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# **Managing Security Resources in Africa: Professional Development Symposium The Overview**

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# ACSS Mission and The Symposium

**To advance African security by:**

- Expanding understanding, providing a trusted platform for dialogue,
- Building enduring partnerships, and
- Catalyzing strategic solutions.

# Why this Symposium?

- Generating, allocating and managing security sector resources remain as persistent challenges in Africa.
- Weak institutions, capacity constraints, inadequate oversight and lack of transparency and national security policies characterized security sector in Africa.
- The resulting inefficiency and ineffectiveness of managing security resources in Africa made many countries not to deliver security, safety and justice to their citizens
- Thus, the judicious management of available security sector resources in Africa is both urgent and critical.

# Aims

1. Enhance capacity and professionalism among ACSS alumni responsible for the management of security resources in Africa,
2. Create a supportive peer network, and
3. Explore the frontier issues in the management of security resources across Africa.

# What do we expect by the end of this Symposium?

1. **Providing a trusted platform not only for peer-learning but also for building enduring partnerships and networking.**
2. **Catalyzing tools for how best to:**
  - Resource mobilization and allocation.
  - Effective budgeting practice, and
  - Public Expenditure management in the security sector.

# Approaches and Methods

## 1. Peer Learning and Experience Sharing

1. Theory of Change

2. The Case Studies: Evidence Based Approach.

3. Strategic and Critical Thinking

4. Non Attribution

# The Structure of the Symposium

## Plenary Sessions

- **Session 1:** Security-Development-Governance Nexus: Resources, Strategy, and Leadership
- **Session 2:** Trends in Resources Availability and Security Sector Spending
- **Session 3:** Budgeting and Resource Mobilization
- **Session 4:** Introduction to Public Expenditure Management in the Security Sector
- **Session 5:** Building External Partnerships

## Concurrent Sessions:

- Tools for Budgeting in Africa's Security Sector

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## 3. Discussion Groups and Exercises:

- **Country Experiences:** Linking resources, strategy and leadership.
- **Introduction** to the Exercises.
- **Exercise 1:** Lessons from 3 case studies in budgeting.
- **Exercise 2:** Security expenditure management and an evolving security landscape: Anticipating change





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