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Bahir Dar, Ethiopia

# PROGRAMME

Tana High-Level Forum  
on Security in Africa





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### **FRIDAY, 20 APRIL 2018**

**09.00 – 18.00**

**Arrival of participants and registration**

**16.30 – 18.00**

**Public Lecture: “Self-reliance in Africa’s Peace and Security”**  
***Pre-forum event in collaboration with Bahir Dar University***

**Location:** Conference Hall, Bahir Dar University

**Moderator: Dr. Hespina Rukato**, Development Consultant, Zimbabwe  
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**Welcome remarks: Dr. Firew Tegegne**, President, Bahir Dar University, Ethiopia

**Lecture by: H.E. Mr. John Dramani Mahama**, Former President, Republic of Ghana [🐦 @JDMahama](#)



### Discussants:

- **Prof. Tassew Woldehanna**, President, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia
- **Prof. Funmi Olonisakin**, Vice-President and Vice-Principal (International), King's College London, UK [🐦@FunmiOlonisakin](https://twitter.com/FunmiOlonisakin)

**Session statement:** The Tana Forum appreciates the importance of involving the academia and youth in policymaking. The following questions will provide guidance to the lecture and subsequent discussion: (a) How have academic institutions contributed in understanding and shaping the ideology and practice of self-reliance in governance, peace and security? (b) Do researchers at African universities tackle the challenges of self-reliance in governance, peace and security? c) To what extent does the dissemination of research findings influence the opinions and actions of African leaders, policymakers and businesspeople in peace and security? How do you rate the role of universities in popularizing major AU policies and treaties?

**19.00 – 22.00**

### Welcome cocktail

Blue Nile Resort front garden

### Dinner and cultural night hosted by the Amhara National Regional Government

(off-site location, registration required)




**20.45 – 22.00**

**Roundtable on Human Security: “A Cooling Consensus: How to Counter the Consequences of Climate Change and its Security Implications”** *(by invitation only)*

***Special side event in collaboration with the Munich Security Conference (MSC) and the African Union (AU)***

**Location:** Tana Hall, Blue Nile Resort

**Moderator:** **Mr. Robert Malley**, President and Chief Executive Officer, International Crisis Group, Belgium  [@Rob\\_Malley](https://twitter.com/Rob_Malley)

**Speakers:**

- **Hon. Louise Mushikiwabo**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and East African Community, Republic of Rwanda  [@LMushikiwabo](https://twitter.com/LMushikiwabo)
- **Amb. Smail Chergui**, Commissioner for Peace and Security, AU Commission, Ethiopia  [@AU\\_Chergui](https://twitter.com/AU_Chergui)

**Session statement:** The year 2017 was one of the three hottest on record (the other two being 2015 and 2016) and was masked by catastrophic storms, droughts, floods and other extreme weather events that impacted the lives of millions around the globe. In Sub-Saharan Africa, climate change and environmental degradation constitute dangerous threats multipliers. However, although the international community witnesses the devastating effects of climate change, joint action still lags behind.


How sustainable is the 2015 Paris Accord? What challenges are African countries facing in implementing policies to reach their individual targets? Are multilateral institutions the suitable forums for cooperation? These are a few questions to guide the debate.




22.15 – 23.15

## Lakeside Chat: “Restoring a Disappearing Giant: Approaches to the Lake Chad Environmental-Humanitarian Crisis and Its Security Implications”

**Location:** Lake side - Blue Nile Resort front garden

**Moderator:** Mr. Adama Gaye, Journalist, Senegal  @gayeadama000

### Speakers:

- **H.E. Olusegun Obasanjo**, Former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Chairperson of the Tana Forum
- **Amb. Laura Thompson**, Deputy Director General, International Organization for Migration, Switzerland  @LThompsonC

### Session statement:

Lake Chad is a case in point of the disruptive effects of environmental degradation on human security in the region. Caused by prolonged severe droughts and poor water management governance, the lake has shrunk by about 90% since the 1970s, depriving millions of lake dwellers of their main source of livelihood. Extreme poverty and economic fragility together with drought and environmental degradation are providing a fertile ground for non-state armed groups such as the Islamic extremist group Boko Haram to thrive and contest state authority across the region.

### Guiding questions:

- What makes this region particularly vulnerable to the negative effects of climate change and environmental degradation, and how should policymakers respond to these vulnerabilities?
- How can African leaders strengthen a comprehensive regional approach to mitigate climate-induced security challenges?



## SATURDAY, 21 APRIL 2018

**08.00 – 09.00**

**Arrival of participants and registration (cont.)**

**09.00 – 10.30**


**Key Event: Annual Book Launch**

**“New Fringe Pastoralism: Conflict, Security and Development in the Horn of Africa and the Sahel” published by the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)**

**Location:** Tana Hall, Blue Nile Resort

**Moderator:** **Dr. George Mukundi**, Chief Executive Officer, Maendeleo Group, South Africa  [@mukundigeorge](https://twitter.com/mukundigeorge)

### **Authors:**

- **Prof. Jerome O. Gefu**, National Animal Production Research Institute, Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria
- **Prof. Mohamed Salih (Emeritus)**, International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Hague Campus, The Netherlands  [@MohamedMOSalih](https://twitter.com/MohamedMOSalih)
- **Dr. Ayalew Gebre**, Associate Professor, Department of Social Anthropology, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia
- **Mr. Jalal Abdel-Latif**, Head, Governance and Human Security, Capacity Development Division, UNECA

**Commentator:** **Prof. Welcome Siphamandla Zondi**, Professor and Head, Department of Political Sciences, University of Pretoria, South Africa

**Session statement:** The annual book launch is an opportunity for published authors to present their books on peace, security, governance



and development in Africa and receive comments on their work from an African constituency and from different schools of thought.

**10.30 – 11.00**


**Break**

**11.00 – 12.30**

**Key Event: The Annual Meles Zenawi Lecture Series**

**“Leadership in Africa: Reflections on the Legacy of the late Gamal Abdel Nasser, former President of Egypt”**

**Location:** Tana Hall, Blue Nile Resort

**Speaker: Ms. Samia Nkrumah**, Founder and President of the Kwame Nkrumah Pan-African Centre, Ghana  [@samiankrumah](https://twitter.com/samiankrumah)

**Moderator: Prof. Adebayo Olukoshi**, Director for Africa and West Asia, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA), Ethiopia

**Special intervention: H.E. Mr. Kgalema Motlanthe**, Former President of the Republic of South Africa (tbc)  [@KgalemaMotlanth](https://twitter.com/KgalemaMotlanth)

**Session statement:** This annual lecture is dedicated to the memory of Meles Zenawi, the late Prime Minister of Ethiopia. It serves to honour the work, life and memory of one of modern Africa's greatest sons. The lecture is also an abiding commitment to the continuous effort of understanding and properly documenting the essence of good leadership in Africa, by learning from the examples, both good and bad, of those who have come and gone before us. The 2018 lecture will pay tribute to another extraordinary African, the late Gamal Abdel Nasser, President of Egypt.



**12.30 – 13.45**

**Lunch**

Blue Nile Resort main restaurant

**14.00 – 15.00**

**OPENING SESSION**

**Location:** Abay Hall, Blue Nile Resort

**Moderator:** **Mr. Adama Gaye**, Journalist, Senegal [@gayeadama000](https://twitter.com/gayeadama000)

**14.00 – 14.15**

**Welcome address:** **H.E. Dr. Abiy Ahmed Ali**, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Host of the Tana Forum

**14.15 – 14.35**

**Presentation of the “State of Peace and Security in Africa 2018”**

by **H.E. Mr. Olusegun Obasanjo**, Former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Chairperson of the Tana Forum Board

**14.35 – 15.00**

**Keynote address:** **H.E. Mr. Moussa Faki Mahamat**, Chairperson, African Union Commission, Ethiopia [@AUC\\_MoussaFaki](https://twitter.com/AUC_MoussaFaki)

**15.00 – 15.20**

**Break**



**15.30 – 18.00**

## **SESSION I: AU Reform and its Implications for Peace and Security in Africa - Views from African Decision-Makers**

**Location:** Abay Hall, Blue Nile Resort

**Format:** High level panels (1 hour 15 min each).

**Session statement:** The two High Level panels are interactive sessions providing an opportunity for leaders and peace and security actors to react and reflect on the opening session's interventions: the 2018 State of Peace and Security in Africa (SPSA) presentation by former President Olusegun Obasanjo and the keynote address by AUC Chairperson Moussa Faki Mahamat.

Designed to solicit initial responses and reflections on the two interventions, both discussions do not have guiding questions. Rooted in the Tana Forum's culture of frank and candid conversations in an informal setting, these sessions will provide space for participating Heads of State and security actors to share their insights and concerns on continental peace and security matters, as well as share progress on the AU reforms process and financing of the AU.



**15.30 – 16.45**

## **High Level Panel 1: Development and Security Actors**

**Moderator: Dr. Carlos Lopes**, Member of the AU Reform Team, Professor, Graduate School for Development Policy Practice, University of Cape Town, South Africa [!\[\]\(6e934896f25e6ce1b0dbb50c23abc197\_img.jpg\) @LopesInsights](#)

### **Panellists:**

- **H.E. Graça Machel**, Founder, Graça Machel Trust  
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- **Hon. Louise Mushikiwabo**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and East African Community, Republic of Rwanda  
[!\[\]\(a98af19a4e35f196d78c066e1093302f\_img.jpg\) @LMushikiwabo](#)
- **Dr. Donald Kaberuka**, High Representative for the AU Peace Fund and Chairman and Managing Partner, SouthBridge, Rwanda  
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- **Dr. Vera Songwe**, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Ethiopia [!\[\]\(41cfac4aea775fee79cdfa4417b3fca6\_img.jpg\) @SongweVera](#)

**16.45 – 18.00**

## **High Level Panel 2: Global Security Actors**

**Moderator: Prof. Mohamed El Hacem Lebatt**, Special Advisor of the AU Chairperson, AU Commission, Ethiopia

### **Panellists:**

- **Dr. Aminata Touré**, Former Prime Minister, Senegal
- **Ms. Bintou Keita**, Assistant Secretary General for Peacekeeping Operations, United Nations
- **Mr. Patrick Gaspard**, President, Open Society Foundations, UK  
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**18.10 – 18.30**

**Views from the winners of the annual Tana Forum African Universities' Essay Competition**

**Location:** Abay Hall, Blue Nile Resort

**18.30**

**End of day 1**

**18.30 – 20.00**

**Networking, Bi-laterals, Media Interviews**

**18.30 – 20.00**

**Closed session: "Free Movement of People in Africa: Addressing the Security Impediments"** (by invitation only)

**20.00 – 22.00**

**State dinner hosted by the Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Amhara Regional Government**

Blue Nile Resort front garden



## SUNDAY, 22 APRIL 2018

**07.30 – 09.00**

### **Networking breakfast**

Blue Nile Resort main restaurant

### **Heads of State Tree Planting Ceremony**

Tana Park

**09.00 – 10.45**

## **SESSION II: Ownership and Financing of Peace and Security in Africa**

**Location:** Abay Hall, Blue Nile Resort

**Moderator:** **Amb. Hadiza Mustapha**, Advisor to the AU Chairperson on Peace, Security and Governance, AU Commission, Ethiopia  [@additions](#)

**Format:** Interactive panel discussion and Q&A session with plenary

### **Panellists:**

- **Dr. Donald Kaberuka**, AU High Representative for the Peace Fund, Rwanda  [@DonaldKaberuka](#)
- **Dr. Carlos Lopes**, Member of the AU Reform Team, Professor, Graduate School for Development Policy Practice, University of Cape Town, South Africa  [@LopesInsights](#)
- **Ms. Sahle-Work Zewde**, Under Secretary-General and Director-General, United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON), Kenya  [@UnonDg](#)
- **Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita**, Executive Secretary, International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), Burundi  [@MuitaMuburi](#)
- **Amb. Dr. Reuben Brigety**, George Washington University, Elliott School of International Affairs, USA  [@RealDeanB](#)

**Session statement:** How does “ownership” imply - in both conceptual and practical terms - in the current debate on how to operationalize African ownership of peace and security in Africa post-AU reform? A reform agenda to put the AU sound and stable footing, especially in financial matters, would not necessarily mean bidding farewell to the number of development partners that currently support the work of the organization. Instead, it could necessitate a reassessment of the basis of continuing partnerships, albeit one where they recognize the growing centrality and autonomy of the African agency. Expectedly, there will be tensions as the partnership undergoes realignment and changes, with the AU seeking to assert its newfound fiscal muscle and the consequent capacity to unilaterally or take prime position in dictating policy directions, priorities and activities. Its partners, on the other hand, will seek new ways of maintaining their relevance in terms of presence and influence that the AU cannot ignore. The possibilities of both sides finding themselves at a crossroads, or even at loggerheads, on key policy issues and directions could constitute initial teething problems as the reform agenda becomes fully operational, especially in relation to peace and security issues.

Any substantive and meaningful debate carries the risk of overlooking one aspect over the other. There is the additional concern of taking the notion of ownership too far, upsetting existing relationships with major global powers and institutions at a time when Africa’s peace and security issues are inextricably linked to broader global security imperatives.

### **Guiding questions:**

- What are the other critical elements that would define/determine ownership beyond self-financing of peace and security by AU Member States?
- What are the likely impacts of increased financial independence on the AU’s programming especially in the short to medium terms?
- What is the anticipated role of partners in AU post-reform when their financial assistance is deemed less decisive?
- Does improved financial standing of the AU necessarily translate to a renegotiation in the terms of alliance with its partners?



**10.45 – 11.00**

**Break**

**11.00 – 12.30**

## **SESSION III: The Content and Shape of the Peace and Security Agenda in the Post-Reform Era**

**Location:** Abay Hall, Blue Nile Resort

**Moderator:** **Amb. Smail Chergui**, Commissioner for Peace and Security, AU Commission, Ethiopia  [@AU\\_Chergui](#)

**Format:** Interactive panel discussion and Q&A session with plenary

### **Panellists:**

- **Amb (Eng.) Mahboub Maalim**, Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), Djibouti  [@amb\\_mahboub](#)
- **Amb. Mary Beth Leonard**, Representative to the African Union and UNECA, United States Mission to the AU, Ethiopia  [@US\\_AU](#)
- **Prof. Karim El Aynaoui**, Director General, OCP Policy Center, Morocco  [@OCPPolicyCenter](#)
- **Amb. Ranieri Sabatucci**, Head of Delegation, EU Delegation to the African Union, Ethiopia  [@SabatucciEU](#)

### **Session statement:**

When the proverbial dust of reform settles, what will the added value be for the AU in terms of the content, shape and direction of peace and security provisions in the short- and long-term? With both the UN and AU undergoing reform, what will be the impact the 25/75% shared-financing of peace and security on the continent? What will be the international community's responsibility when the AU becomes more self-reliant by assuming increased ownership of the African security agenda?



One of the paradoxes of the kind of institutional reform envisaged for the AU is that it could either trigger far-reaching changes, for good or bad, or simply become a case of “the more things change the more they remain the same”. This session will consider whether or not a post-reform AU can handle the peace and security agenda differently and expect to take on new and previously unanticipated forms. With any outcome, there will be necessary adjustments to be made within the AUC, between the Commission and other organs or institutions of the Union, and among the AU, RECs, Member States and development partners in order to adequately and effectively respond to emerging peace and security challenges.

For Member States, the challenge would be to commit to new and creative ways of pursuing collective responsibility in peace and security within the limitations imposed by sovereignty and unilateralism. There must also be some reflection on the future of the relationship with development partners, especially those in the peace and security arena, to ensure that expectations are managed within the sphere of changes the reforms necessitate.

### **Guiding questions:**

- To what extent do the reforms take cognisance of, and seek to enable, the AU to better tackle the peace and security challenges on the continent in the future?
- To what extent have the current AU reforms factored in the myriad internal changes necessary and required for better provisioning in peace and security?
- What new and creative realignments are necessary to reposition the AU to respond effectively to emerging peace and security imperatives?
- How will Member States align and channel their national priorities to become fit-for-purpose for the AU in terms of peace and security provisioning?
- What are the possible scenarios to maintain a beneficial relationship with development partners after the reform period?



**12.30 – 13.30**

## **CLOSING CEREMONY**

**Location:** Abay Hall, Blue Nile Resort

**Moderator: Mr. Charles A. Abugre**, Chief Executive Officer, Northern Development Authority, Ghana [@CharlesAbugre](#)

**12.35 – 12.50**

**Summary and Takeaways: H.E. Mr. Olusegun Obasanjo**, Former President of Nigeria and Outgoing Chairperson of the Tana Forum Board

**12.50 – 13.10**

### **Vote of thanks (Chairperson's handover ceremony):**

**H.E. Mr. Hailemariam Desalegn**, Former Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

**13.10 – 13.30**

### **Statement from the incoming Tana Forum Chairperson:**

**H.E. Mr. John Dramani Mahama**, Former President of Ghana

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**13.30 – 13.50**

**Closing remarks: H.E. Dr. Abiy Ahmed Ali**, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Host of the Tana Forum

**13.50**

### **End of the 7th Tana Forum**

**14.00 – 15.00**

### **Lunch**

Blue Nile Resort main restaurant

**16.00**

### **Departure to Addis Ababa**