



COMESA  **Governance, Peace & Security** *Newsletter*

Introduction

In accordance with Article 3d of the COMESA Treaty, the GPS Unit continued to make strides towards promoting peace, stability and security in the region. This publication provides an overview and documents a series of implemented activities in the second (Q2) quarter of the year 2024. It presents COMESA_GPS's engagement in the following thematic areas:

- **Children Affected by Armed Conflict**
- **Early Warning**
- **Partnership and Collaboration**
- **Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development**
- **Transnational Organised Crimes**
- **Youth Engagement**
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CAAC Sensitisation Workshop:

22-25 April 2024

COMESA in collaboration with Save the Children convened a sensitisation workshop for the National Human Rights Institutions (NHRI) and Civil Society Actors on Children Affected by Armed Conflict (CAAC) in the COMESA Region. The sensitisation was held in Mbabane, Eswatini on 22 – 25 April 2024. The event brought together practitioners from Zambia, Zimbabwe, Eswatini, South Africa, Malawi and Botswana. It was part of COMESA's efforts to raise awareness on the CAAC agenda in the region. The workshop was centred around the following objectives:

- i. Exchange experiences on how civil society actors and National Human Rights Institutions contribute towards ensuring the protection of children affected by armed conflict in the COMESA region.

- ii. Discuss challenges and opportunities in holding states accountable to their human rights obligations of protecting, respecting, and fulfilling children's rights in conflict situations.
- iii. Discuss opportunities for engagement among CSOs, NHRIs, and COMESA in mainstreaming the CAAC agenda in the region and cooperation with regional human rights mechanisms such as the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC).

Arising from the workshop, the following recommendations were made;



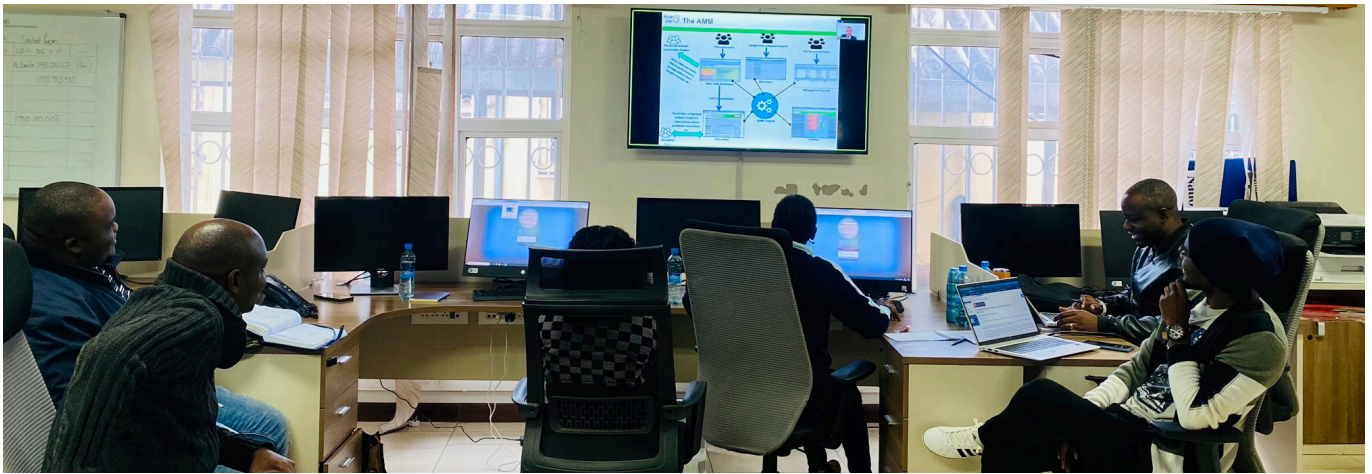
The need for COMESA and Save the Children to strengthen capacities of NHRIs and other key stakeholders on issues of children affected by armed conflict.



To establish a regional One-Stop platform that facilitates regular engagements on CAAC.



Enhance collaboration between COMESA and other relevant key stakeholders in the operationalisation of the COMESA CAAC Strategy.



Training of DMMU Officers: 13-14 April 2024

As part of the completion of the Zambia CSVRA Process, COMESA in collaboration with the African Union set up the Situation Room in Lusaka, Zambia on 13-14 April 2024. The Situation Room is based at the Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit (DMMU). An orientation training was conducted to capacitate the DMMU staff on the relevant early warning tools and methodology. The training ended with a set of recommendation including the following;



Organise an exchange visit to the AU Situation Room in Addis Ababa for experience sharing and peer learning;

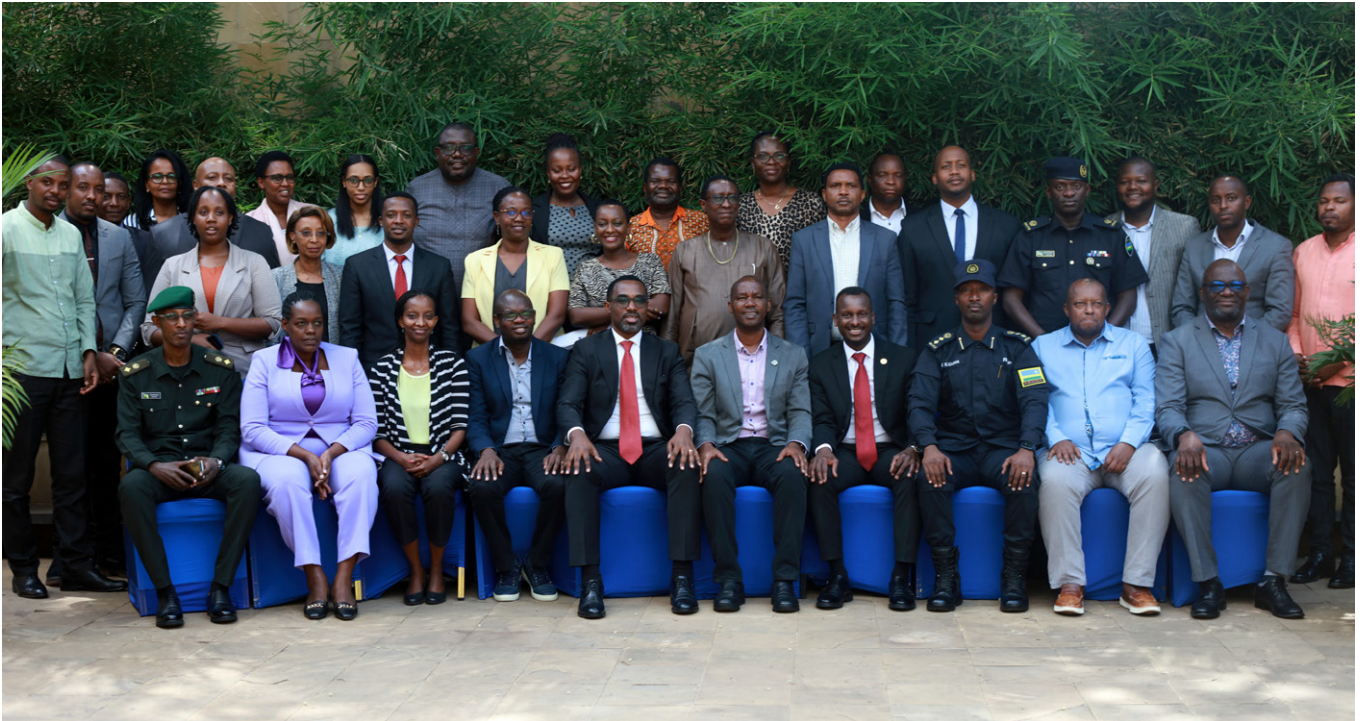


The need to develop keywords that are suitable to the mandate of the DMMU

Zambia CSVRA Finalization Process: 15-19 April 2024

In its commitment to support Zambia in finalizing the Country Structural Vulnerability and Resilience Assessment (CSVRA) process, GPS convened a technical meeting aimed at refining and finalizing the draft CSVRA report. This crucial step prepared the report for validation by senior policymakers and set the stage for a national launch later in the year. The technical meeting was held in response to the Decisions of the 18th Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs that was held on the 6 June 2023 in Lusaka, that urged the Secretariat to support the Government of the Republic of Zambia to finalize the CSVRA process that had commenced in 2021. The technical meeting was attended by the Zambia SVA/

CSVRA Bureau Members drawn from key ministries, staff from the COMESA Secretariat, and the Consultants attached to the process. The finalization of the CSVRA process will allow Zambia and its partners to start implementing the mitigation strategy aimed at addressing the identified vulnerabilities and strengthening the currently prevailing resilience factors. The SVA/CSVA processes are African homegrown tools developed to support Member States in identifying their structural vulnerabilities and developing homegrown, context-specific mitigation strategies with a view of building long-term resilience.



National Multi-Stakeholder Consultation on COMWARN Structural Vulnerability and Resilience Assessment for the Republic of Rwanda: 3 -7 June 2024

In a bid to assist countries in understanding the drivers/factors that impact their peace and prosperity, COMESA convened the 10th Structural Vulnerability and Resilience Assessment Multi-Stakeholder consultative workshop in Kigali, Rwanda, on 3 -7 June 2024. The workshop gathered a total of 34 participants, including; representatives from selected Government Ministries, Departments, and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) in Rwanda, the Continental Early Warning System of the African Union (AU CEWS), the Zambian and Malawian SVA Bureaus, and COMESA staff. The workshop was informed by a primary objective to disseminate the Rwanda SVA report to enhance ownership and commence the process of establishing the necessary response structures.

At the end of the workshop, an interim Bureau was established to coordinate the SVRA and AU-SVRA/CSVMS processes. The policymakers recommended

that Rwanda should commence the CSVRA process, to develop a robust mitigation strategy with the technical and financial support of COMESA and the AUC.





MoU Signing Between COMESA and The Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSV): 6 May 2024

A consultative meeting between COMESA and the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSV) was held at the COMESA Secretariat for the sole purpose of signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two organizations. It was also intended to strengthen the identified areas of collaboration that include - joint research proposals, joint roundtables meetings, training of local communities, Elders and COMWARN Analysts, conducting cluster-specific sensitisations, and youth capacity building. The MoU was signed by CSV's Executive Director, Annah Moyo-Kupeta, and witnessed by the COMESA Assistant Secretary General- Administration and Finance, Dr. Dev Haman. The MoU consolidates the two organisations' past efforts and conversations that began in late 2023. Through these strategic collaborative efforts, the two partners seek to leverage on resources, technical expertise and build a

strong network to support the region.



Meeting Between COMESA_GPS and AU-ABC-

6-7 May 2024



To build continued collaborations and partnerships with other regional economic communities (RECs), a consultative meeting between COMESA and the African Union Advisory Board Against Corruption (AU-ABC) was held from 6 to 7 May 2024 at the COMESA Secretariat in Lusaka, Zambia. The overall objective was for the AU-ABC and COMESA to discuss efforts to fight corruption and explore collaboration on mutually identified priority areas of intervention in a effort to elaborate general and specific programs and activities that can be implemented

within the broader regional anti-corruption program. The meeting was attended by AUABC representatives; Honourable Yvonne Mutepuka Chibuye, Board Member, Mrs. Charity Hanene Nchimunya- Executive Secretary, Ms. Martha Munthali, Senior Policy Officer (Economics and Statistical Matters) and Mr. Christopher Mwendwa Katuu - Information Technology Specialist. A key outcome of the meeting was the development of a joint plan of action that will guide joint programming.

Working Visit by the AU-PCRD Centre to the Governance, Peace and Security Unit: 12 June 2024

The AU-PCRD Centre paid a working visit to the COMESA GPS Unit on 12 June at the COMESA Secretariat in Lusaka. The purpose of the visit to familiarise with the ongoing programmes regarding PCRD activities implementation in COMESA and identifying areas of collaboration. The visit centred around the COMESA PCRD programme focussing mainly on the Trading for Peace Programme's objectives and its impact on the region. The visit's outcomes emphasised the need for engaging stakeholders such as cross-border traders'

associations. It was noted that these associations need to take project sustainability into account and work closely in supporting post-conflict reconstruction programs at the community level. The meeting concluded that there was need for continuous engagement between COMESA and the AU-PCRD to enhance synergy in program implementation at continental regional and national levels.



COMESA-NARC Consultative Meeting: 24-25 June 2024

A consultative meeting between COMESA_GPS and the North African Regional Capability (NARC) was held on the 24 and 25 June at the COMESA Secretariat in Lusaka, Zambia. This was the first time that NARC was visiting COMESA which underscored the importance of COMESA as a progressive REC. The objective of the meeting was to explore areas for collaboration and partnership in peace and security. The meeting underscored the need for COMESA to support NARC in strengthening its peace and security programs. Following the bilateral discussions, the following were the key takeaways:

COMESA to assist NARC in setting up its own Early Warning System whenever the need arises.	Conducting joint missions in shared membership including election observation, fact-finding missions, and preventive diplomacy among others
Development of joint Early Warning Reports in areas of common interest including peace and security situation briefs.	COMESA to assist NARC in the development of strategic documents on counterterrorism in collaboration with AU and other relevant centres including CAERT/ACSRT.

Meeting Between COMESA_GPS, GIZ, and SACCORD: 22 May 2024

To foster collaboration with civil society organizations (CSOs), the COMESA_GPS Unit hosted representatives from GIZ in Addis Ababa and the Southern Africa Center for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (SACCORD) for a two-day meeting at the COMESA Secretariat. The meeting aimed at planning for a joint implementation of an early warning program in Zambia under the GIZ-WANEP grant. A common plan of action was developed.

Joint DRC-ZAMBIA Workshop for the Establishment of Formalized Networks of Small-Scale Cross-Border Traders: 13-17 May 2024



COMESA_GPS convened a joint DRC-Zambia workshop at the Kipushi border area from 13 to 17 May 2024. Its overall objective was to establish a formalized structure in the form of a Joint Border Committee towards facilitating cross-border engagement and cooperation. This was informed by a commitment geared towards enhancing peace and cross-border trade in the Great Lakes Region. This commitment was affirmed during the 18th Meeting of the COMESA Ministers of Foreign Affairs held on 6th June 2023 in Lusaka. The 18th Meeting highlighted the need for sustained efforts and resource mobilization to support Member States in establishing joint border structures in areas where the Trading for Peace Project has been implemented.

The workshop brought together over 60 participants

including small-scale cross-border traders, leaders of Cross-border Traders Associations (CBTAS), Ministry of Trade and Commerce representatives from both the capital cities and provincial levels as well as border officials comprising of Security, Customs, and immigration officers from both Zambia and DR Congo. The workshop also provided an opportunity for the participants to be trained on the STR, the Charter on the Minimum Standards for the Treatment of Cross-border Traders, and key concepts on conflict analysis, prevention, and resolution. A major outcome of the workshop was the establishment of an action plan which was adopted and signed by the Heads of delegations from DR Congo and Zambia

The 47th ESAAMLG Meeting of Senior Task Force Officials: 5 -

12 April 2024

COMESA_GPS took part in the 47th ESAAMLG Task Force of Senior Officials Meeting that was held in Lubango, Angola. The meeting sought to enhance synergies among Member States including information-sharing on new Anti-

Money Laundering/Combating Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) trends and methodologies. Key outcomes of the meeting include:

1. The need for synchronizing capacity-building efforts of different partners to maximise support.
2. The Self-sustainability of AML/CFT regimes through Training of Trainers' programmes and designated financing was also highlighted

Exchange Visit Between Zambia – Uganda National Counter Terrorism Centres and Malawi – Kenya National Counter Terrorism Centres: April and May 2024



Following the 18th Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs held in June 2023 in Lusaka, COMESA, through its Governance, Peace, and Security programme has continued engaging in strengthening counter-terrorism capacities in the region and supported Member States in strengthening their counter-terrorism mechanisms and building collaborative networks. The support includes developing tools and methodologies for data collection, analysis, and report-writing, as well as strengthening linkages between National Counter-Terrorism Centers (NCTCs). The GPS unit organized exchange visits for the Zambia National Anti-terrorism Centre (NATC) to the Uganda National Counter-Terrorism Centre (NCTC) and the internal security of Malawi to Kenya respectively. These visits provided an opportunity for peer-to-peer learning between the counter-terrorism centres and identification of areas of collaboration.

Major outcomes from the exchange visits are summarized below;

Zambia – Uganda Exchange Visit	Malawi – Kenya Exchange Visit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agreement to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that will cover information sharing on terrorism financing. - Joint investigations on terrorism-related matters, and extradition of listed or suspected terrorists - https://iafrica.com/ugandan-court-jails-man-charged-with-terrorism-financing/ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop a joint investigation framework by July 2024. - Hold bilateral meetings and workshops centered on conflict resolution, mediation and Anti-money laundering. - Develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) among others.



Review and Validation Workshop of the Guideline on Establishing National Youth Councils: 17 - 21 June 2024

During the Second High-Level Ministerial Conference held in July 2022 in Harare, Zimbabwe, key recommendations were proffered. In one of the recommendations, the Secretariat was urged to develop guidelines on establishing National Youth Councils (NYCs) in the COMESA region. The goal is to strengthen the NYCs and amplify their roles in governance, socio-economic development, peace, and security. Against this backdrop, GPS conducted a study on the status of NYCs in the region. From the findings, guidelines have been developed for establishing NYCs.

Further, COMESA, in collaboration with Save the Children and the Horn of Africa Youth Network, convened a review and validation workshop on 18 - 21 June 2024, in Entebbe, Uganda. The workshop was attended by 39 participants, including representatives from the ministries of youth and national youth councils of Malawi, Mauritius, Burundi, Djibouti, Eswatini, DR Congo, Madagascar, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Seychelles, Kenya, Ethiopia, Tunisia, Sudan and Uganda. Others were representatives from the Horn of Africa Youth Network, the African Youth Commission, the Pan African Youth Union, Save the Children, and the COMESA Secretariat.

The workshop reviewed the study report and proposed guidelines, which were refined and adopted. These guidelines will be submitted to the relevant policy organs for approval. Thereafter, GPS Unit will support its rollout. Besides the validation of the guidelines, the following recommendations

were proffered:

- a. The need for COMESA and partners to organise workshops for NYCs on methodologies of resource mobilisation to ensure their autonomy and independence.
- b. The need for the NYCs in the COMESA region to form a network to facilitate ongoing collaboration and keep close contact. This will also support benchmarking initiatives and enable cross-learning and knowledge sharing.
- c. COMESA and partners should utilise platforms such as the High-level Ministerial Conferences to raise awareness on the guidelines as well as their implementation.
- d. The need for COMESA to establish a Regional Youth Council with support from partners to advocate for youth priorities at regional and continental levels.
- e. The need for COMESA and partners to strengthen the capacities of NYCs.
- f. NYCs to partner with other youth-focused organizations such as the Pan African Youth Union and AYC to jointly coordinate activities that promote youth engagement and participation.

Joint COMESA- ESAAMLG AML/ CFT In-Country Assessor Training: 20 - 23 May 2024

COMESA in collaboration with the Eastern and Southern Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG) organised an Anti-Money Laundering and Combating of Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) in-country Assessor Training for Eritrean stakeholders on 20 - 23 May 2024 in Asmara, Eritrea. COMESA essentially provided financial support whilst ESAAMLG

handled the technical training. Senior Government Officials of Eritrea including from the Ministries of Finance, Foreign Affairs, Justice, and Internal Affairs attended. Others were representatives from the Judiciary, Police, Central Bank, National Insurance Corporation of Eritrea, Inland Revenue Department, and Commercial Bank.

Participants were taken through the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) 40 recommendations and 11 immediate outcomes on AML/CFT. This training was unique in the essence that it brought together the two partners - COMESA and ESAAMLG to implement a mutually beneficial program for member states. The training was very practical and leveraged on ESAAMLG's technical expertise.

Regional Capacity Building Workshop for Judges and Prosecutors on Investigation, Prosecution, and Adjudication of Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing Cases: 28 - 29th May 2024



COMESA_GPS in collaboration with the GermanDevelopment Cooperation (GIZ) and the Financial Intelligence Authority of Uganda (FIA) organised a regional capacity-building workshop for judges and prosecutors on investigation, prosecution, and adjudication of money laundering and terrorism financing cases. The regional training was held on 28 - 29 May 2024 in Entebbe, Uganda. It brought together over 50 judges and prosecutors from Uganda, Egypt, Seychelles, Rwanda, and the COMESA Court of Justice.

The workshop aimed at enhancing the knowledge of judges

and prosecutors in the region on money laundering (ML) and terrorism financing (TF), emerging technologies in ml/ tf, investigations, prosecution, asset recovery, and international cooperation. Among the key recommendations was the need for continuous training on AML/ CFT, the need for combined trainings of both the judiciary officers and the Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs), and organizing exchange visits between and among the various jurisdictions in the region. The training was the first one of its kind that brought together the Judiciary, Prosecuting Authorities, and the Financial Intelligence Unit.



Sentinel School Visit - 24 April 2024

In its continuous commitment towards youth empowerment, the GPS Unit and Information Resource Centre participated in a study tour organized by the Corporate Communications Unit, for Grade Nine pupils from Sentinel Kabitaka School located in Solwezi, North-Western Province, Zambia. The pupils were provided with an overview of COMESA as an organization including its overarching vision and mission. Presentations were made on the respective activities and programmes targeting the youth in the region. Emphasis was laid on the Youth, Peace, and Security programme undertaken by the GPS Unit. Some of the youth programs being implemented include – paid internships, exchange visits, economic empowerment programmes, the establishment of youth centres, and inter-generation dialogues among others.



Mulungushi University Visit: 2 May 2024

On 2 May 2024, COMESA experts from the Division of Trade and Customs and the Governance, Peace and Security (GPS) participated in study tour organized by the Corporate Communications Unit whereby 30 International Relations students from Mulungushi University were hosted at the COMESA Secretariat. The students were provided with a broad overview of COMESA's activities and programs in trade, regional integration, as well as peace and security. The visit was part of COMESA's stakeholder engagement and outreach initiative led by Corporate Communications, aimed at ensuring that young people gained understanding of COMESA's regional integration agenda and assist them in putting theory into practice.

Regional Training of Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs) on Strategic and Operational Effectiveness and Financial Intelligence: 13-17 May 2024

COMESA-GPS convened a Regional Training for Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs) on Strategic and Operational Effectiveness and Financial Intelligence on 13 - 17 May 2024 in Nairobi, Kenya. The training brought together 42 technical officers from FIUs of Eswatini, Eritrea, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Seychelles, and Zambia. The training aimed at enhancing the capacities of FIUs with a focus on their operations vis-à-vis the requirements under FATF international standards and their understanding of investigations of financial transactions. These include those that relate to virtual assets and how they can effectively monitor them to ensure that they do not perpetrate money laundering and terrorism financing. The training ended with a set of recommendations including:

- COMESA to support Zambia's national risk

assessment process in preparation for their mutual evaluation in 2027.

- Countries urged to enhance inter-agency cooperation to speed up ML/CFT investigations and prosecutions and Assets recovery.
- Adoption of advanced technologies to enhance data collection, analysis and dissemination
- In collaboration with ESAAMLG, COMESA to consider supporting assessor training of review teams for the four ESAAMLG review groups.
- FIUs to collaborate with each other given the transnational nature of ML/TF

Visit by Uganda Security Team: 6 May 2024

To strengthen bilateral ties between anti-terrorism centres, the COMESA GPS Unit hosted members of the Uganda Security Unit on 6 May 2024. Led by the Deputy Director of the Counter Terrorism Unit, the delegation paid a courtesy call on COMESA's Assistant Secretary-General – Programmes, Ambassador Dr. Mohamed Kadah. The meeting explored

areas of collaboration noting that "terrorism" was not limited to a particular geographical area or religion and therefore important that all countries - even those that have historically been labelled as "safe" - to remain vigilant and collaborate with neighbouring countries in preventing terrorist acts from taking root and ensuring regional security. Ambassador Kadah assured the Ugandan delegation of COMESA's continued support in countering violent extremism in the region and facilitating cross-learning and peer-to-peer support among the counter-terrorism centres.

Training of Somali Youth on Leadership & Good Governance; Lobbying, Advocacy & Campaigns, and Peace & Security: 28 - 31 May 2024

A virtual training on leadership good governance and advocacy was jointly organized by COMESA, Horn of Africa Youth Network, Save the Children, and Agents of Peace Kenya for the youth from Somalia. The training was attended by 225 Somali youths from different youth-led organizations. The main objective was to empower the youth with the knowledge, skills, and competencies needed to participate in strategic spaces and national and subnational processes, and more so on issues that directly impact them. The training concluded with Somali youths formulating an action plan stating what they would give back to their communities with the knowledge acquired. The action plan also included recommendations addressed to COMESA and its partners to enhance youth engagement in Somalia.

Junior Experts' Success Stories

To enhance youth participation in the region, COMESA_GPS through the EU APSA support programme via a mentorship initiative, engaged six Junior Experts at the COMESA Secretariat. The objective was to train, mentor, and equip them with hands-on experience on the work that COMESA undertakes specifically its work in the area of governance, peace, and security. The Junior Experts were attached to the GPS, Procurement and Corporate Communication Units and in the Finance Division. After the successful completion of the mentorship programme, they shared the following success stories.



"I am a dedicated finance professional with an ACCA Qualification and currently a finalist in the BSc in Economics and Finance program at the University of Lusaka. My expertise includes financial modeling, budget analysis, and strategic planning. My Education in Accounting and also Economics and Finance and hands-on experience have honed my ability to analyze financial data and implement effective financial solutions.

During a 10-month role as a Junior Finance Expert at the Finance division of COMESA; I gained invaluable experience in financial analysis and International Finance. The role allowed me to contribute to the financial management of the EU-APSA project as well as to be part of the payables team of the COMESA Secretariat where I also gained experience.

Outside of my professional pursuits; I am very passionate about Economic Research and did research on the assessment of trade and economic growth in developing countries from 1990 to 2020 with a focus on Zambia. I also like to travel to new places and discover new cultures which I believe is essential for maintaining a balanced and fulfilling life.



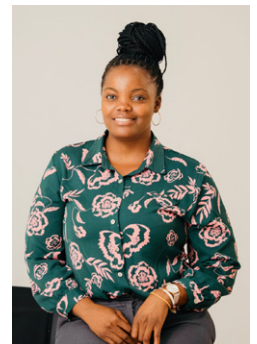
Bright Mulenga, Zambia –

Finance Division

"I hold a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Education from the University of Zambia. I have been engaged with COMESA under the Governance Peace and Security Unit for the past 10 months as a Junior Expert. As a dedicated Junior Expert, I contributed to championing the efforts of COMESA towards the promotion of good governance, peace, and security in the region.

Through this internship, I acquired practical experience and gained in-depth understanding of the Unit's programme areas. I acquired several essential skills that significantly contributed to my professional growth. I also developed strong research and document development skills, prepared mission reports, and enhanced my report-writing abilities. My public speaking skills- set was improved, including monitoring, and evaluation and media skills. As part of growing the visibility of the Unit, I contributed towards the management of the Unit's Twitter page and produced the first edition of the GPS quarterly newsletter.

Eglina Mpanga, Zambia – GPS Unit



"Working as a Junior Expert in the Governance Peace and Security Unit, COMESA has been an enlivening experience that will be eternally cherished. It has equipped me with the ability to work within a multi-sectoral field to address different peace and security issues within the region. It has given me the opportunity to interact with people from different cultures and age demographics and made me appreciate the differences and similarities we have as a people in the region. In addition, the GPS team provided me with proper mentorship in my areas of interest as well as the confidence and skills for personal growth and career development.

To sum it up, the programme has given me a new perspective on addressing peace and security issues in the region and the continent at large, an opportunity to expand my networks and set a firm foundation for my career journey.

Ian Omollo, Kenya – GPS



During my 10 month tenure at COMESA under the GPS Unit, I gained crucial experience in conflict prevention, resolution, and peacebuilding. Mentored by seasoned experts, I built confidence and sharpened my skills in monitoring conflicts and early warning.



My duties included conducting research, preparing analytical reports, and contributing to strategic initiatives to foster regional peace, security and stability. By collaborating with multinational agencies, NGOs, and international partners, I gained a thorough understanding of regional dynamics and governance challenges. My skills were further enhanced including strong analytical skills, attention to detail, and effective communication in a multicultural team.

During my time at COMESA, I enhanced my expertise in governance, peace, and security, equipping me for future contributions to the field and emphasizing the need for coordinated efforts in achieving regional stability and sustainable development.



Mutinta Hamwiinga, Zambia – GPS Unit

During my term working as a Junior Expert, I gained a lot of experience in procurement-related activities; in line with procurement of goods and services, consultancies, works, and support in coordination of meetings. I also improved my negotiation skills, ICT skills, interpersonal skills, and communication skills. The Mentorship programme was a valuable experience working and getting to interact with people from diverse cultural settings.



James Esaru, Uganda – Procurement Unit

Maxwell Moono Junior is a media entrepreneur and consultant with over a decade of experience in the field.

“Coming from a mainstream media background, working as a Junior Expert under Corporate Communications Unit exposed me to various projects that COMESA in collaboration with other RECs are constantly implementing. It was also a rare privilege to be a social media content creator and curator for COMESA.”

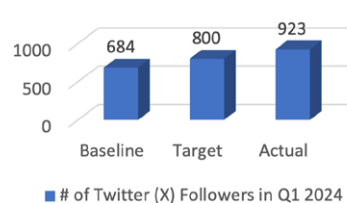


Maxwell Moono, Zambia – Corporate Communications Unit

Visibility and Online Presence

The Governance, Peace, and Security Unit focuses on keeping the members states and other stakeholders well-informed about the initiatives and activities through its social media platforms. During the second quarter of 2024, the Unit saw a significant increase in the number of X (Twitter) followers. The numbers grew from 923 in the first quarter to over 1,000 in the second quarter. This growth reflects the effectiveness of the outreach and engagement strategies, highlighting the public's increasing interest in and support for GPS programme activities. The Unit continues to leverage on social media such as X to enhance engagement with stakeholders.

of Twitter (X) Followers in Q1 2024



of Twitter (X) Followers in Q2 2024

