Session 5:
National Security Strategy Development

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OUTLINE

- Conceptual clarification.
- Key elements of National Security Strategy (Process).
- The document (Output).
- Implementation of the National Security Strategy.
- Control and Oversight Mechanisms.
By the government.

Composition of the drafting committee.

Drafting - selection of topics, prioritization.

Gender-sensitive language.

National consultation on first draft.

Building support for the NSP.

. By the parliament.

Possibility for amendments.

Sector-specific policies.

Action plans.

Mixed implementation committees.

. Plan review.

Gender impact assessment.

Gender budget analysis.

Capacities of oversight actors.

Comprehensive analysis

- holistic
- Evaluation of threats, needs, risks and opportunities
- Capacity and means evaluation
- Discussion on the national vision
- Sensitization/mobilisation for support
- Broad consultations

Drafting

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Adoption

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- By the parliament - possibility for amendments

Implementation

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Oversight, monitoring and evaluation

- Plan review
- Gender impact assessment
- Gender budget analysis
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Participatory

Inclusive
OVERVIEW OF THE MAIN DOCUMENT

1. National vision and values
2. National interests
3. Analysis of the national strategic context (sub-regional and international)
4. Vulnerabilities, threats and challenges to National interests
5. Strategic objectives to be achieved in order of priority
6. Resources for implementation
THE NATIONAL FABRIC

NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGY

SECTORIAL STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS

PURPOSE
WAYS
MEANS

GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTIONS/CIVIL SOCIETY/NGOs

NATIONAL INTERESTS

NATIONAL VALUES AND VISION
CONCLUSION

National Security Strategy: an essential phase for African countries in the SSR Process or not

The process is more important than the output

There is room for hope: A National Security Strategy development process is underway in the vast majority of African countries

Expression of a country’s national sovereignty