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Invitation to a Public Discussion

“Africa’s Changing Security Challenges”

Thursday, 07 April 2011

12:30 – 14:00

Venue: Kruzel Hall, Geneva Centre for Security Policy
2nd floor, WMO/OMM Building
Avenue de la Paix 7bis

APSA and Africa’s changing security challenges: an overview

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The ability of APSA to deal with violent conflict on the continent: Somalia and Darfur

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The ability of APSA to deal with political revolutions on the continent: The Jasmin revolution

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Since its inception in 2002, the African Union has meant to promote amongst its key objectives peace and security in Africa as well as democratic institutions, good governance and human rights. In order to do so, the organization has developed the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA), which includes a number of mechanisms for conflict prevention, management and resolution, as well as post-conflict reconstruction. At the continental level, this specifically refers to the Continental Early Warning System (CEWS), the Panel of the Wise and the African Standby Force (ASF). These institutions constitute substantial strides towards a more integrated continent, notably through the right of intervention.

However, as the continent's political and security challenges diversify, ranging from protracted intrastate conflicts to religious terrorism, large scale piracy to widespread democratic upheaval, it begs the question of how the nascent regional security architecture will be able to address these issues.

We hope that you will be able to honour us with your presence on this occasion. **Please register online: [here](#)** or by replying to this email (gpp@gcsp.ch).

A light buffet lunch will be served in the reception area from 12:00 to 12:30.