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Regional Working Group on the DDR, Post-conflict and Development in West Africa

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Agenda

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DDR, Post-conflict and Development

For the international community, as for regional and national actors, post-conflict is an important and delicate phase. The necessity and demand of strengthening the dynamics of exit from crisis together are likely to surpass a development approach without which it would be difficult to achieve lasting stability.

There are existing post-conflict strategic frameworks for defining steps, procedures and implementation plans in West Africa within international and regional organisations as well as in development cooperation agencies of OECD member countries.

Through NEPAD, the African Union has a post-conflict strategic framework for which ECOWAS is responsible for its appropriation and implementation. In 1999 ECOWAS established a Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management, Resolution of crises, reinforced in 2001 by a Supplementary Protocol on Democracy and Good Governance which supports a post-conflict strategy for the region.

In West Africa, post-conflict currently concerns seven countries which can be grouped into three specific categories with regard to their ability to curb armed conflict:

- **Countries in peace** where State institutions function regularly but where stability linked to the suppression of rebellion is threatened by resurgence. This is the case in Mali and Niger which in the past have faced Tuareg rebellions.
- **Countries in exit from crisis** which are in the stabilisation phase while at the same time bearing the after-effects of civil war. The DDR has been completed but its optimal impact has not yet been realised in terms of reconciliation, reinsertion and pacification of socio-political relations. This is the case for Guinea Bissau, Liberia and Sierra Leone.
- **Countries in which a dynamic of exit from crisis has commenced but is more or less hampered**; there has been rebellion aimed at the State power or on the periphery as independent crises. This is the case in Côte d'Ivoire and Senegal. The DDR has experienced difficulties in being launched or implemented due to lack of consensus of all the protagonists. These countries have post-conflict strategies marked to a certain extent by their relative autonomy to the demands of a DDR.

These diverse situations add to the multiplicity of the actors. This highlights the acuity of the policy coherence problems of actors involved in post-conflict in the ECOWAS zone. It also shows the relevance of sharing DDR and post-conflict experiences in order to benefit from them at the regional level with a view to an approach supporting the creation of a sustainable development policy in West Africa.

The meeting in Praia is the second step in the establishment of a Regional Working Group on the DDR and Post-conflict. It had been decided to create a group following a workshop held in May

2006 in Abidjan by the SWAC/OECD, ECOWAS as well as with support by the United Nations, various civil society partners, and participants from all countries of the region having set up a DDR programme.

The SWAC encourages a participative approach involving external actors involved in the financing and/or implementation of action in support of building peace, democracy and development in West African countries.

After identifying obstacles to exit from crisis and post-DDR challenges in various countries of the region, the Working Group will develop a programme enabling it to provide support to actors with a regional approach.

It encourages the decompartmentalising of actors at the local, national, regional and international levels. It will contribute also to the development of a coherent effective and complementary approach in the development of political, social and economic actions as regards post-conflict.

The meeting's objectives

The meeting's key objectives are as follows:

- **Set up the Regional Working Group.**
 - Define its missions and procedures for the regional level to support national and local actions as regards DDR and post-conflict;
 - Define an action plan enabling the selected objectives to be achieved;
 - Provide the Group with the base necessary to facilitate a regular dialogue at the regional level between internal and external actors involved in post-conflict in West Africa.

- **Consider the political, social and economic challenges** facing West African countries in post-conflict situations;

- **Undertake a dialogue between actors and concerned countries**, development partners, regional and African institutions such as ECOWAS and AfDB; as well as international institutions such as UNOWA; the private sector and civil society of the region for a better articulation of post-conflict and development in West Africa.;

- **Contribute to the decompartmentalisation**, harmonisation of policies and synergy of various actors involved in post-conflict in the ECOWAS zone.

Participants and location

The meeting will be held at the **Hotel Oasis Atlantico, Praia Mar** in Praia, Cape Verde from 28 February to 1 March 2007.

There will be participants from several West African countries including Cape Verde, in particular from Senegal, Sierra Leone, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Nigeria and Côte d'Ivoire as well as international organisations (United Nations agencies such as UNDP and UNOWA, World Bank, UNESCO), regional organisations (ECOWAS) and development partners (AFD-France, CIDA-Canada, DFID-United Kingdom, GTZ-Germany, USAID-United States).

Various parts of society will be represented: State structures, civil society organisations, Parliamentarians from Luxembourg and Portugal, research institutes, experts and other actors working on the DDR, governance and post-conflict management.

Working methods

This meeting will take place over two days:

- **The first day** will be devoted to developing the Working Group's Action Plan. Challenges will be identified for refining the DDR and post-conflict reconstruction at the economic, social and political levels in various concerned countries of the region.
- **The second day** will be devoted to examining State and development partner strategies, programmes and actions; also to be addressed is their involvement and that of regional and international institutions in a regional approach setting out post-conflict actions with a view to development in West Africa.

Key Questions

- Through the experiences of internal actors (State, civil society, regional institutions, private sector) and external actors (international organisations, development partners, cooperation agencies) how does post-conflict in West Africa express the demands of stability, security, democracy, poverty reduction and development?
- Within this framework, what is the relationship between emergency action, reconstruction, development support in the involvement of international and national agencies of OECD member countries?
- How to achieve political reconstruction, have the judicial system and action support the process of reconciliation and build security to benefit development?

- What is the role and place of actors such as ECOWAS in this process?
- What role could the Regional Working Group play in seeking solutions to problems raised by the DDR and post-conflict at the country-level?
- How can this Group encourage dialogue with development partners at the regional level in order to bring actors into synergy, improve policy coherence and strengthen the effectiveness of their actions in the area of post-conflict in West Africa?

Schedule of Sessions

WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY

- 10.00 – 10.45** OFFICIAL OPENING SESSION
- 10.00 – 10.15 Presentation by Mr. Normand LAUZON, Director of the Sahel and West Africa Club, SWAC/OECD
- 10.15 – 10.30 Intervention by Mr. Charles GOERENS, President of the Sahel and West Africa Club, SWAC/OECD
- 10.30 – 10.45 Intervention by Colonel Yoro KONE, Representative of the President of the Commission of ECOWAS, Dr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas
- 10.45** **Opening Statement by the Prime Minister of Cape Verde,**
Mr. José Maria NEVES
- 11.00 – 11.10* Brief adjournment for officials to exit
- 11.10 – 13.15** **FIRST SESSION:**
WORKING GROUP'S OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMME ON POST-CONFLICT
- 11.10 – 11.30 PRESENTATION OF THE WORK AND EXPECTED RESULTS,
Mr. Massaër DIALLO, Head of the Governance, Conflict Dynamics, Peace and Security Unit, SWAC/OECD
- 11.30 – 11.50 WORKING GROUP'S APPROACH AND ACTION PLAN,
Dr. Istifanus ZABADI, WANSED, National War College, *Nigeria*
- 11.50 – 13.15** **Discussion and summary for action**
- 13.15 – 14.30* *Lunch*
- 14.30 – 18.45** **SECOND SESSION:**
CHALLENGES OF POST-CONFLICT IN WEST AFRICA
- 14.30 – 14.50 **After the DDR in Guinea Bissau: Socio-political Challenges and Security Problems,** Mr. Pedro CORREIA, Director of the Demobilisation Programme, *Guinea Bissau*

- 14.50 – 15.10 **Economic and Financing Challenges of Post-conflict in Guinea Bissau: The Role of Co-participation**, Mr. Ousmane Birame SANE, Director of Post-Conflict Co-participation Funds, *Guinea Bissau*
- 15.10 – 15.45 **Discussion**
- 15.45 – 16.05 **Challenges of Political Reconstruction in Sierra Leone and State Action**, Dr. Osman GBLA, Executive Director of the Centre for Development and Security Analysis (CEDSA), *Sierra Leone*
- 16.05 – 16.30 **Political Reforms and Economic Perspectives in Liberia**, Prof. Joseph GUANNU, Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, *Liberia*
- 16.30 – 17.15 **Discussion**
- 17.15 – 17.30 *Coffee break*
- 17.30 – 17.50 **Threats of a Tuareg Crisis Resurgence and Post-conflict Policy in Mali and Niger**, Mr. Zeini MOULAYE, WANSED, *Mali*
- 17.50 – 18.10 **The DDR in Côte d'Ivoire: Implementation Situation, Obstacles and Expected Role in the Exit from Crisis**, General Ouassenan KONE, President of the NP-DDR and Mr. Brahim SANGARE, Secretary-General of the DDR Programme, *Côte d'Ivoire*
- 18.10 – 18.20 **The Case of Casamance (Senegal) in Post-conflict Action: Uncompleted Peace Agreements and Reconstruction**
Points of view of:
 Mr. Nouha CISSE, Historian
 Mr. Pierre-Marie BASSEME, ANRAC, National Agency for Reconstruction and Planning of Casamance, *Senegal*
 Mrs. Juliette SOW, WANSED
- 18.20 – 18.45 **Discussion**

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High-level Meeting on Cooperation and Development

With members of the Cape Verde Government, Parliamentarians of Luxembourg and Portugal, representatives of development (cooperation agencies), United Nations agencies and members of the Regional Working Group.

THURSDAY 1 MARCH

09.00 – 12.45	<u>THIRD SESSION:</u> POST-CONFLICT AND DEVELOPMENT: STRATEGIES, ACTIONS AND PERSPECTIVES FOR WEST AFRICA
09.00 – 10.00	THE RECONSTRUCTION POLICY
09.00 – 09.20	Rule of Law and Judicial Transition in Post-Conflict, Mrs. Marie Thérèse KEITA, UNOWA
09.20 – 09.40	Facing the Challenges of the Vulnerable State, Mr. François GAULME, AFD
09.40 – 10.00	Education in Reconstruction, <i>the case of Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea</i> , Mr. Youssouf CISSE, Africa Director of “Aid and Action”
10.00 – 11.00	Discussion
11.00 – 11.10	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.10 – 12.45	ECOWAS AND NEPAD IN POST-CONFLICT
11.10 – 11.30	ECOWAS in the Building of Peace and Political Reconstruction, Colonel Yoro KONE, Director of the ECOWAS Observation and Monitoring Centre
11.30 – 11.50	NEPAD in the Economic Reconstruction of West Africa, Director of the ECOWAS Economics Department
11.50 – 12.45	Discussion
12.45 – 14.00	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00 – 17.30	<u>FOURTH SESSION:</u> INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES IN POST-CONFLICT RECONSTRUCTION IN WEST AFRICA
14.00 – 15.50	<i>First Roundtable:</i> <i>Involvement and role of international institutions and agencies in economic reconstruction</i>

14.00 – 14.15	World Bank Actions in Post-conflict, Mr. Demba BALDE, Social Development Specialist, World Bank, Dakar
14.15 – 14.30	Involvement of the AfDB in Post-conflict Reconstruction in West Africa, Mr. Mohamed HMIDOUCHE, Resident Representative for West Africa
14.30 – 14.45	USAID in Countries in Post-conflict Situations, Mr. Richard SALAZAR, West Africa Division
14.45 – 15.00	DFID's Experience in Sierra Leone and Liberia, Mr. James FENNELL, DFID, <i>Nigeria</i>
15.00– 15.50	Discussion
<i>15.50 – 16.30</i>	<i>Second Roundtable: Governance, Security and Development</i>
15.50 – 16.05	UNDP and Supporting Post-conflict Reconstruction, Mr. Adama GUINDO, UNDP Resident Representative, Dakar
16.05 – 16.20	CIDA and Capacity Building in Post-conflict situations, Mr. Daouda DIOP, Development Counsellor, Canadian Embassy, Dakar
16.20 – 16.35	The GTZ Approach to Post -conflict and Development
16.35 – 16.50	Actions in Support of Peace-building, International Organisation of French-speaking Communities (<i>Organisation internationale de la Francophonie - OIF</i>)
16.50 – 17.40	Discussion
17.40– 18.40	Synthesis of the Work and Prospects of the Regional Working Group
18.40	Closing of the meeting

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