FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION OF COUNTER-TERRORISM PRACTITIONERS IN EASTERN AFRICA AND THE HORN

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PROGRAM

DAY ONE: Tuesday, 22 May 2012

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 9:45 Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Hon. Netsannet Asfaw, Director, IGAD Peace and Security Division
- Commander Abebe Muluneh Beyene, Head, IGAD-ISSP

9:45 – 10:15 Keynote Speech

Introduction: Lotte Machon, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Denmark, Addis Ababa
Keynote Speaker: Minister Berhan Hailu, Minister of Justice, Ethiopia

10:15 – 10:45 Coffee break

11:00 – 1:00 Session 1: The Threat of Terrorism in Eastern Africa: Trends and Outlook

Eastern Africa and the Horn face the threat of domestic and transnational terrorism. This session will explore those threats, and their relationship to conditions of socio-economic deprivation, political instability, and weak institutional capacity. This session will explore these topics and address some of the following questions:

- What trends can we see emerging in the region?
- What is the outlook for the terrorist threat emanating from Somalia?
- How are other political tensions within the region impacting on the terrorism outlook?
Moderator: James Cockayne, Co-Director, Center on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation (CGCC)

Speakers:
- H.E. Francisco Caetano José Madeira, AU Special Representative in charge of Counter-Terrorism Cooperation, Director of the African Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism (ACSRT), AU Special Envoy on the LRA
- Abdírahman “Abdi Aynte” Yusuf Ali, Senior News Editor; Producer, Al Jazeera
- Abdullahi Boru Halakhe, Analyst, Horn of Africa, International Crisis Group
- Isaac Ochieng, Director, National Counterterrorism Centre, Kenya

1:00 – 2:30 Lunch, Lalibela Patio

2:30 – 4:00 Session 2: Strengthening Legal Cooperation Against Terrorism

This session will explore various options for improving law enforcement cooperation in the region. It will consider what obstacles exist to effective cooperation, and how they might be overcome. Examples of work being done on the national, regional and international levels will be presented and discussed. Speakers will also present the final recommendations from a recently completed regional exercise, the ISSP-CGCC Task Force on Legal Cooperation against Terrorism in the IGAD Subregion.

Moderator: General Mohamed Gafar Mohamed Anan, Director, Sudan National Counterterrorism Center (SNCTC)

Speakers:
- Richard Barno, Senior Researcher, ISSP, and Member of the ISSP-CGCC Task Force Legal Cooperation Against Terrorism
- Betty Khisa, Acting Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions, Uganda, and Member of the ISSP-CGCC Task Force on Legal Cooperation Against Terrorism
- Hassan Omar Hassan, former member, Kenya Human Rights Commission

4:00 – 4:30 Coffee break

4:30 – 6:00 Session 3: Building Partnerships Against Terrorism

Speakers in this session will reflect on ways in which inclusive governance and meaningful partnerships with civil society organizations have both direct and indirect benefits in the fight against terrorism. The importance of community engagement to prevent violent radicalization will also be discussed. Speakers will consider examples of success and failure of efforts to engage with civil society actors in the subregion in alleviating conditions conducive to terrorism.

Moderator: Liat Shetret, Programs Officer, Center on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation

Speakers:
- Abdullahi Odowa, Director, Observatory of Conflict and Violence Prevention, Somaliland
- Hassan Ole Naado, Chief Executive Officer, Kenya Muslim Youth Alliance
- Michele Cesari, Resident Representative in Kenya for the Somalia Program, Life & Peace Institute

6:00 – 7:00 Reception

7:00 – 9:00 Buffet Banquet Dinner and Keynote Speech:

Are We Getting Somalia Wrong?
Mary Harper, Africa Editor, BBC World Service

DAY TWO: Wednesday, 23 May 2012

9:00 – 10:30 Session 4: Strengthening Regional Financial Infrastructure

In this session speakers will focus on efforts to strengthen financial governance in the region and highlight capacity building efforts currently underway to strengthen regional AML/CFT capacity. Recommendations from a regional baseline study on anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism will also be discussed.

Moderator: Dr. Eliawony Kisanga, Executive Secretary, Eastern and South Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG)

Speakers:

- Tu’emay Aregawi Desta, CGCC-ISSP Liaison and Project Coordinator for the ISSP-CGCC Joint Baseline Study on AML/CFT in the IGAD Region
- Gemechew Weyuma Lules, Director General, Financial Intelligence Center, Ethiopia
- Ali Daoud, Financial Information Service, Central Bank of Djibouti

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 Session 5: New Approaches to Tackling Terrorism in Somalia

In this session speakers will discuss options for tackling terrorism and encouraging stability in Somalia. Particular attention will be given to new and innovative approaches to trust building and conflict management activities, including engagement with the Somali diaspora and neighboring states. Recommendations will also be presented from a recently completed report on Somali remittance organizations.

Moderator: Jack Chede, Director, Office of the President, External Security Organization, Uganda

Speakers:

- Jonathan Sandy, Chief of Security Sector Development, UN Political Office for Somalia
- James Cockayne, Co-Director, Center on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation
- Nuradin Dirie, Independent Analyst
- Mohamud Gure, Chair and Co-Founder, Somali Concern Group

Joined for Q&A by Mary Harper, Africa Editor, BBC World Service
12:30 – 2:00  Lunch, Lalibela Patio

2:00 – 3:30  Session 6: Human Rights as a Necessary Condition for Effective Counter-Terrorism

In this session panelists will consider the impact of counterterrorism policies and practices in the region on human rights. Panelists will consider how perceived violation of human rights during counterterrorism efforts impacts on community support for those efforts, and the long-term strategic impact of those efforts. Panelists will also consider what practical options are available for mainstreaming respect for human rights into practitioners’ daily work without diminishing effectiveness or results.

Moderator: **Joshua Franco Paul**, Ministry of Regional Cooperation, South Sudan

Speakers:
- **Major David Gafa**, Deputy Director, Counter Insurgency and Terrorism, Internal Security Organization, Uganda
- **Musa Yerro Gassama**, Head of the Regional Office, United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- **Liat Shetret**, Programs Officer, Center on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation

3:30 – 4:00  Coffee break

4:00 – 4:30  Closing Session

- **Lotte Machon**, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Denmark, Addis Ababa
- **James Cockayne**, Co-Director, Center on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation
- **Michael Merker**, Policy Officer, European External Action Service
- **Commander Abebe Muluneh Beyene**, Head, IGAD-ISSP

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