



Capacity Building

Facts and figures

**EU contribution
through the APF 2004-2014:**
EUR 123.2 million

Support programmes:
APSA Support Programme,
AU Commission Salaries in Peace
and Security, AU Liaison Offices,
AMANI AFRICA II Support
Programme, African Training Centres
in Peace and Security; Command,
Control, Communication and
Information System

**APF financial overview under
European Development Funds
9-11 for the period 2004-2014:**

Total commitments: EUR 1 607 million
Total contracts: EUR 1 454.2 million
Total payments: EUR 1 320.5 million

Since the creation of the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA), the EU has been at the forefront of international support for peace and security in Africa by providing funding through the African Peace Facility (APF), particularly to Peace Support Operations (PSOs).

Capacity Building has steadily become an increasingly important part of the APF since the APF's establishment in 2003. The objective of this component is to increase the capacity of the African Union (AU) and Regional Economic Communities/Regional Mechanisms (RECs/RMs) to operationalise the APSA as well as to plan and conduct PSOs.

The APF's most important contribution in this area is the APSA Support Programme.



The APSA Support Programme

The APSA Support Programme was launched in 2011 to strengthen the basic institutional capacities of the AU and the RECs/RMs, as well as to deliver six main outputs:

- Better synergy between AU and RECs/RMs in dealing with conflict prevention, management and resolution;
- Enhanced capacity of the Continental Early Warning System (CEWS) to foresee and prevent conflicts;
- Optimal functioning of the Panel of the Wise (PoW) and other mediation structures;
- Full operational readiness of the African Standby Force (ASF);
- Enhanced policy development and implementation capacity;
- Enhanced project and finance management capacities.

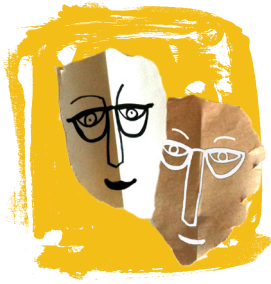
EU Support to AU Commission Staff Salaries in Peace and Security

Through the APF, the EU contributes to funding AU Commission (AUC) staff costs, allowing it to fulfil its mandate in the area of Peace and Security. Up to 200 employees working on the implementation of the Peace and Security Programme are funded by International Partners through a pool-funding mechanism.



The Africa-EU Partnership
2 Unions, 1 Vision





“By promoting African solidarity, mutual assistance for capacity building, and regional integration, the AU really can make a difference in bringing African experience and best practices to benefit African States in need.”

Gary QUINCE
Head of EU Delegation
to the African Union

With an overall contribution of EUR 20 million for about five years, the EU has provided predictable funding for personnel of the Peace and Security Department of the AUC. In 2014, the EU continued to contribute to a Joint Financing Agreement for the Employment of AUC Personnel working in the Peace and Security Programme, which it joined in 2010.

AU Liaison Offices

The African Union's Liaison Offices in post-conflict countries promote peace and security by providing a mechanism for representing the AU on the ground in countries affected by, or emerging from, crisis and conflict. The Liaison Offices allow the AU to take an active part in establishing follow-up mechanisms for peace agreements and to play a role in Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development (PCRD).

In order to enable the AU to fulfil its mandate in Peace and Security by providing predictable funding for its programme, the international partners agreed to establish a Joint Financing Arrangement for Support to the African Union Liaison Offices in post-conflict countries, to which the EU contributed EUR 9.6 million for the period 2012-2014.

AMANI AFRICA II Support Programme

The African Standby Force (ASF) is one of the key structures of the APSA. Once fully operational, it will consist of standby multidisciplinary contingents that are ready for rapid deployment when required.

AMANI AFRICA II is an exercise cycle to “validate the capacity of the AU to mandate and employ a Rapid Deployment Capability of the ASF as a start-up operation (scenario 6), and to run a multi-dimensional peace support operation”.

A Joint EU-AU working group has been set up to ensure that AMANI AFRICA II activities are conducted in such a way as to achieve long-term and sustainable capabilities, particularly in the areas of communications, strategic lift, and logistics. The EU is financing the AMANI Africa II exercise cycle to the tune of EUR 5.2 million.

African Training Centres in Peace and Security

In order to improve the capacity of Peace and Security training institutions with a view to the increasing impact of AU and RECs/RMs peacekeeping initiatives, the EU and the AU agreed to establish a programme of support to African Training Centres with a regional/continental vocation in peace support operations training for the three components (police, civilian and military) of the ASF.

The programme is expected to increase the coordinating and steering role of the AU for the implementation of the ASF training policy and to enhance RECs/RMs capacity to conduct their own training activities through their own regional training capabilities in line with ASF training policy.

Command, Control, Communication and Information System

In May 2012, the AU and EU agreed on the need to set up a technical working group to plan the establishment of a Command, Control, Communication and Information System (C3IS) for African-led PSOs.

The overall objective of the action is to put in place a continental structure enabling the AU to rapidly deploy strategic and operational communication, command and control capabilities between the AU HQs in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, the regional HQs and missions in the field.