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

2. 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
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