The African Union (AU) Peace and Security Architecture (APSA) has been designed to promote peace and security in Africa. This platform brings together the African Union (AU), its regional organizations, and other stakeholders to address conflict prevention, management, and resolution. The APSA consists of several building blocks: the AU Peace and Security Council (APSC), the AU Peace and Security Sector (APSS), and the AU Peace and Security Operational Fund (APSO). These building blocks are aimed at strengthening the capacity of the AU and its partners to prevent, manage, and resolve conflicts in Africa.

**Main APSA Deployments**

- **AU Peace and Security Council (APSC)**: Located at the AU Headquarters in Addis Ababa, the APSC is the highest decision-making body of the AU on peace and security. It is composed of representatives of all AU Member States.
- **AU Peace and Security Sector (APSS)**: The APSS is responsible for the management and implementation of the APSA. It is led by the AU Commission and supported by the AU Peace and Security Commission.
- **AU Peace and Security Operational Fund (APSO)**: The APSO is a financial mechanism established to support the implementation of the APSA. It is funded by voluntary contributions from AU Member States, otherMember States, intergovernmental organizations, and non-governmental organizations.

**Main APSA Commitments**

- **Conflict Prevention and Resolution**: The APSA is committed to preventing conflicts through early warning and response mechanisms, as well as through the provision of training and capacity-building activities.
- **Peace and Security Operations**: The APSA is committed to the deployment of AU-led peace and security operations to address specific conflicts.
- **Peace and Security Capacity Building**: The APSA is committed to building the capacity of AU Member States and other stakeholders to prevent, manage, and resolve conflicts.

**Main APSA Resources**

- **AU Peace and Security Commission**: The AU Commission is responsible for the overall management of the APSA.
- **AU Peace and Security Secretariat**: The APS Secretariat provides support to the AU Commission and the APSC.
- **Regional Economic Communities and Regional Mechanisms**: The APSA is supported by regional economic communities and regional mechanisms, such as the African Union Peace and Security Fund (APSF) and the African Peace and Security Mechanism (APSM).

**Peace and Security Architecture**

The APSA is a comprehensive architecture designed to promote peace and security in Africa. It consists of several building blocks: the AU Peace and Security Council, the APSS, and the APSO. The APSA is designed to prevent conflicts, manage ongoing conflicts, and provide support to post-conflict reconstruction.

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  - **African Peace and Security Mechanism (APSM)**

**Regional Cooperation**

The APSA is supported by regional economic communities and regional mechanisms. These regional cooperation mechanisms provide support to the APSA in the areas of peace and security.

- **CEN-SAD**
  - **COMESA**
  - **ECOWAS**
  - **SADC**
  - **EASTAFEC**
  - **FOMAC**
  - **ECCAS**

**African Capacity for Immediate Response to Crises**

- **AFISMA**
  - **ECOSOM**
  - **SADC Standby Force**
  - **EASFSEC**
  - **Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)**
  - **Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS)**
  - **East African Standby Force (EASF)**
  - **Central Africa Region (AFISMA)**
  - **East Africa Regional Early Warning System (EASWOS)**
  - **Southern Africa Development Community (SADC)**
  - **African Peace and Security Mechanism (APSM)**

**Knowledge about the AU**