021
DRC	1 Jan 2021	Somalia	1 Oct 2022
Eritrea	1 Feb 2020	South Sudan	9 Jul 2021
Ethiopia	1 Jun 2020	Sudan	1 Apr 2019
Mauritania	1 Jan 2021	Zimbabwe	31 Dec 2025

*Not including other affected AU Member States that are not party but making progress in clearance*

# **CHALLENGES IN MEETING ART. 5 COMMITMENTS**

Common challenges as outlined in extension requests analysis and MSP decisions

- Absence of detailed annual work plans for survey and clearance
- Unjustified/unclear financial requirements
- Need for enhanced resource mobilization strategies and national funding
- Insecurity and uncondusive environment for operators

# **SUPPORTING THE MAPUTO COMMITMENT: NEXT PHASE**

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- Technical assistance in developing clear and justifiable national plans for surveys and clearance;
- In-country missions to sensitize decision-makers and raise visibility and resources for national programs;
- National/regional donor conferences and assistance in developing resource mobilization strategies;
- Facilitating inter-African cooperation;
- C-IED support to AU-PSOs and Member States as part of stabilization efforts.

# Thank you

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## Announcement:

Meeting of AU and International Partners  
Thursday, 15 February  
08:00 – 09:30 am  
Room XXII