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POST-TANA MULTI-STAKEHOLDER FORUM: 18-19 JULY 2018, GABORONE,

17 July 2018 - The Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation informs that the Government of Botswana, in partnership with the Tana Forum Secretariat, the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS), the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) and the United States Institute of Peace, will host the 2018 Tana Regional Multi-Stakeholders' Post-Forum on, "**The Content and Shape of the Peace and Security Agenda in the Post-Reform Era: Reflections from the 7th Tana Forum**". The Forum will be held from 18-19 July 2018 at the Gaborone Peermont Walmont Hotel. This important event will be officially opened by His Excellency, Mr. Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi, President of the Republic of Botswana.

The Post-Tana Forum, the first to be held in Southern Africa, is a follow up event to the 7th Tana Forum held on 21-22 April 2018, in Bahir Dar, Ethiopia, under the theme, "Ownership of Africa's Peace and Security Provision: Financing and Reforming the African Union." The Tana High-Level Forum on Security in Africa is an annual meeting that brings together African leaders and stakeholders to engage and explore African-led security solutions.

In this regard, the Forum is expected to discuss four themes aimed at advancing the outcomes of the 7th Tana Forum and these are:

- Africa's ownership of its Peace and Security Agenda;
- The Peace Fund timeframe and implementation challenges by Member States;
- Free movement of People on the continent: the debate on regional integration and security imperatives; and
- Inclusion of Women and the Youth in decision-making processes and Mediation efforts.

The Forum will engage experts drawn from African Union regional economic commissions, member states as well as think tanks, international organisations, civil society organizations and development partners. One of the key expected outcomes include the strengthening of the peace and security network in Africa through improved common understanding of the challenges and opportunities to the African Union reform agenda.

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