

2024 ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

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17 COUNTRY/REGION
SPECIFIC SITUATIONS
COVERED

127 PUBLICATIONS

OVER 6.7K SOCIAL MEDIA
NEW FOLLOWERS
AND SUBSCRIBERS

OVER 110 BRIEFINGS AND
CONSULTATION MEETINGS

OVER 50 TECHNICAL SUPPORT OUTPUTS DELIVERED

OVER 1000 CITATIONS AND
MEDIA MENTIONS

OVER 4.7M WEBSITE VIEW, GOOGLE AND
SOCIAL MEDIA IMPRESSIONS

OVER 200 ENGAGEMENTS WITH INTERNATIONAL
AND CONTINENTAL POLICY ACTORS

33 POLICY FORUMS, TRAININGS AND
INTERNATIONAL EVENTS ORGANISED
AND PARTICIPATED IN

16 AMANI AFRICA FOOTPRINT
REGIONALLY AND
INTERNATIONALLY

19 THEMATIC ISSUES COVERED
THROUGH OUR WORK

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MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDING DIRECTOR



**Dr. Solomon A. Derso,
Founding Director**

As we mark with another year around the sun, we at Amani Africa wish to take the opportunity both to reflect on our journey during 2024 and, importantly, to give thanks to all those who supported and collaborated with us and participated in our journey during the year.

2024 was another remarkable year of growth in both consolidating Amani Africa's areas of work and breaking new ground. The various streams of work on African Union's (AU) peace and security, constitutional rule and multilateral governance policy making from our flagship work, Insights on the Peace and Security Council to the AU Peace and Security Council Handbook and the technical support and policy convening have facilitated a dynamic, engaging and collaborative ecosystem that services, informs and shapes AU's and its Peace and Security Council's (PSC) policy making in support of the implementation of the

objectives set out in the AU Constitutive Act and the Protocol Establishing the Peace and Security Council.

The pioneering collaboration of Amani Africa with the Republic of Namibia through the Joint Namibia-Amani Africa High-Level Report on the Reform of the Multilateral System highlighted Amani Africa's groundbreaking role in facilitating and leading high-level initiatives of continental significance. This initiative, championed by H.E. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, the then Vice President and now the President of Namibia, culminated in the publication of the landmark Report of the High-level Panel's Report – identifying the areas and pathways for reforming and transforming the multilateral system to make it fit for the needs of Africa and the new changes and challenges of the multipolar world – that shapes Africa's engagement in global policy discussions on multilateral reforms, as it did with the Summit of the Future.

As we continue to learn and adapt to contemporary dynamics, we continue to make strides in our institutional growth and influence. We continued to deepen our media footprint both on the continent and globally and further strengthened our convening power through enhancing existing working relationships and building new collaborations. We introduced a new media production, our new podcast, The Pan-Africanist.

During 2024, Amani Africa's contribution continues to deepen its reach beyond Addis Ababa on the continent and globally in various multilateral hubs. As highlighted in detail in the pages that follow, the footprint of our activities and engagements showed significant growth. Beyond and above the remarkable growth

in the flow of traffic that our website and various media platforms attracted during the year, Amani Africa's work continues to draw huge interest as a credible source of reference. These earned Amani Africa to be cited by Kenya's Nation Newspaper as 'a pan-African policy think tank...known for its credible insights and analysis on African Union affairs.'

At Amani Africa, we are deeply aware that our accomplishments are made possible by the unwavering support of our partners. To the rotating chairs of the PSC, who entrusted us as technical partner to accompany their role of steering the policy-making of the AU PSC, we extend our deepest gratitude. Our partnership with the AU Department of Political Affairs, Peace and Security (PAPS) reached new heights in 2024 through our participation in the induction of elected members of the PSC, the 20th anniversary of the PSC and support for the AU's work in YPS through serving as technical partner in organizing the Structured Continental Dialogue on African Youth Perspectives. We are profoundly thankful to Commissioner Bankole Adeoye, Director of Conflict Management, Dr Sarjo Bah and the PSC Secretariat, ably led by Neema Chusi, for their steadfast collaboration.

The various institutions and personalities in Addis Ababa and in the many other places on the continent and beyond with whom we collaborated in undertaking various activities, including high-level convening on topical policy issues, we salute you with appreciation.

To our institutional and project partners—Canada, ICRC, Ireland, Japan, Norway, Open Society Foundation, Switzerland, the United Nations Office to the African Union (UNOAU), United Nations Office

for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) and others—your generosity and trust fueled our ability to innovate and expand our reach. Special recognition goes to the Government of Namibia for the historic joint high-level panel on multilateral reform and the Swiss Embassy for the collaboration in amplifying youth voices in peacebuilding.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication of the Amani Africa team. Together, we navigated institutional transitions, launched new initiatives, and cemented our reputation as a leading Pan-African think tank.

As we reflect on 2024, we are inspired by the collective progress and energized for the journey ahead. To all our partners, friends, and collaborators: thank you for walking this path with us. We look forward to scaling new heights together in 2025 and beyond, as we continue to champion a peaceful, prosperous, and integrated Africa!

INTRODUCTION

Amani Africa is an independent pan-African policy research, training, consulting think-do-tank dedicated to analyzing and reporting on the work, products and working dynamics of multilateral processes relating to Africa. It uses the African Union (AU) as its primary lens, particularly focusing on its Peace and Security Council (PSC).

Amani Africa is committed to producing evidence-based policy research and analysis, developing strategic communications and media products, providing technical support to policy makers, and convening training workshops and policy dialogue forums, focusing on multilateral processes of concern and interest for Africa using the AU lens. **Amani Africa undertakes these activities in support of the pan-African vision of a peaceful, prosperous, and integrated Africa, through promoting and advocating for the implementation of the PSC Protocol and other relevant AU instruments pursuant to Article 20 of the PSC Protocol and the Sirte Declaration.**

The core areas of work of Amani Africa cover policy relevant knowledge production, technical support and advice, and convening and outreach activities as well as strategic communications and media.

Policy relevant knowledge production

Amani Africa conducts policy research to produce and disseminate regular, evidence-based, high-quality, and policy-relevant knowledge products. These are based on accurate information, data, and impartial analysis of peace and security, democratic governance, and regional integration developments and tracking of AU policy processes, including the PSC and Africa's engagement in multilateral affairs. The production of knowledge outputs and policy analysis takes various forms including the production of our flagship work Insights on the PSC, offering analysis on matters on the agenda of the PSC, Monthly Digest on the PSC, special research reports, policy briefs and Ideas Indaba.

Technical support and advice

Amani Africa provides tailored technical support and advice to AU policymakers and stakeholders to strengthen their participation in decision-making processes on peace and security, democratic governance, and Africa's multilateral engagements. This includes:

- Preparing specialized technical documents and briefing materials;
- Providing analysis, background information, and data-driven insights;
- Facilitating the uptake of research findings to enhance policy implementation through direct and strategic exchanges with key policy actors;
- Provision of policy development support;

- Providing technical support and collaboration with relevant AU bodies in carrying out policy implementation activities;
- Delivering tailored briefings and analysis; and
- Advise policy actors on policy options on how to advance policy action.

Convening and outreach activities

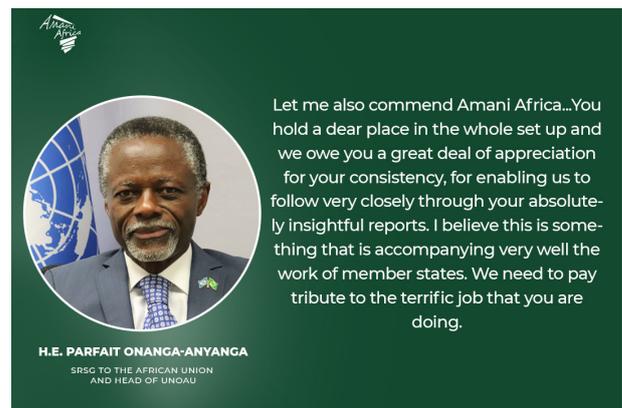
Organizing expert consultations and policy dialogue forums, usually collaboratively with our state, intergovernmental and non-state partners, on current continental affairs and global issues of concern for Africa as well as issues on the agenda of the PSC, its working methods and implementation of its mandate as well as convening and providing high-level and interactive training workshops including our signature Amani Africa Training Institute on the AU.

As part of our outreach activities, we conduct regular meetings and exchange of information with AU actors including the Political Affairs, Peace and Security (PAPS) Department and members of the PSC and a broad range of stakeholders such as international organizations, AU partners, and civil society actors.

Media and communication

Amani Africa employs diverse media and communication strategies to widely disseminate its research and analysis, shaping public discourse on key African policy issues. In addition to the podcast and video-cast, Amani Africa Dispatch

that are communicated to the public through the Amani Africa YouTube channel, this year we have launched *The Pan-Africanist*, a platform for in-depth discussions on policy matters. Through its media engagements involving interviews and publication of opinion editorials, it also seeks to shape and inform public discourse and narrative on issues in its areas of work, including major policy and political developments of concern for the continent.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

In 2024, Amani Africa has continued to consolidate its policy work and impact, strengthening its role in knowledge production, policy analysis, the timely dissemination of critical information on AU affairs, including on the Peace and Security Council, convening of policy forum and training, provision of technical support and strategic communications and outreach.

During the year, we broadened both the range of issues covered and the diversity of our outputs, enhancing their reach, relevance and influence. Additionally, we introduced new initiatives such as Amani Africa's new podcast, *The Pan-Africanist*, and production of factsheets on key AU policy events, with a particular focus on developments from the AU Summit.

Worthy of note is also the fact that we scaled up our partnerships and engagements across all areas of our work, collaborating with state, intergovernmental, and non-state actors. Further solidifying our role as a leading policy research and analysis institution on matters African Union, our partnerships and collaboration deepened both within and beyond the continent. The footprint of these engagements and activities covered at least sixteen (16) cities across three continents.

The most notable highlight of 2024 in the work of Amani Africa is the publication of the joint **Namibia-Amani Africa High-Level Report on the Reform of the Multilateral System** under the leadership of the Vice President of Namibia H.E. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah.

AFRICA AND THE REFORM OF THE MULTILATERAL SYSTEM: THE SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE AND BEYOND

REPORT OF THE JOINT NAMIBIA-AMANI AFRICA
HIGH-LEVEL PANEL OF EXPERTS ON AFRICA AND
THE REFORM OF THE MULTILATERAL SYSTEM
IN A CHANGING GLOBAL ORDER



This is the first of its kind and a landmark initiative, including a collaboration between a member state of the AU in good standing, Namibia and a think-tank on continental policy issues. As a product of the rich and diverse expertise of the members of the High-level Panel and

the various consultations the Panel held, the Panel's report provided the most comprehensive independent input on the reform of the multilateral system and to support the engagement of AU member states in global policy discussions on reform including the *Summit of the Future* held in September 2024. The report is also unique in that it articulated a vision of multilateralism that not only rectifies the design and operation flaws of the post WWII multilateral order but also one that is fit both for a multipolar world and for emerging and future global challenges.

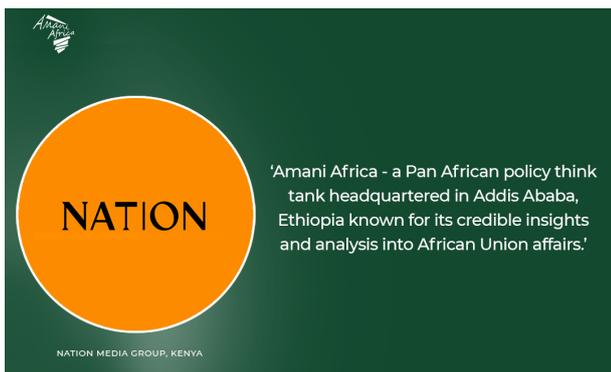


H.E. Dr. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah
President-Elect Republic of Namibia

Officially launched on 27 August 2024 by Namibia's Vice President, Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, the report served to inform policy thinking and action in the AU and the engagement of AU member states on policy processes surrounding the issues covered in the report. It was the basis for Amani Africa's active participation during the CSOs forum on the summit of the future that the UN convened in Nairobi, Kenya, in May 2024. It was also leveraged in the production of a special research report on the reform of the UN Security Council for informing the ministerial meeting of the Committee of Ten of the AU Assembly on the reform of the UN Security Council held in Algeria. It

informed Namibia's briefing to the PSC as co-facilitator of the Pact for the Future and the PSC's session on the subject. It was also useful in informing the engagement of the Africa Group in New York, including in shaping the role of the G77 in the negotiation on the Pact for the Future through the Chairperson of the G77, Uganda's Permanent Representative to the UN, who also served as member of the Joint Namibia-Amani Africa High-Level Panel of Experts.

The High-level Panel's report continues to serve as a guidepost for assessing the adequacy of reform efforts and policy discussions on the reform of the UN Security Council, the international financial institutions and climate action, among others.



In another major highlight, we pioneered the in-depth coverage of the AU Commission leadership elections. In addition to producing policy briefs, fact sheets and an edition of Amani Africa Dispatch, we featured the candidates for the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson positions as well as for the position of Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security on our newly launched podcast series, *The Pan-Africanist*. This platform provided a unique opportunity for candidates to share their visions for the AU and engage with key issues shaping the continent's future. By combining analytical insights with direct candidate

engagement, our coverage played a crucial role in informing AU member states and the wider public about the election process, its procedures, and the broader implications of the leadership transition.

During the year, Amani Africa served as a technical partner for the Department of Health, Humanitarian and Social Affairs. Apart from being a catalyst in identifying AU's role in humanitarian diplomacy as an area for policy development, Amani Africa's role most importantly involved in the drafting of an AU policy framework on humanitarian diplomacy and supporting consultation with member states on the draft policy framework.



Consultation towards initiating the process for developing a humanitarian diplomacy framework

Cementing Amani Africa's recognition as a leading source of analysis and information on matters African Union and its peace and security and democratic governance work, our experts and our work also featured in key policymaking spaces. During 2024, our experts briefed the PSC on two occasions and delivered a presentation to the UN Security Council's Ad Hoc working group.

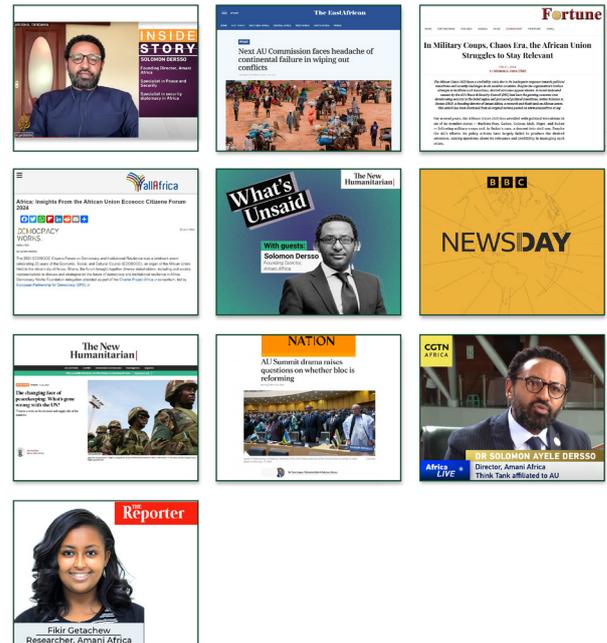




AMANI AFRICA IN THE NEWS

In 2024, we focused on enhancing the depth, impact, and strategic relevance of our convenings. Prioritizing quality, our forums remained a key platform for engaging high-level officials from AU member states, AU organs, and other multilateral institutions. By refining our approach, we ensured that each discussion was more targeted, impactful, and aligned with pressing policy debates. This deliberate shift allowed for deeper analysis, more meaningful exchanges, and strengthened engagement with key stakeholders, reinforcing Amani Africa's role as a curator of trusted space for dialogue on Africa's peace and security landscape and multilateral processes of concern and interest for Africa.

In 2024, some of the peace and security files that Amani Africa worked on extensively include Sudan, Resolution 2719 and the preparations for the transition from the AU Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) to a new AU mission as well as the situation in eastern DRC. Our research, technical advice, and outreach activities on these major files were critical in shaping public discourse, policy thinking and policy action. Apart from our policy proposals finding their way into policy decision outcomes notably in PSC decision-making such as on Sudan, our work and expertise also featured in various platforms and media.



Our flagship work, ***Insights on the PSC*** remains authoritative and the 'go-to' source of reference that offers the only regular independent source of information and analysis on issues on the agenda of the PSC. While it principally informs the preparation of member states for PSC sessions and their deliberation during the sessions, it also helps in providing insight into the matters on the agenda of the PSC to the wider policy, research and advocacy stakeholders.

Building on and expanding our knowledge production efforts, Amani Africa published the ***Handbook on the AU PSC***, Special Research Reports and Policy Briefs, in addition to various other knowledge products including the Monthly Digest on the PSC, Ideas Indaba articles and Amani Africa Dispatch.

Affirming the increasing significance of our work, the 2024 edition of Amani Africa Training Institute on the African Union, **that attracted over 300 applicants**, was

convened with the participation of heads and deputy heads of diplomatic missions.

AMANI AFRICA IN 2024



I. IMPACTFUL AND HIGH-QUALITY RESEARCH WORKS

Building on the momentum of previous years, our team successfully expanded Amani Africa’s research output and publications. In addition to increasing the frequency and volume of the production of our research, in 2024 we continued to broaden the thematic scope covered. The strategic dissemination of our research – mainly through direct engagement with key policy actors has further strengthened the impact of our work.

Insights on the Peace and Security Council

Drawn on the basis of the tracking of peace and security and governance developments on the continent, the publication of our flagship project ‘*Insights on the Peace and Security Council*’ continues to provide much needed and widely read analysis on the various thematic and country/region specific issues on the agenda of the PSC.



During the year, we produced 83 editions of ‘*Insights on the PSC*’ on all issues featured on the agenda of the PSC, including its monthly provisional program of work. As illustrated by the increase in number of clicks and readership and by how our analyses inform policy thinking and how policy propositions found their way into policy decisions, the contribution and impact of ‘*Insights on the PSC*’ has grown substantially during the year.

Published a day ahead of the PSC sessions, our *Insights on the PSC* continue to serve the purpose of informing the PSC members’ preparations and enhancing deliberations on the agenda items. In 2024, these analyses proved particularly valuable to Council members and the broader policy community, providing up-to-date information and relevant insights into key issues on the agenda of the PSC for policy action. Beyond enriching policy discourse within the PSC, the analysis presented in *Insights on the PSC* frequently found their way into the outcomes of AU policy decisions.

Special Research Reports and Policy Briefs

In 2024, we produced five Special Research Reports. In aiming to grow the readership of Amani Africa products, we have enhanced the use of our social media platforms by visualizing the most important findings of our publications and by also using the findings in our research in the development of Amani Africa Dispatch.

Our first published Special Research Report is titled '[The African Union Peace and Security Council at 20: From a Promising Past and a Challenged Present to a Less Certain Future](#)'. Marking the 20th anniversary of the PSC, this report evaluates its achievements and challenges. While acknowledging successes in conflict resolution and promotion of democracy, it also points out issues such as the PSC's reactive approach to conflicts, inadequate use of diplomacy, challenges in deploying peace operations, inconsistent application of anti-coup norms, and the need for better engagement with civil society organizations. The report calls for a strategic shift towards conflict prevention and a comprehensive approach to peace and security in Africa.



SPECIAL RESEARCH REPORT

THE AFRICAN UNION PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL AT 20: FROM A PROMISING PAST AND A CHALLENGED PRESENT TO A LESS CERTAIN FUTURE?

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The analysis and recommendations presented in this Special Research Report garnered significant interest, particularly among PSC members. In May, during the PSC session on *Stocktaking of the Implementation of the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the PSC of the AU, Article by Article*, Amani Africa was invited to brief participants on key advancements in the PSC's conflict management and resolution mandate, as well as the critical challenges hindering the full implementation of the PSC Protocol. As a result, the report became a key reference for policy discussions, underscoring its immediate and direct relevance to ongoing debates.

In June, Amani Africa published its second Special Research Report titled '[Africa and the Summit of the Future: Seizing the New Window of Opportunity for the Reform of the UN Security Council](#)'. Drawing on the findings of the Joint Namibia-Amani Africa High-Level Panel of Experts Report on Africa and the Reform of the Multilateral System, this special report outlines key areas for reforming the collective peace and security framework, which is grounded in the principles of the UN Charter. This report discusses the imperative of reforming the UNSC to better reflect current global realities, particularly advocating for Africa's inclusion. It highlights the need for expanding both permanent and non-permanent membership categories, addressing the use of veto power, and reforming the UNSC's working methods to ensure more inclusive consultations. The report emphasizes that such reforms are crucial for a more representative and effective international peace and security architecture.

SPECIAL RESEARCH REPORT

AFRICA AND THE SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE: SEIZING THE NEW WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY FOR THE REFORM OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL

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TOWARDS A NEW AGENDA FOR PEACE AND SECURITY IN AFRICA: NEW SECURITY THREATS AND THE FUTURE OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL

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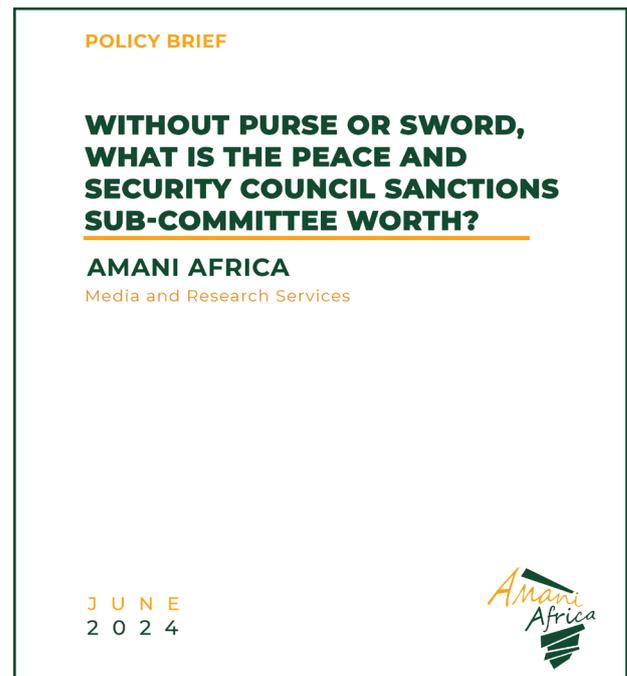


Building on our Policy Brief that was published in June 2023 we published a Special Research Report that was developed on the basis of the UN Secretary General's 'New Agenda for Peace' report, in 2024 we published A SPECIAL RESEARCH REPORT titled '[Towards a New Agenda for Peace and Security in Africa: New Security Threats and the Future of the Peace and Security Council](#)', noting a shift in the nature of conflicts with non-state actors becoming major players. It identifies emerging threats such as terrorism, the impact of emerging technologies, foreign power rivalries, climate change, and health security threats. The report advocates for a new agenda that prioritizes conflict prevention, emphasizes the primacy of politics and diplomacy in conflict resolution, enhances technological capabilities, and integrates climate sensitivity into peacebuilding efforts.

One of our most read publications for 2024 was '[Memo to the New AU Commission Leadership from the Roaring Guns on AU's First Decade of Silencing the Guns](#)'. This Special Research Report reflects on the AU ambitious goal set in 2013 to 'Silence the Guns' by 2030, aiming to end all conflicts on the continent. Despite some progress, the report notes an increase in conflicts over the past decade, with a rise in both the number and geographic spread of conflicts and called for effective use of AU's peace and security tools, prioritization of conflict prevention, and strengthening the AU's capacity for peace support operations.

Another one of the policy briefs we produced during 2024—[Without Purse or Sword, What is the Peace and Security Council Sanctions Sub-Committee Worth?](#) examines the establishment and potential impact of the PSC Sanctions Sub-Committee, which held its inaugural meeting on June 12, 2024. Initially proposed in 2009, the Sanctions Sub-Committee’s activation was delayed until a resurgence of military coups prompted renewed attention to the AU’s sanctioning mechanisms. The brief explores the Sanctions Sub-Committee’s role within the AU’s peace and security framework, questioning its effectiveness given the AU’s limited enforcement capabilities (“without purse or sword”). It emphasizes the importance of leveraging diplomatic interventions and understanding the AU’s unique sources of influence to ensure the SSC contributes meaningfully to promoting constitutional governance and stability across Africa.

Over the past year, we have provided extensive coverage of the AU elections. In 2024, we published three policy briefs on AU elections. The first two briefs examine the PSC elections and their implications for Africa’s peace and security architecture, while the third focuses on the AU Commission leadership elections. Despite their different scopes, all three briefs highlight key challenges, including political manoeuvring, regional balancing, and the need for institutional reforms to enhance effectiveness and efficiency. Collectively, they provide valuable insights into the dynamics of AU elections and their impact on the organization’s decision-making processes.



Monthly Digest



Whereas our *Insights on the PSC* provide anticipatory analysis ahead

of the convening of PSC sessions, the Monthly Digest on the PSC is produced following the finalisation of the PSC’s monthly programme, both to document the activities of the PSC that took place during that month and discuss the policy relevance and implications of PSC’s activities. In addition to their contribution towards enhancing the PSC’s institutional memory, the monthly digests continue to serve the purpose of providing updates and critical reflections on the background to the outcomes of PSC sessions as well as more generally, the overall engagements of the Council during a given month. They also serve as a key tool for following-up implementation of previous PSC decisions as well as identifying key actionable decisions that warrant close follow-up for upcoming months.

Amani Africa Handbook on the AU Peace and Security Council

The sixth edition of the *Amani Africa Handbook on the PSC: Guide on the Council’s Procedure, Practice, and Traditions* was published in December 2024. Staying true to its core objective, the Handbook provides updated data and analysis on the PSC’s organizational structure, working methods, and evolving decision-making processes. It offers insights into recent changes and emerging trends shaping the Council’s operations, highlighting the dynamics of its decision-making and the role of its supporting structures. Through this, the Handbook serves as a valuable resource for understanding the evolving practices and institutional developments of the PSC.

MONTHLY DIGEST ON THE AFRICAN UNION PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Consultation with the Secretary-General of the African Union	2 The Peace and Security Council: A Review of its Role in Africa	3 Mission to the Post Conflict	4	5
		6	7	8 Consideration of the Report of the Ad Hoc Panel of Experts	9 CSC Consultations with the UN/ICRC and UNICEF Experts	10
		11	12	13 CSC Consultations with the UN/ICRC and UNICEF Experts	14 The Select Committee on the UN/ICRC	15
		16	17 Public Security in New Lusitania	18 9th Informal Consultations between AMANIP, AMANIP-DE, AMANIP-UNICEF and AMANIP-UNICEF	19	20
		21	22 Joint Meeting between AMANIP and AMANIP-DE	23 Consideration of the 2nd Report of the Ad Hoc Panel of Experts	24	25
		26	27 Update on the Situation in the Horn of Africa	28 Report by the AMANIP on the Situation in the Horn of Africa	29 Report by the AMANIP on the Situation in the Horn of Africa	30
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The African Union Peace and Security Council

Handbook 2024
Guide on the Council’s Procedure, Practice and Traditions



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II. TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND ACCOMPANIMENT AS WELL AS STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENTS

As per its established practice and in implementation of one of the core areas of its works, Amani Africa continued to accompany PSC member states and other key stakeholders through the provision of technical support delivering briefings and providing analytical inputs through concept notes, background documents, speaking notes and advice. During the year, we provided over 50 background documents, briefings, inputs for speaking notes and concept notes.

Monthly consultations with and briefings to PSC Chairs

The monthly meetings that Amani Africa holds with the rotating chairpersons of the PSC are one of the main ways through which it conducts its technical support work. In 2024, as in the previous years, Amani Africa's team met with the PSC chairs of each month. In addition to discussions on the issues on the program of work of the month, our engagement also provided inputs on matters that require follow-up action. This has been a critical way of signalling to the PSC Chairpersons not only pending timelines for the implementation of specific decisions, but also alerting them and avail policy proposition on some time-sensitive situations that require the PSC's urgent attention and action.



Meeting with a team of Ghana Mission to the AU, PSC Chair for January 2024

Ghana having been the chair of the PSC during January 2024, our first engagement with PSC chairpersons during 2024 was with Ambassador *Amma Adomaa Twum-Amoah*, Permanent Representative of Ghana to the AU. We shared ideas, updates and perspectives on the agenda items that were tabled for the Council's consideration in January 2024 and provided technical advice on pertinent peace and security issues, including on the Horn of Africa. We also provided briefing to the Chairperson on specific areas on the request of the Chairperson.



Meeting with a team of Morocco Mission to the AU, PSC Chair for February 2024

In February, as Morocco assumed the chairship of the PSC, a team from Amani Africa met with the PSC Chair for the month and Morocco's Permanent Representative to the AU, Ambassador Mohammed Arrouchi. The discussion

focused on the PSC’s programme of work and potential areas where Amani Africa could provide technical support. Particular emphasis was placed on the intersection of peace, security, development, and governance in respect of which we prepared and shared analytical inputs and background documents.



Meeting with a team of Namibia Mission to the AU, PSC Chair for March 2024

In March, as Namibia took over the chairship of the PSC, a team of Amani Africa met with Ambassador Emilia Ndinealo Mkusa, the Ambassador of the Republic of Namibia to Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the AU. During these discussions, we reviewed the month’s programme of work and the various agenda items under consideration. Amani Africa was requested to provide technical support through the production of background documents and analytical inputs on some of the agenda items on the provisional program of work for the month, which it delivered in accordance with the request.



Meeting with Amb Jainaba Jagne PSC Chairperson for April 2024

Our team was also welcomed at the Gambia Embassy for a meeting with Amb. Jainaba Jagne, Permanent Representative to the AU and the stand-in-chair of the PSC for April 2024. During the meeting, apart from the exchanges including the briefings from Amani Africa on the agenda items, the exchanges also involved discussions on areas for collaboration during the month including providing briefings and supporting background documents.



Meeting with a team of Tanzania Mission to the AU, PSC Chairperson for May 2024

We also met with the team of Ambassador Innocent Shiyo, Permanent Representative of Tanzania to the AU, who chaired the PSC in May 2024. In addition to discussing the month’s programme of work and agenda items, we engaged in a broader exchange on key issues impacting continental peace and security, particularly in the context

of the PSC's 20th anniversary. As part of the anniversary celebrations, Amani Africa provided both technical advice and financial support for the organization of the summit level seminar on the 20th anniversary of the PSC held in Tanzania.



Meeting with Amb. Rebecca Amuge Otengo
PSC Chairperson for June 2024

Amani Africa held extensive exchanges with Ambassador Rebecca Amuge Otengo, who chaired the PSC in May 2024. The meeting served to provide Amani Africa's analytical reflections on the items on the program of work of the PSC for the month.



Consultations with a team of Botswana Mission
to the AU, PSC Chair for August 2024

In August 2024, a team of Amani Africa met with the PSC Chair for the month, Ambassador Amb. Tebelelo Boang, Permanent Representative of Botswana to the AU. The meeting focused on unpacking the PSC's provisional programme of work for the month and discussing key agenda items and various areas of technical support for Amani Africa to provide within the framework of the agenda items tabled for the month. Amani Africa developed and provided analytical input through background documents for supporting the role of the Chairperson



During consultations with Amb. Churchill
Ewumbue-Monono, PSC Chair for September
2024

In September, a team from Amani Africa met with Ambassador Churchill Ewumbue-Monono, Permanent Representative of Cameroon to the AU, as Chair of the PSC for the month. Among others, the meeting reflected on the production of background documents including for the ministerial session that scheduled to take place on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly.

In addition to reviewing the programme of work for the month, discussions focused on preparing a summary of emerging security threats for the ministerial-level PSC session on *“New Security Threats in Africa and the Future of the Peace*

and Security Council.” In response to the request, we provided the necessary support for the meeting.



During consultations with Ambassador Mohamed Omar Gad, PSC Chair for October 2024

Ambassador Mohamed Gad, Permanent Representative of Egypt to the AU and chairperson of the PSC for October 2024 received Amani Africa’s team to review the programme of work for the month, the meeting provided an opportunity to discuss key engagements. The discussions also touched on broader regional issues, including the evolving security dynamics in the Horn of Africa.



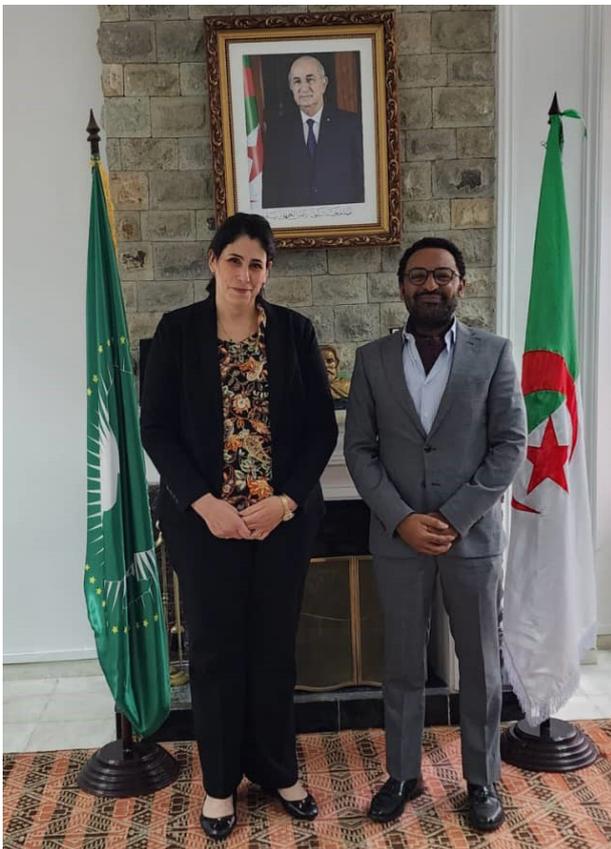
During consultations with Amb. Jean Leon Ngadu, PSC Chair for November 2024

Ambassador Jean Léon Ngandu, Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the AU and PSC Chair for November 2024, met with a team from Amani Africa at the DRC Embassy in Addis Ababa. During this meeting, discussions focused on the program of work and areas of collaboration for providing technical support to the chairperson. Subsequently, Ambassador Ngadu visited our office with his team for briefing on specific elements of the program of work of the month and the Chairperson’s needs. As part of our ongoing support, we developed and provided a number of technical documents relating to a number of agenda items for the month. Earlier in the year, on the request of Ambassador Ngandu we also met with him and his team in May 2024 and provided a briefing on the mechanics of how the PSC functions, the role of various actors in PSC decision-making in the context of the DRC’s very first membership to the PSC.



Meeting with a team of Djibouti mission, at the Embassy of Djibouti

Ahead of Djibouti's chairship of the PSC in December 2024, Amani Africa engaged with Ambassador Abdi Mahamoud Eybe, Djibouti's Permanent Representative to the AU and incoming PSC Chair, to explore areas of collaboration based on the month's programme of work. Apart from the technical support that Amani Africa availed to the Chairperson on matters on the program of work of the PSC for the month, Amani Africa delivered a briefing to the PSC drawing on its extensive research, particularly the special report [‘Memo to the New Leadership of the AU: From the Roaring Guns to AU's First Decade of Silencing the Guns’](#).



During the meeting with
Ambassador Selma Haddadi

In addition to the meeting with the PSC Chairs, Our Director Dr. Solomon Dersso met twice with Ambassador Selma Haddadi, the then Ambassador of Algeria to Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the AU at the Algeria

Embassy and Amani Africa office. The discussions focused on the work of Amani Africa and the latest developments concerning the AU. This engagement led to a featuring of Ambassador Selma Haddadi on our Pan-Africanist Podcast. In which she shared her visions if she is elected as the Deputy Chairperson of the AU.



Collaborations with the AU PAPS and PSC Secretariat

During the year, Amani Africa strengthened its collaboration with the AU Department for Political Affairs, Peace and Security (PAPS) including through the provision of financial, technical as well as communications and media support for the successful undertaking of some of the PSC's activities. In March 2024, we provided media and communications support to the PSC for the ministerial session on taking stock of women's participation and leadership in peace processes in Africa held on 23 March in Namibia. In May 2024, we provided material and financial support to the PAPS Department in support of the convening of the 20th anniversary of the PSC.

Additionally, Amani Africa, as a technical partner, provided essential support for organizing and facilitating the Structured Dialogue by African Youth on Peace and

Security. This initiative was part of the collaboration between the Swiss Embassy in Addis Ababa and DPAPS.

Leveraging its technical expertise and strong working relationships with both the Swiss Embassy and DPAPS, Amani Africa undertook a range of analytical, facilitation, and convening activities.



During the Structured Continental Dialogue on 22 and 23 August, in Lusaka, Zambia

Regional dialogues were held virtually between 31 July and 7 August 2024 across Central, South, West, and North Africa. These dialogues provided a platform for young people to share their perspectives on the future of peace and security in Africa and globally. The regional consultations followed by a two-days continental consultations in Lusaka, Zambia in order to bring in all regional perspectives together and to formulate a synthesized recommendation. The outcome of these discussions contributed to the broader New Agenda for Peace, ensuring that youth voices are central to the global peace and security discourse. The insights and outcomes were channelled into international platforms, such as the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) during Switzerland's presidency in October 2024.

Strategic consultations with PAPS

As part of our periodic strategic consultation with PAPS Department, during the year, we met twice with Commissioner Bankole Adeoye, on 5 April and 14 November 2024. The meeting on 14 November focused on improving working methods related to the coverage of PSC matters and exploring ways to enhance coordination in advancing the AU's efforts on peace and security.



The discussion during the 14 April meeting focused on update on Amani Africa's work and close collaboration with AU PAPS. The meeting also highlighted the need to expand the space for active engagement through networks like NETT4PEACE and PANPAPS, which have significantly contributed to fostering valuable exchanges between research and policy as well as enriched the policy environment with dynamic and diverse perspectives.



April 2024 Meeting with PAPS Commissioner, H.E Bankole Adeoye

Briefing to the PSC

In 2024, Amani Africa briefed the PSC during the open session on 'Stocktaking of the Implementation of the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the PSC of the AU, Article by Article' held on 15 May 2024. On this occasion, our then Programme Director, Ms. Tsion Hagos, delivered a presentation to the Council on key advancements made by the PSC in implementing its conflict management and resolution mandate. The briefing also highlighted critical challenges affecting the full realization of the PSC Protocol, including the Council's limited engagement in conflict prevention through early warning mechanisms, the inadequate implementation of PSC decisions, and the inconsistent application of key norms and principles.



Tsion Hagos, during the session Stocktaking of the Implementation of the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the PSC of the AU, 15 May 2024

The other briefing Amani Africa delivered to the PSC was during the 1252nd Session on the progress made towards Silencing the Guns in Africa held on 18 December 2024. During the session, our Founding Director, Dr. Solomon A. Dersso, delivered a briefing on the basis of the findings in our Special Research Report titled '*Memo to the New AU Commission Leadership from the Roaring Guns on AU's First Decade of Silencing the Guns*'. In his briefing, Dr. Solomon emphasized the need for the urgency of change of course in how the AU deals with conflicts & crises and provided recommendations.

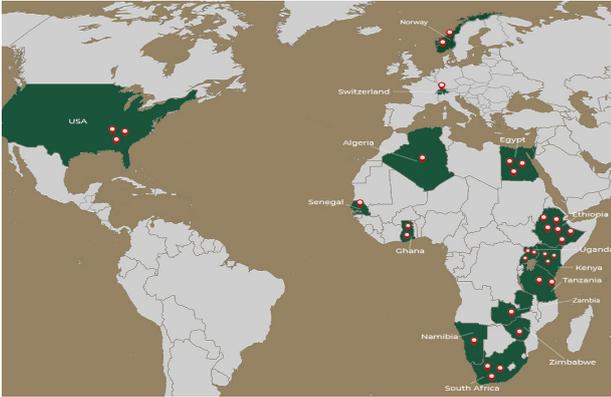


Dr. Solomon A. Dersso, Founding Director of Amani Africa, briefing PSC's 1252nd session 'Update on the Progress made towards Silencing the Guns in Africa', 18 December 2024

III. AMANI AFRICA SHAPING CONTINENTAL AND GLOBAL POLICY DISCOURSE

In 2024, Amani Africa featured in key policy discussions and high-level engagements on peace and security across Africa and beyond. Through active participation in regional, continental, and international meetings, Amani Africa has contributed to shaping critical policy dialogues, fostering collaboration among stakeholders, and advancing informed

solutions to pressing peace and security challenges. From AU platforms and regional consultations to UN forums and global policy discussions, Amani Africa successfully utilized its research works for advancing informed perspectives on various policy issues of continental and global concern.



On 30 April 2024, our Executive Director delivered a presentation to the UN Security Council Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution, upon the invitation of the Chairperson of the Working Group owing to the research works of Amani Africa on financing of AU PSOs. His presentation contributed to issues that need to be clarified and the next steps to be taken toward the operationalization of Resolution 2719.



Dr. Solomon Ayele Dersso while presenting to the UN Security Council Ad Hoc Working Group

During the induction session of the PSC that took place in Swakopmund, Namibia on 26 March, Dr. Solomon Ayele Dersso provided key insights from Amani's flagship publication, *'The Review of 2023'*. In his presentation, he used the findings in the publication to demonstrate the deterioration of Africa's peace and security landscape as *'going from the frying pan to the fire'* and the worsening security dynamics across the continent, highlighting both persistent and emerging threats.



During the induction session of the PSC, in Swakopmund, Namibia

On 11 April, Dr. Solomon A. Dersso, Director of Amani Africa, participated in a high-level roundtable discussion on *"Security Council Reform: Taking Stock & Looking Ahead."* The event, held at the UN Headquarters in New York, was hosted by the Permanent Mission of Italy to the UN, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) New York Office, and the Foreign Policy Association (FPA).

Dr. Dersso joined senior experts, practitioners, and diplomats to present insights on the current state of policy discourse within the AU regarding UNSC reform. His presentation drew extensively from the work of the *Joint Namibia-Amani Africa High-Level Panel of Experts on Africa and Reform of the Multilateral System*. He provided an analytical

overview of Africa’s evolving position on Security Council reform, highlighting key challenges and opportunities for advancing the Common African Position, as articulated in the Ezulwini Consensus and the Sirte Declaration.



During the high-level roundtable discussion on “Security Council Reform: Taking Stock & Looking Ahead”

On 17 April, upon the invitation of the co-chairs of the UN Inter-Governmental Negotiation (IGN) on Security Council Reform—Austria and Kuwait—Our Director, Dr. Solomon A. Dersso, delivered a presentation at the *Open House Discussion on Security Council Reform* held in New York. The event was held at the Kuwait Mission to the UN in New York. His presentation provided key insights into the ongoing discourse on reforming the UNSC, with a focus on Africa’s position and the broader implications of global governance reform. His contribution to the discussion underscored the need for an inclusive and representative Security Council that reflects contemporary geopolitical realities. Most notably, he pointed out that a major progress would be achieved with clear articulation a commitment in the ***Pact for the Future*** on UNSC reform with outlining *the principles and parameters for the reform including on addressing the historic injustice inflicted on Africa and a timeline for concluding the negotiation on the reform.*



Dr. Solomon Ayele Dersso speaking at Open House Discussion on Security Council Reform

On 10 May, our Director Dr. Solomon A. Dersso participated in a panel discussion alongside experts during the launch of the *ImpACT Coalition on UN Charter Review* at the *United Nations Civil Society Conference 2024 (UNCSC2024)* in Nairobi, Kenya. The discussion focused on the compelling reasons for reviewing the UN Charter, particularly in light of contemporary global challenges and the need for a more inclusive and representative international governance system. The event provided a valuable platform for engaging stakeholders on the work of the Joint Namibia-Amani Africa High-Level Panel of Experts regarding reform of the multilateral system. Dr Dersso presented the key messages of the Coalition on Un Charter Review during the Plenary of the UN Civil Society Conference.



During the United Nations Civil Society Conference 2024

Amani Africa participated in the *AU ECOSOCC Citizens Forum 2024* held on 10 July, with our Director Dr. Solomon A. Dersso joining *Plenary Panel II* to discuss the disconnect between democratic processes and outcomes in Africa. to reflect on the root causes of challenges facing democracy, peace, and security in Africa. His intervention highlighted the disconnect between democratic processes and outcomes.



Dr. Solomon A. Dersso speaking at AU ECOSOCC Citizens Forum 2024

Dr. Solomon Ayele Dersso also participated as a panelist in the launch of Norway's *Strategy for Engagement with African Countries*, held in Oslo on 19 August. The event was led by Norway's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Espen Barth Eide, and State Secretary, Ms. Bjørg Sandkjær, under the auspices of the Norwegian Ministry

of Foreign Affairs. Amani contributed to a rich exchange on the key elements of the new strategy, highlighting its implications for Africa-Norway relations and the broader multilateral landscape. Discussions also focused on practical steps for implementing the strategy and fostering meaningful partnerships between Norway and African countries.



Dr. Solomon A. Dersso speaking at the launch of Norway's Strategy for Engagement with African Countries

On 20 August, Dr. Solomon A. Dersso spoke at the joint Amani Africa- NUPI event on Africa's evolving role in the shifting global order during an event organized by the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI). He contributed to the conversation on Africa's position within key international platforms, including the UNSC and the G20, as well as the AU's engagement in critical peace and security issues, particularly in Sudan and Somalia. The discussion provided valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities for Africa's representation in global governance structures. It also contributing to a deeper understanding of Africa's strategic positioning in international affairs and the necessary steps to enhance its influence in multilateral decision-making processes in the face of the major shifts in international relations.



Dr. Solomon A. Dersso speaking at the NU-PI-Amani Africa joint event held at NUPI in Oslo

On 2 September, Amani Africa, in partnership with Crisis Action, Human Rights Watch, and the International Peace Institute, convened an Experts Roundtable Towards a Proposal to Protect Civilians in Sudan. This dialogue was part of a broader series of workshops across three cities (Addis Ababa, Kampala and New York) to engage Sudanese civil society organizations and policy makers at the AU and UN on civilian protection in Sudan. While the Addis consultations focused on developing detailed options for the protection of civilians and atrocity prevention in Sudan, they also examined how regional and continental actors, such as the AU-PSC and regional monitoring instruments, can facilitate a conducive environment for civilian protection. In contrast, the Kampala consultations, where Amani Africa was represented by a former researcher Hany Wahila, aimed at capturing the key concerns and protection needs of Sudanese experts, ensuring that their perspectives informed broader protection strategies.



During the Experts Roundtable Towards a Proposal to Protect Civilians in Sudan in Addis Ababa

On 4 September, Amani Africa participated as an expert and technical partner in a humanitarian technical meeting involving experts from AU member states. The meeting served as a platform for advancing discussions on humanitarian diplomacy and response efforts within the AU framework. As a technical partner, Amani Africa contributed analytical expertise and policy insights to support the AU's humanitarian initiatives, most notably in drafting the proposed AU humanitarian diplomacy policy framework. The discussions focused on strengthening coordinated responses to humanitarian crises, enhancing member states' capacities, and advancing Africa's humanitarian diplomacy agenda.



Dr. Solomon A. Dersso speaking at the reception organized by UNOAU

On 17 September, Dr. Solomon Ayele Dersso, briefed the diplomatic community on the key highlights of the joint Namibia-Amani Africa High-Level Panel Report. The briefing took place during a reception hosted by UNOAU in recognition of the Summit of the Future. The event provided an opportunity to discuss the report's key findings and recommendations, particularly in relation to Africa's priorities in global governance reform, multilateralism, and the future of international peace and security.



Humanitarian Technical Meeting,
4-6 September 2024, Harare, Zimbabwe

Mr. Previne Habu, one of our Researchers, participated in the AU NETT4PEACE Strategy Group Annual Meeting, held from November 25-27, 2024, in Cairo, Egypt, that was focused on strengthening the Network's role in supporting AU peace and explored ways to enhance the Network's policy knowledge products. Key discussions included refining publishing guidelines, improving communication strategies, and defining deliverables for 2025, such as webinars, research initiatives, and strategic partnerships. A workshop on the future of peace operations in Africa highlighted the importance of political solutions, state consent, and African-led peace initiatives. The meeting also emphasized strengthening NETT4PEACE's engagement with the AU, expanding its membership, and aligning with the AU Theme of the Year. The discussions concluded with a work plan for 2025, outlining research priorities, structured engagement strategies, and

operational enhancements to elevate the Network's impact on peace and security in Africa. As such, as per the discussions during the meeting, Amani Africa will organize a webinar on the reform of the multilateral system in 2025.



During the AU NETT4PEACE
Strategy Group Annual Meeting

IV. BRIEFINGS, TECHNICAL PARTNERSHIPS AND OUTREACH

In 2024, Amani Africa expanded its engagement with a diverse range of stakeholders in peace and security, governance, and Africa's role in multilateral policymaking. At the same time, it strengthened and deepened its existing partnerships and collaborations with state actors, intergovernmental organizations, and non-state entities.



Dr. Solomon A. Dersso and Dr. Annyssa Bellal, Executive Director of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform

In January 2024, during a work visit to Geneva, our Director met with Dr. Annyssa Bellal, Executive Director of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform. They talked about potential collaboration for Geneva Peace Week and looked into possibilities for policy exchanges between Addis Ababa and Geneva.



Dr. Solomon Dersso and Ms. Annika Hilding Norberg, Head of Peace Operations and Peacebuilding of the Geneva Centre

On the same visit, our Executive Director also met with Ms. Annika Hilding Norberg, Head of Peace Operations and Peacebuilding of the Geneva Centre, to discuss the work of Amani Africa and

areas of collaboration. Subsequently, Amani Africa contributed to a policy brief on the future of PSOs in collaboration with experts from ICG. Subsequently, through our Director, Amani



Following the meeting with the delegation of OCHA, at the office of Amani Africa

On 10 January, we hosted a delegation from the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) at our office. The briefing that Amani Africa presented provided an opportunity to share insights on Amani Africa's work in relation to humanitarian action and explore potential areas for collaboration in the short to medium term. Discussions focused on aligning efforts to enhance humanitarian responses, strengthening policy engagement, and fostering strategic partnerships.



During the meeting with the delegation of UNOAU

As part of Amani Africa's ongoing collaboration and institutional partnership with the United Nations Office to the African Union (UNOAU), we had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Nicholas Shalita, Mr. Nurudeen Aziz, and Mr. Abdi to our office on 6 February 2024. The discussion focused on the UN-AU partnership, with particular emphasis on the implications of UN Security Council Resolution 2719 and areas of joint work on this subject. The meeting provided an opportunity to exchange insights, assess key policy considerations, and explore ways to enhance coordination between the UN and AU in addressing peace and security challenges on the continent.



Following our meeting with the delegation of the Permanent Mission of Norway to the AU

On 9 February, we welcomed to our office Ms. Synne Emilie Bjørnrå, Deputy Permanent Representative, and Ms. Lena Nord, Second Secretary of the Permanent Mission of Norway to the AU. The briefing that Amani Africa team provided facilitated a productive exchange on key peace and security issues in Africa, highlighting areas of mutual interest and potential collaboration.



Following the meeting with the delegation of USAID

Amani Africa welcomed Mr. Christian La Pietra Fung, USAID Representative, and Mr. Samson Getachew, Political Specialist from the U.S. Mission to the African Union (US-AU) to our office on 3 March, 2024. Amani Africa team provided a briefing on Amani Africa's work and the major policy issues on the agenda of the AU, providing an opportunity for rich exchanges on areas of potential collaboration and partnership, particularly in advancing shared priorities related to peace, security, and governance in Africa.



A team of Amani Africa with Dr. Angela Muvumba Sellström and Daike Möhrle

On 2 April, a team of Amani Africa held a fruitful exchange with Dr. Angela Muvumba Sellström and Ms. Daike Möhrle from the Nordic Africa Institute (NAI). The discussion focused on the reform of the multilateral system, exploring synergies between the UNSC. Additionally, the meeting provided an opportunity to delve into the diverse areas of work of both institutions and assess potential future collaborative opportunities.



During the meeting of ICRC, Amani Africa and AU HHS

On 11 April, Dr. Solomon Ayele Dersso, alongside Mr. Bruce Mokaya, the then Head of the ICRC Delegation to the AU, met with Ms. Rita Amulhobu, Head of the Humanitarian Affairs Division at the AU's Department of Health, Humanitarian Affairs, and Social Development. The discussion centered on AU's role in humanitarian diplomacy at a time when the humanitarian system faces numerous challenges.



During exchanges between the team of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovenia and Amani Africa

Ms. Mateja Norčič Štamcar, Director General for Political Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovenia, along with Ms. Maja Jerančič, Minister Plenipotentiary at the Office of the Director General for Political Affairs, and Ms. Vesna Dolinšek, Chargé d'Affaires at the Embassy of Slovenia in Addis Ababa, engaged with a team of Amani Africa in a discussion on the AU-UN partnership on 23 April, 2024. Given Slovenia's role as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council, Amani Africa briefed the delegation on the major peace and security files on the agenda of the AU and the UNSC, with a focus on regional and AU perspectives.



During discussions with the team of the MSF

On 14 May, we met with Ms. Reem Mussa, Humanitarian Representative to the AU and African CDC at Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), and Ms. Inmaculada Vazquez, MSF Global Lead for Humanitarian Representation and International Operations Coordinator. Our discussions provided a valuable opportunity to exchange insights on key issues of mutual interest and explore potential areas for collaboration.





During consultations between Amani Africa team and the team of Eastern African Standby Force

Amani Africa also hosted Brig. Gen. (Rtd) Paul Kahuria Njema, Director of the Eastern African Standby Force (EASF), along with Commissioner Ali Said Bacar, Head of Police, and Mr. Vincent Didon, Head of the EASF Liaison Office to the AU on 4 June 2024. Our discussions focused on conflict prevention and peacekeeping efforts in the region, as well as strategies for advancing the EASF from operational readiness to active deployment.



During the meeting with Ms. Shuvai Busuman Nyoni, Executive Director of the African Leadership Centre

We also welcomed to our office Ms. Shuvai Busuman Nyoni, Executive Director of the African Leadership Centre (ALC-KCL), for a productive exchange on strengthening collaboration. The discussion focused on exploring avenues for partnership and advancing shared priorities.



During the meeting with Dr. Vasu Gounden and Karishma Rajoo of ACCORD

Amani Africa had the pleasure of hosting Dr. Vasu Gounden, Founding Director of ACCORD, and Ms. Karishma Rajoo, General Manager, Programmes at ACCORD, for an insightful exchange on leveraging respective areas of work to enhance collaboration. The discussion focused on identifying synergies, exploring joint initiatives, and strengthening partnerships to advance peace and security efforts.



Our Director during consultations with Amb. Berk Baran, Ambassador of Türkiye to Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the AU

Amani Africa provided a briefing during a meeting that hosted Ambassador Berk Baran, Ambassador of Türkiye to Ethiopia and Permanent Observer to the African Union, alongside Associate

Professors Elem Eyrice Tepeciklioglu and Mr. Ali Onur Tepeciklioglu during their visit to Addis Ababa, on 25 July 2024. The conversation focused on Amani Africa’s work, Türkiye-Africa relations, and fostering collaboration between African and Turkish research institutions.



Our Director with **Doris Gebru-Zeilermayr** and **Isheba Tafari** at the office of Amani Africa

We welcomed to our office Mrs. Doris Gebru-Zeilermayr, Coordinator at the Office for Development Cooperation of the Austrian Embassy in Addis Ababa, and Ms. Isheba Tafari, Programme Manager for Gender and Governance on 5 August, 2024. The meeting provided an opportunity for a productive discussion on Amani Africa’s work, key areas of need, and capacity for establishing collaboration. This engagement served as a follow-up to previous discussions with H.E. Ambassador Simone Knapp, reaffirming the commitment to exploring partnerships in development cooperation, governance, and capacity-building initiatives.



A team of Amani Africa with **Amb. Chulmin Park**, **Professor Yoonhee Jang** and **Yoo Hyunwoo**

On 31 August, Amani Africa hosted a delegation consisting of Ambassador Chulmin Park, Professor at the University of Ulsan, Professor Yoonhee Jang, Dean of the School of Global Climate and Environmental Studies at Kookmin University, and Mr. Yoo Hyunwoo from the Embassy of Korea. The meeting focused on discussing Amani Africa’s work and exploring potential collaboration opportunities in the areas of climate change and peace and security.



During the consultation with **Amb. Olivia Leslie**, Ambassador of Ireland to Ethiopia

As part of deepening and strengthening our partnership with the Ireland Mission to the AU, we had fruitful exchanges with Ambassador Olivia Leslie, the Ambassador of Ireland to Ethiopia. Our discussions were insightful, covering current AU matters, regional issues, key policy areas of interest to Ireland, and the ongoing work of Amani Africa.



A team of Amani Africa with **Dr. Asha Mohammed**

On 19 September, we had a discussion with Dr. Asha Mohammed, Head of International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and Permanent Representative of IFRC to the AU, for on our respective areas of work and opportunities for deeper collaboration.



Consultations with UNCHRSS and CSOs

We hosted a delegation of the UN Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan, headed by Commissioner Barney Afako. Consultations were held at Amani Africa office with the delegation and representatives of Civil Society Organizations (CSO) on 22 November, 2024. The representatives of CSO were composed of the Pan-African Lawyers Union (PALU), Institute for Security Studies (ISS) and Plane and Institute of Peace and Security Studies (IPSS).



During Amani Africa team's consultations with the team of the Peace Fund Secretariat

Given the strategic importance of the AU Peace Fund, our team met with Mrs. Dagmawit Moges, Head of the AU Peace Fund (PF) Secretariat, along with her team. We engaged in discussions covering our respective areas of work and identifying key opportunities for collaboration.



Amani Africa's and GAC's team following the consultations



Given our extensive work on Sudan, on 28 November, 2024, we welcomed to our office a team from Global Affairs Canada, led by Ms. Sharmala Naidoo, Deputy Director of the Peace and Stabilization Operations Program, for a briefing on the ongoing conflict in Sudan, current state of AU engagements and Amani Africa's work of the in covering Sudan.



Amb. Petro Mona, PR of Switzerland to Ethiopia and a Team of Amani Africa during consultations

In view of our longstanding collaboration with our founding partner, the Embassy of Switzerland in Ethiopia, 28 November 2024 we held a meeting with Ambassador Petro Mona to exchange on areas of collaboration and current policy issues.



A team of Amani Africa during the meeting with Ambassador Wolfgang Dold

On 29 November we welcomed to our office H.E. Ambassador Wolfgang Dold, Special Envoy of Germany on its candidacy for the UN Security Council (2027-2028), along with Ms. Janina Hasse-Mohsine, Head of Unit for the UNSC at the Federal Office, and Ms. Irina Hoehn, Political Counsellor at the German Embassy in Addis Ababa. The meeting provided an opportunity for discussions on Germany's candidacy, multilateral cooperation, and key peace and security priorities.



Our Director with Rania Machlab following the consultations

On 20 December we had a discussion with Rania Machlab, Head of Delegation of ICRC to the AU on our strong partnership and plans for collaborative activities in 2025.





Signing ceremony at Amani Africa office with Dr. Solomon A. Dersso and Mr. Toru Sugio of the Japanese Mission to the AU and the consultations with Amani Africa's Team and the Japan Mission

Building on our successful collaboration and productive preparatory discussions, Amani Africa and the Japan Mission in Addis officially signed an agreement on 24 December 2024 for our second partnership. This new collaboration was to facilitate the organization of a follow-up high-level event, building on the success of our policy forum held in February 2024 under a previous agreement.

V. CONVENING OF POLICY FORUMS AND AMANI AFRICA TRAINING INSTITUTE

The other area of Amani Africa's engagement during the year was the convening of policy forums and training sessions. We organized 12 policy forums, either independently or in collaboration with partners, covering a wide range of topics within our areas of engagement. This was in addition to our signature Amani Africa Training Institute on the African Union.

Amani Policy Forums

The first policy forum of the year, co-hosted with the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) and the Institute for Peace and

Security Studies (IPSS), was a pre-summit seminar titled 'Between Challenges and Responses: How is the AU Faring?', held on 7 February. The discussion explored how the AU is navigating security and governance challenges, reflecting on its achievements, obstacles, and lessons from 2023. It also examined expectations for 2024, assessing whether the AU would leverage its 37th Summit to deliver a more robust response than in previous years and how shifting global political dynamics might impact peace and security on the continent.



Seminar on 'Between Challenges and Responses: How is the AU Faring?', 7 February 2024, Hyatt Regency, Addis Ababa.

The other policy forum we convened ahead of the 37th AU Summit was a seminar on 'The Summit of the Future and Options for UN Security Council Reform', held on 8 February in partnership with the Embassy of Japan. Building on Amani Africa's engagement in global policy discussions on multilateral system reform, this high-level forum focused on the longstanding quest for UN Security Council (UNSC) reform, which has gained renewed momentum amid broader efforts to reshape the multilateral system, including the UN Secretary-General's *Summit of the Future* in September 2024. The seminar examined key challenges in the UNSC reform discourse, including Africa's representation in a reformed Council, the obstacles hindering meaningful progress, and strategies to overcome them. Discussions also

explored practical options and pathways for advancing reforms, and addressing existing challenges. More details on the event can be found [here](#).



High-Level Seminar on ‘The Summit of the Future and Options for UN Security Council Reform,’ 8 February 2024, Hyatt Regency, Addis Ababa

On 18–19 March, we organized the final convening of the Joint Namibia-Amani Africa High-Level Panel of Experts on Africa and the Reform of the Multilateral System, a joint initiative launched in February 2023, to discuss the draft report of the High-Level Panel. This meeting followed two previous sessions held in Windhoek in July 2023 and Nairobi in December 2023. The High-Level Panel brings together leading experts to provide relevant data and analysis as a solid foundation for AU member states to develop common positions in their negotiations on the reform of the

multilateral system.



Joint Namibia-Amani Africa High-Level Panel on Africa and the Reform of the Multilateral System, 18-19 March 2024, Haile Grand Hotel, Addis Ababa

As the PSC marked its 20th anniversary since its operationalization in 2024, Amani Africa, in collaboration with The Gambia, the PSC chair for April, and the PSC Secretariat, convened a high-level policy dialogue forum on 30 April. The forum took stock of the two-decade journey of the PSC, highlighting its best practices and limitations while reflecting on the reforms needed to reposition the AU and its PSC for effective functioning and continued relevance in an evolving security landscape. More details on the event can be found [here](#).



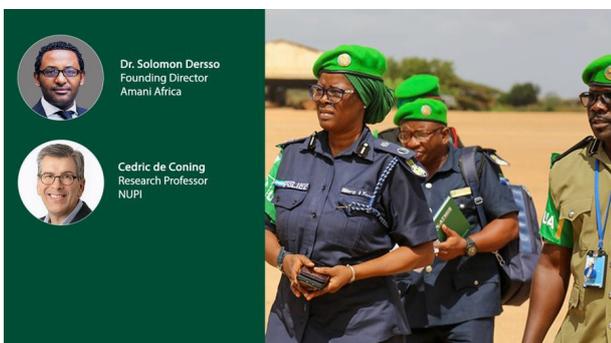
High-Level Policy Dialogue Forum on the 20th Anniversary of the PSC, 30 April 2024, Hilton Hotel, Addis Ababa

On 12 August, we collaborated with the Permanent Mission of Uganda to the AU, ICRC to the AU and the Embassy of Switzerland in Ethiopia to organize a breakfast discussion on the protection of civilians. The event provided an opportunity to exchange views on addressing challenges to effective humanitarian action in Africa and exploring opportunities to strengthen efforts.



Breakfast discussion on protection of civilians, 12 August 2024, Addis Ababa

On 20 August, we also partnered with the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) to organize a seminar in Oslo, Norway, on the AU's evolving position in the changing global order, with a focus on its role in G20 and engagement on Somalia and Sudan. More details on the event can be found [here](#).



Joint seminar on 'Understanding the African Union's evolving position in a changing global order from its role in Somalia and Sudan?' 20 August 2024, Oslo, Norway

We were also pleased to join the AU Commission Department for Political Affairs, Peace and Security (PAPS), with support from the Embassy of Switzerland in Addis Ababa, in organizing a 'Structured Continental Dialogue on African Youth Perspectives on the New Agenda for Peace' from 22–24 August in Lusaka, Zambia. The dialogue brought together young people from across the continent, providing a platform to discuss regional peace and security issues and explore ways for African youth to actively and meaningfully contribute to the New Agenda for Peace. The insights and outcomes generated from the discussions were intended to inform key international and regional platforms, including the annual PSC–UN Security Council Consultative Meeting, to shape policy decisions. More details about the dialogue can be found [here](#).



Structured Continental Dialogue on African Youth Perspectives on the New Agenda for Peace, 22-24 August 2024, Lusaka, Zambia

On 27 August, we reached a milestone with the launch of the [Report](#) of the Joint Namibia-Amani Africa High-Level Panel of Experts on Africa and the Reform of the Multilateral System.' The report, prepared as an independent contribution, supports AU Member States' engagement in global policy processes on multilateral system reform, including within the

framework of the Summit of the Future. The report was officially launched by H.E. Dr. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, then Vice President and now President of Namibia. It is the outcome of a series of deliberations by the High-Level Panel, which brought together leading African experts, policy practitioners, and diplomats, as well as consultations with various stakeholders. Explore a dedicated webpage profiling the various works and engagements of the High-Level Panel of Experts [here](#).



Virtual launch of the Report the High-Level Panel of Experts on Africa and the Reform of Multilateralism, 27 August 2024

On 2 September, Amani Africa, in collaboration with Crisis Action, Human Rights Watch, and the International Peace Institute, convened an 'Experts Roundtable Towards a Proposal to Protect Civilians in Sudan.' This dialogue was part of a series of workshops on civilian protection in Sudan, including regional consultations in Kampala and New York, which engaged Sudanese, UN, and AU experts.



Experts Roundtable Towards a Proposal to Protect Civilians in Sudan, 2 September 2024, Addis Ababa

Another policy dialogue we convened was on the 'Future of Peace Support Operations in Africa,' held on 31 October in partnership with the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)-AU Cooperation Office. The discussion explored the opportunities presented by UNSCR 2719 to address the challenges facing peace support operations in Africa, including civilian protection, flexibility and capability to respond to emerging conflict dynamics, and establishing the groundwork for a credible political strategy to resolve underlying conflicts.



Policy Dialogue on the Future of Peace Support Operations in Africa, 31 October 2024, Radisson Blu, Addis Ababa

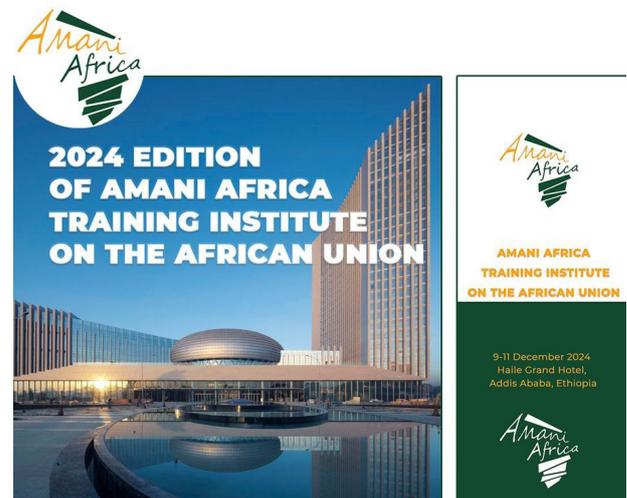
The last policy forum of the year was a high-level dialogue convened jointly with the UN Office to the AU (UNOAU) on 'Translating Commitments to Action: Africa and the Pact for the Future' which took place on 6 December. The forum provided a platform to deliberate on the operationalization of the Pact for the Future, adopted during the UN General Assembly in September 2024, in ways that advance Africa's aspirations on the global stage. More details on the forum can be found [here](#).



High-Level Policy Dialogue on Translating Commitments to Action: Africa and the Pact for the Future, 6 December 2024, Hilton Hotel, Addis Ababa

Amani Africa Training Institute on the AU

The 2024 edition of our Training Institute on the AU was held from 9 to 11 December at Haile Grand Hotel in Addis Ababa, with support from the Irish Embassy in Addis. This edition brought together an exceptionally diverse group of 24 participants, including representatives from the AU, civil society organizations (CSOs), directorates-general of ministries of foreign affairs, diplomats from African and non-African states accredited to the AU, media professionals, and researchers.



While the core content of the training remained consistent with previous editions—focusing on an in-depth understanding of AU structures, decision-making processes, and institutional dynamics—the latest edition was also tailored to incorporate recent developments within the AU, notably the AU Commission elections.

The training institute featured a distinguished lineup of speakers and facilitators with extensive practical knowledge of the AU. It provided a valuable platform for candid discussions on various topics, including the key factors and forces shaping AU decision-making and policy processes.

More details about the training, including participant testimonials, can be found [here](#).



2024 edition of Amani Africa Training Institute on the AU, 9-11 December 2024, Haile Grand Hotel, Addis Ababa

VI. STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA

As part of our continuous effort to diversify Amani Africa's research and media products, in 2024, we introduced a new media product, 'The Pan Africanist', further broadening the media element of our work. Since the inaugural episode launched in March 2024, the Pan-Africanist has featured several top diplomats and eminent personalities and experts, including Mr. El Ghassim Wane (former Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of MINUSMA), Hanna Tetteh (former UN Special Envoy to the Horn of Africa), Mohammed Ibn Chambas (Chairperson of the AU High-

Level Panel on Sudan), Prof. Tim Muruthi (Head of Programme at the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation and Member of the Namibia-Amani Africa High-Level Panel of Experts on the AU and the Reform of Multilateral System), as well as Mr. Anil K. Gayan of Mauritius and Ambassador Mahamoud Ali Youssouf of Djibouti who were one of the four candidates for the election of AU Commission Chairperson, the later won the election. The full list of the podcasts can be found [here](#).

Launch of new media platform



As part of our ongoing efforts to diversify Amani Africa's research and media products, we introduced a new media initiative in 2024: *The Pan-Africanist*, further expanding the media dimension of our work. Since its inaugural episode in March 2024. The Pan-Africanist Podcast offers in-depth discussions with key figures in African politics and diplomacy, providing listeners with comprehensive insights into the continent's peace, security, and governance challenges.



To mention a few of the guests featured, in the inaugural episode, we engaged with Mr. El-Ghassim Wane, the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Mali and Head of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA). Wane shares his extensive experience in peacekeeping operations, discussing the complexities of stabilizing Mali amidst ongoing security challenges.



Dr. Solomon Ayele Dersso and El-Ghassim Wane at Amani Africa Office

We have also featured Hanna Tetteh, the UN Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa, in a two-part series. Tetteh reflects on her diplomatic career and the leadership challenges inherent in her role. The discussions explore the Horn of Africa's unique geopolitical dynamics, addressing issues such as regional integration, conflict resolution, and the impact of global geopolitical shifts on local stability.



A team of Amani Africa and Hanna Tetteh during the recording of the Pan-Africanist Podcast

We also had an exclusive interview with H.E. Bankole Adeoye, the African Union's Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace,

and Security. This episode delves into the AU's comprehensive strategies for promoting peace and security across Africa.



Dr. Solomon Dersso and H.E. Bankole Adeoye during the recording of the Pan-Africanist Podcast

The full list of podcast episodes can be found [here](#).



Amani Africa Partners

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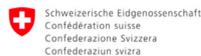
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We support the pan-African dream of peaceful, prosperous and integrated Africa through research, training, strategic communications, technical advisory services, and convening and facilitation.

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