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Multidimensionality and Multinationalism  
for Peace and Stability



Annual Report 2017



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Ethiopia



Kenya



Rwanda



Seychelles



Somalia



Sudan



Uganda

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# Message from the Chairperson



**T**he Eastern African Region and its Member States have repeatedly demonstrated political will and resolve to respond to emerging threats, crisis and insecurity in the region.

The region we have today is full of hope, possibility and optimism, we see hope in the resilience of our people, and the strides of countries towards eradicating poverty and transforming our economies for better life and stability.

EASF has continued to put in place systems and structures that facilitate progress and stability after attainment of Full Operational Capability (FOC). This will enable the multidimensional force to effectively participate in any Peace Support Operations (PSOs).

With end of the successful Field Training Exercise 2017 (Mashariki Salaam II) that achieved the organization's objective of maintaining a well-trained and regularly exercised force, ready to conduct peacekeeping missions in the Eastern Africa region and beyond in the most effective way possible, when and if tasked or mandated to do so by the African Union. This demonstrates that this capability we are building here has come of age and we can now tackle issues on our peace and security agenda.

My sincere gratitude to all EASF Member States for their continued and their support on critical matters, and for the robust engagements we had during this period.

I would like to commend EASF Secretariat for they continue to play an important role in preserving the institutional memory of our organization.

Special appreciation goes to the EASF Partners and Friends for their continued technical and financial support that have seen EASF grow to this level, it is my sincere hope that, thanks to our collective efforts and commitment, the region will make further progress in its quest for lasting peace, security and stability.

Hon General Ali Mohamed Salem (Sudan)

Chairperson, Council of Ministers of Defence and Security

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# Message from the Director of EASF



It is my great appreciation to present to you the Eastern Africa Standby Force Annual Report of 2017, a year with solid achievements for EASF.

EASF is a regional organization which was established to enhance Peace, Security and Stability in the Eastern Africa region and beyond.

In the year 2017 the new EASF management together with the entire EASF staff accomplished a number of notable achievements.

According to the decision of Policy Organs Meeting (POM) 2016, the main focus of EASF in 2017 was to conduct a Field Training Exercise (FTX). The purpose of the exercise was to practice EASF's operational readiness on how to plan force generation, deployment, sustainment and recovery of a multi-national and multi-dimensional force.

From the time EASF attained Full Operational Capability(FOC) in December 2014, FTX-2017 was the first Field Training Exercise to be conducted in EASF's post-FOC days. The last FTX was done in Jinja, Uganda in 2013. FTX-2017 had about 1029 participants comprising Military, Police and Civilian components from all ten Member States.

The year's greatest highlight was EASF's successful roll out, play and conclusion of the FTX 2017 which was conducted in the Gebeit Region of the Red Sea State in the Republic of the Sudan from 20<sup>th</sup> November to 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

Another notable highlight of the year was the donation of Forward Force Headquarters (FFHQ) Command and Control Communications Information Systems' (C2CIS) equipment from the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark in partnership with the United Kingdom. This donation played a very critical role during the FTX and will enhance productivity of the organization moving forward.

In the year 2017, EASF also emphasized in many capacity building training activities, in order to have well trained regional human resource that is ready to deploy and play an effective role in Peacekeeping Mission within the Eastern Africa region and beyond. As the Director of the organization, I am grateful for the successful conduct of the FTX 2017 and for the great support of all EASF Member States and partners of EASF.

I would like to express my gratitude to the leadership of EASF Member States for their continued guidance and financial support. And I would also like to appreciate the Partners and Friends of EASF for their financial, material and technical support.

I wish to assure all that EASF has a well-trained and a professional force, that is ready to deploy in the most efficient and effective manner as and when mandated.

Dr. Abdillahi Omar Bouh  
The Director of EASF

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# Message from the Chair Friends of EASF



It is a great pleasure for me as the Chairperson of the Friends of EASF to be invited to address the EASF community and beyond in the annual report 2017.

The purpose of the special and strong relationship between the EASF and the Friends of EASF is to identify how the “Friends” can best assist its partners in EASF in the important endeavour to maintain and further develop EASF into a relevant and efficient response mechanism. This is done through regular meetings and events among the substantial number of countries composing the Friends of EASF and the senior leadership of EASF. It is my strong conviction that our strong partnership has been even further bolstered during 2017.

EASF made many new progresses during 2017. However, EASF’s preparations and accomplishment of the Field Training Exercise (Mashariki Salaam II) in Port Sudan in November appears to me as the most significant. During the exercise, which the “Friends” were invited to observe parts of, it became clear that EASF has accomplished significant development in its operational readiness. The exercise also constituted an excellent opportunity to identify areas where EASF should focus its training efforts onwards in order to further excel. I would also like to applaud the Republic of the Sudan for an excellent performance as the “host” of the exercise.

2017 was a year of many changes and developments. EASF had to say goodbye to the former director, Ambassador Chanfi Issimail from the Comoros and to welcome the new director, Dr. Abdillahi Omar Bouh from Djibouti. The “Friends” are very delighted about the continued excellent cooperation and partnership with EASF under the strong leadership of Dr. Bouh.

During 2017, EASF also made great strides in various areas such as the development of its “Early Warning Capacity”, extending the awareness of EASF through the “EASF Open Days” in Uganda in March and in the Comoros in April while continuing training efforts of its three components. In 2017, EASF also received its first consignment of the Communication and Information system (C2CIS) for its Forward Force Headquarters.

The Friends of EASF are looking forward continuing our strong partnership in 2018.



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Col. Joern Rasmussen

Chairperson of the Friends of EASF

# EASF Executive Management 2017



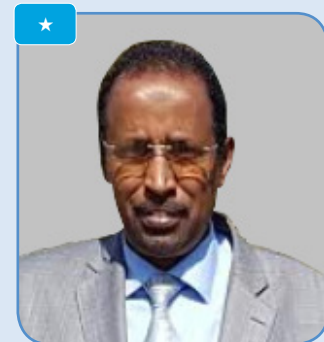
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## Vision

To contribute to regional and continental peace, security and stability and enhance regional integration

## Mission

To maintain and sustain a fully operational and multidimensional integrated standby force ready to respond to emerging crises



# Highlights 2017



## Force Integration

Eastern Africa Standby Force (EASF) reflected the benefits of integrating the multidimensional and multinational force by conducting the Field Training Exercise 2017 (FTX-17) in November 2017 in Port Sudan the Republic of the Sudan. In an integrated set up, EASF member states reflected a typical multi-dimensional set up for Peace Support Operations (PSOs). Achievements including validation of operational concepts and

SOPs, improvement of interoperability between equipment and components as well as increased cooperation among personnel. For the first time, EASF visibly exercised its Logistics Capability, the Forward FHQ start-up kit which includes a self-sustaining headquarters with accommodation and the start-up kits were successfully tested. It was also the time that an FTX was conducted since establishment of the EASF Peace Operations Department in 2016.

## Verification and Confirmation of Pledged Forces

The Africa Union (AU) Africa Standby Force (ASF) verification team conducted a physical verification of the Host Nation (Kenya) pledged capability which include the Level II Hospital, C3IS assets and further demonstrated the operational readiness status of the EASF. The team has also conducted similar Exercises in other ASF regions, namely ECAWS, SADAC, NARC and ECCAS. EASF is represented on the team by the Head of Peace Operations Department (POD).



## EASF Early Warning System

EASF is working towards enhancing the Early Warning function as preventive for conflict in Eastern Africa Region and beyond. In the year 2017 a key activity was Early Warning benchmarking exercise that was conducted in Abuja, Nigeria Where EASF was represented by three officers from the Peace Operations Department. This Exercise provided an opportunity for officers to learn from an already established Situation Room in one of the Africa

Standby Forces, the Economic Community for West African States (ECOWAS). The Situation room for EASF is still at its early stages of development and is expected to facilitate the process of conflict analysis in the region in the next few years. This will in turn support decision making for possible conflict intervention under the AU mandating process.



### EASF Receives New Staff

According to the Matrix system of the organization, EASF welcomed a new Director, Dr Abdillahi Omar Bouh from the Republic of Djibouti on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Dr Bouh replaces Amb. Issimail Chanfi from the Union of Comoros, who has headed EASF since March 2014 up to April 2017. Dr Bouh takes over at a time when EASF attained Full Operational Capability (FOC), precisely in December 2014. This implies that the multidimensional Force may be called upon to intervene in any AU peace keeping mission on the continent. In 2017, EASF also received Joint Chief of Staff from Rwanda, Force Commander from Sudan, Chief of Staff Logbase from Uganda, Commandant Logbase from Comoros and other staff officers.



### EASF Hosted Many more Delegations in the year 2017

EASF has adopted several approaches to advocacy, in the year 2017, the EASF management team hosted a number of peace institutions, including military and police colleges as well as centers of excellence both at the secretariat in Nairobi and at the Force Headquarters in Addis Ababa. During the visits, EASF has been able to create awareness and to articulate its main achievements and successful progress since it was established in 2004.

### Collaborating, Networking and Common Objectives

The African Union Commission (AUC) and other security organs on the continent of Africa continue to recognize the benefits of working collectively in response to the security threats that continues to rock the continent. The African Standby Force (ASF) Policy Framework, which established the regional standby forces, promotes collaboration between the peace and security council (PSC) and regional security organs as it provides a vital tool for regional co-operation.

In July 2017, EASF fosters collaboration with the AUC and other peace practitioners through various interactive programs. In several forums, the Director of EASF articulates on the Standby Forces' efforts in building bridges with RECs and REMs on the continent in order to improve sharing of information, capacity building, peace building and security in the region.



# STRENGTHENING POLITICAL SUPPORT



**E**ASF Policy Organs Meetings provides strategic guidance for management of the organizational affairs. The Organs are structured into three tries, namely the Assembly of Heads of State and Government (Summit), the Council of Ministers of Defense and Security and the Committee of Chiefs and Defense Staff. EASF regularly convenes Policy Organs Meeting to review the strategic plan, activity plan, the budget and to assess performance of the various structures to ensure compliance of objectives.

In 2017, EASF conducted two Policy Organs Meetings (POMs), the Ordinary Meeting which reviews recurrent issues was conducted in March 2017 in Uganda while an Extra Ordinary Meeting was convened in July 2017 in Ethiopia, specifically address plans for the Field Training Exercise (FTX) which was later conducted in November 2017. It is in this meeting that member states made firm resource commitments for the exercise. This includes personnel, transportation of troops to the exercise location, funding and various other requirements.

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# PREPARATION OF FIELD TRAINING EXERCISE (FTX) 2017



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Four conferences of experts from EASF Member States and the Secretariat were organized in regards to the preparation of the FTX. The first one was the Concept Development Conference (CDC) which took place from 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017 in Nairobi. The Output of this Conference was the Exercise Concept Document (ECD).

The CDC was followed by the Initial Planning Conference (IPC), conducted from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017 in Khartoum, in the Republic of the Sudan. The IPC generated a draft report on the detailed exercise specifications and technical support requirements.

The Main Planning Conference (MPC) was conducted in Khartoum from 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017. It developed and confirmed the conceptual documents that would guide the conduct of the FTX in November 2017. The MPC produced a refined the Exercise Plan (EXPLAN) that was approved by the Extraordinary Policy Organs Meeting

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(POM) in Addis Ababa in August 2017. Finally, the Final Planning Conference (FPC) was conducted from 24<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017 in Port Sudan which reviewed the status of the exercise planning, identified and resolved outstanding issues and confirmed that all exercise products were in place.



# STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT

EASF looks forward to further consolidating these achievements in pursuit of the Vision, Mission and Strategic Objectives of the organization.

## Policy and Legal Perspective of FTX-2017

Preparation for Field Training Exercise-2017 (FTX 17) code named “Mashariki Salaam II” was actualized, when EASF and the Government of the Republic of the Sudan signed the Memorandum of Understanding on the contribution of resources for FTX-17 and the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA).

The MoU provided the legal framework for administrative, logistical and financial arrangements for the FTX-17. The SoFA provided, the rights, privileges, immunities and responsibilities of EASF, the Host Nation, Member States and Partners.

Adherence to these framework, especially compliances with the Code of Conduct, Rules of Engagement (ROE), International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and Human Rights Law led to the successful conduct of the Exercise, in keeping with the planned objectives of the FTX-2017.

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## The Field Training Exercise - 2017 (FTX 2017)

In November 2017, EASF Member States demonstrated, yet again, their commitment towards continental Peace, by participating in a remarkable Field Training Exercise (FTX) which was conducted in Port Sudan, the Republic of the Sudan. The exercise was code-named “EASF FTX-MASHARIKI SALAAM II.” ‘Mashariki’ is a Kiswahili word for Eastern, while ‘Salaam’ is peace in many of the languages in the Eastern Africa region.

The three week exercise attracted more than one thousand participants from the Military, Civilian and Police components. The distinguished visitor’s day (DVD) was graced by honor, Lt. Gen. Awad Mohamed Bin Oaf, Minister of Defense of the Republic of the Sudan. Other dignitaries included Ministers of Defense and Security, Chiefs of Defense, Senior Government Officials from EASF Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Internal Security, the Civil society among other stakeholders. Col. Joern Rasmussen, Chair of friends of EASF led the team of friends and members of the diplomatic corps at the function.

‘FTX 17’ forms part of the overall strategy for EASF to conduct progressive training aimed at maintaining operational readiness and interoperability necessary to partake a peace support mission.

‘Mashariki Salaam II’ was the first FTX after declaration of Full Operational Capability (FOC) in December 2014. Previously, EASF had conducted FTX in Djibouti in 2009 and another in Uganda in 2013. Based on past experience, EASF made remarkable improvement on its capacity to exercise the four phases of the exercise which included deployment, Induction, exercise play and redeployment.

First the exercise was planned entirely at the EASF level under the guidance of the planning element (PLAELM) staff with extensive expertise in mission planning. The scenarios were designed under the framework of the AU deployment scenario model of Carana. The planning team organized pre-deployment training and other requisite preparation which enables participants to effectively play their respective



roles. The deliberate choice of Gibeit, a small town located 800 kms from the capital city of Khartoum, coupled with the harsh terrain and weather conditions, confirmed the resilience and commitment of EASF personnel to work towards peace in difficult circumstances.

Secondly, EASF conducted strategic lift with the support of Friends and Partners. Testing the concept of the regional movement coordination center. Troops from Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Kenya were airlifted to Sudan by Rwanda airways, and the staff officers from Comoros, Djibouti, Seychelles and Somalia moved to the exercise area by commercial Air. The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia offered to transport its troops by road, covering a roundtrip distance of 3400 kms.

Thirdly, EASF was able to test all components, namely Military, Police and Civilian giving in a semblance of the mandating process in scenarios 6, 5 and 4 simulating the EASF, African Union and UN resolution respectively.

Fourthly, EASF was able to successfully exercise the rapid deployable forward force headquarters (EASF start-up kit) containing fully-equipped accommodation facilities as well equipment for command and control communication information systems(C2CIS). These were moved from the EASF logistics base (Log base), based in Addis Ababa, confirming operationalization of the EASF logistics base.

Generally, the integration of Civilian, Military and Police personnel from different cultural background was an impressive representation of multidimensional and multinationalism.



# Field Training

# Exercise 2017 Pictorials



Concept Development Conference (CDC)  
February 2017, Nairobi, Kenya



Initial Planning Conference (IPC)  
April, 2017, Khartoum, Sudan



Main Planning Conference (MPC)  
July 2017, Khartoum, Sudan



Final Planning Conference (FPC)  
September 2017, Port Sudan, Sudan



Advance Team of FTX - 2017



FTX-2017 Exercise Area (Gebeit)



The FTX 17 Opening Ceremony



Force Headquarters in Full Operation



Demonstration of Carana People



Peace Building between Peacekeepers and Local Community



Medical Evacuation



FXT Participants in Action



FTX – 2017 Media Cell



When the FTX – Media Cell Visited by Guests



Media Brief



Higher Officials of the FTX being Briefed



AU Representative and Head of Mission Visit





Visit of the FTX Force Commander



Mandate Handover from EASF to AU



Signing of Peace Agreement



CLOSING CEREMONY OF FTX – 2017 MARCH PAST



Burundi



Comoros



Ethiopia

Djibouti



Kenya

**CLOSING CEREMONY OF FTX – 2017 MARCH PAST**



**Rwanda**



**Seychelles**



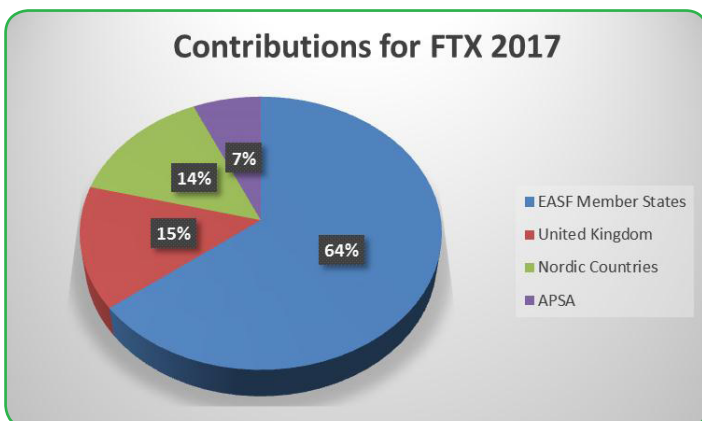
**Sudan**

**Somalia**



**Uganda**

**Financial Contributions for FTX - 2017**



The overall FTX 2017 budget was USD 2,502,723.84. EASF demonstrated commitment through Member States' contribution of USD 1,614,579.58. Friends and Partners of EASF, namely the Government of United Kingdom, USD 363,374.00, Nordic Countries: Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden, USD 358,330.00, and African Peace Support Architecture (APSA) 166,459.26. The FTX 2017 was conducted successfully because of the significant contributions of the above mentioned players.



## Implementation of C2CIS Project

In its effort to ensure high readiness levels of EASF, a Command & Control Communications' Information Systems (C2CIS) Project was initiated with a view of equipping the EASF Forward Force Headquarters (FFHQ) and Subordinate Command elements at the Sector Headquarters (SHQ) level with both internal and external communication systems that include data, voice and multimedia to support EASF future missions.



The Government of the Kingdom of Denmark together with the United Kingdom donated and handed over C2CIS start-up kits worth USD 726,114.20 (excluding Value Added Tax) purchased by pulling their resources together, to be used by EASF Force Headquarters element for future peace support operation missions. The ownership of the C2CIS start-up kits was thereafter transferred to the EASF Secretariat on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Installation and operational training was conducted with focus on EASF CIS Staff Members as well as a detachment of the Signal Unit from the Kenya Defense Forces (KDF).

The C2CIS capability was tested during the Field Training Exercise (FTX) that took place in the Republic of the Sudan in November/December 2017. The C2CIS capability largely delivered on the expected outcomes.

## EASF Launch Child Protection Curriculum for PSOs

In the year 2017, EASF launched the Child Protection Training Curriculum in Peace Support Operations (PSOs) in partnership with Save the Children International.

The objective of the training curriculum is to promote child-friendly practice of PSOs personnel and to enhance the protective role

of PSO personnel during their deployment in peacekeeping mission.

This programme is the first harmonised child protection curriculum in Africa, developed under the framework of the African Union, and forms part of the capacity-building programme for EASF and across the continent. It is designed

to protect the welfare of children during conflict.

The curriculum provides a training toolkit for personnel serving in PSOs on issues related to vulnerability of children during conflict. It comes in the wake of the urgent need to protect children from various forms of danger and to enhance capacity to support them. Often children are killed and maimed during violent attacks, while other grave violations such as recruitment and use as child

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soldiers, rape and sexual violence, abduction, denial of humanitarian access and attacks against schools and hospitals become commonplace.

The launch attracted several institutions currently involved in capacity building and training on child protection issues. This included representatives from the International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC) in Nairobi, Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), African Peace Support Trainers Association (APSTA), Ethiopia Peace Support School, Rwanda Peace Academy, Sudan Peace Support Training School, Uganda Peoples Defence Forces and the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM).

EASF has been working in partnership with Save the Children since 2013 on a programme to implement harmonised training standards on Child Protection for EASF thereby strengthening child protection interventions in the region and beyond. All the ten EASF member states have shown outstanding commitment for the programme and have contributed to the development of this curriculum.

## Communication and Public Information

The EASF Information and Liaison section is responsible for the communication and dissemination of information to all EASF stakeholders and partners. This is intended to raise awareness, build positive image of the organization and enhancing the profile of EASF worldwide. It strives to articulate the importance of peace initiatives being undertaken in the region and in a bid to bring about stability for the prosperity of the region.

EASF emphasizes on advocacy and communication as a powerful tool for encouraging various stakeholders to contribute towards a peaceful and stable environment in different capacities. EASF continuously develops and disseminates peace messages through different mediums, targeting its

Member States, partners, civil society, organizations as well as the international community.

The EASF website is the main source of dissemination in addition to that EASF also has publications and other information, education communication (IEC) materials. EASF website was enhanced to include more features, multi-lingual sites (English, Arabic and French) were introduced and social media links highly promoted hence an increase in the numbers of viewership.

EASF as a regional organization, under the umbrella of the AU, working for promoting peace and security in Eastern Africa region and the continent has the responsibility to inform on the progress

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and achievements of EASF for the people of the region and beyond.

EASF communication and advocacy activities are guided by the communication strategy 2015-2020 which aims to increase the awareness and visibility of the organization.

## EASF Open Day 2017 celebrated in two Member States



The EASF open day is an annual event that takes place in each member state on a selected date. The EASF 2017 commemoration was held in two member States namely Uganda and the Union of Comoros. The day is organized primarily to create awareness of EASF among various stakeholder in the EASF member states. In recognition to the potential for various communities to contribute to peace efforts in the region, the day brings together military, police and civilian personnel to a forum that enables them to freely share ideas and experiences on issues in the Eastern African Region. This includes government ministries, civil society, academic institutions, centers of excellence, partners and friends, the media and other practitioners.

In Uganda, the day was celebrated in March and the Comoros in April 2017. A combination of approaches and strategies were applied to pass the message of peace and to draw attention of the various participants on the importance of actively participating toward a peaceful and stable Eastern Africa Region. Specific activities included a peace walk, poetry, entertainment by military and police bands and speeches.



## EASF Celebrates International Day of Peace



The Eastern Africa Standby Force (EASF) is one of the five regional organizations that were established to enhance peace and security in the continent and beyond. Since EASF stands to promoting peace and security in the region, it is committed to support the International Day of Peace which is reflected on its mission.

The International Day of Peace is celebrated each year around the world on 21<sup>st</sup> September, this day

is dedicated by the UN General Assembly as the day for strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.

The theme for the 2017 International Day of Peace was *“Together for Peace, Respect, Safety and Dignity for All”*. EASF joined the rest of the world and showed its loyalty by celebrating the Peace Day with St. Nicholas Children’s Home, a home for orphaned children in Karen, Nairobi.

The day’s event started with the traditional Peace Walk which was led by the Kenyan Army Band along the streets of Karen up to St. Nicholas Children’s Home. The event was then followed by donations to the Children’s Home.

EASF as a key player in peace and security and as a regional organisation which cares for the safety and stability of the people of Eastern Africa, plays a big role in Institutional and Social Responsibility.



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# Capacity Building

## EASF Spokesperson Training

EASF is regional organization that stands for peace, security and stability in the region and in the continent. In order to successfully achieve its mission and vision, EASF has continued to build the capacity of its personnel with the purpose of having capable personnel who are ready to be deployed.

In accordance with the EASF approved Activity Plan of 2017, EASF conducted many more capacity building trainings in



diverse areas of the organization. In line with the EASF Advocacy and Communication Strategic Plan 2015-2020, EASF conducted spokespersons’ training for its senior management in August 2017, with the intent of developing the skills of its personnel in the fields of public speech, interview skills, press conference and press briefing capabilities.

The spokespersons’ training was aimed at establishing a common procedure that provides EASF Staff with skills to effectively convey organizational information to various stakeholders and its wider audience on time and professionally.

The training was informed by the necessity to develop and maintain the capacity of human resources



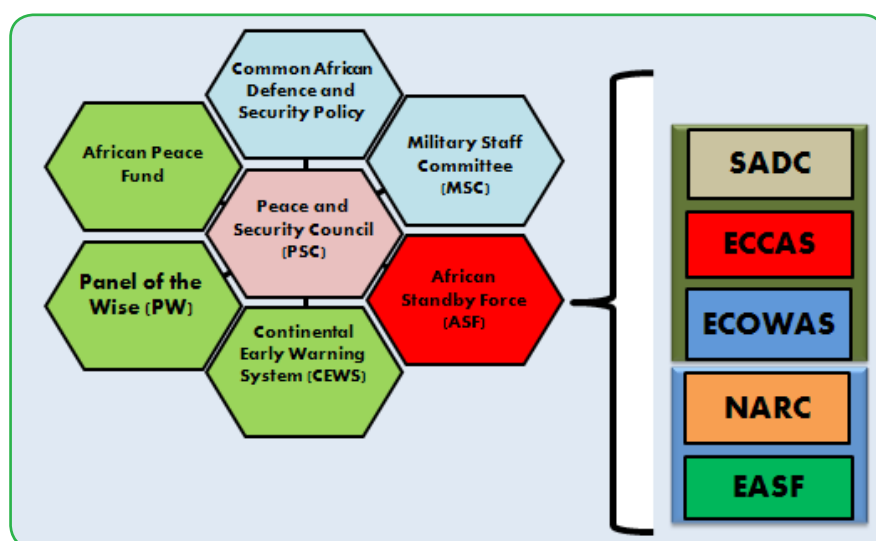
of EASF. This is done in order to achieve the aim of the multinational Peace Support Operations (PSOs) deployment through having sufficient staff in the region and in the organization.

EASF needs to convey relevant and clear information about its purposes and the importance of the organization to the region and beyond. As a result, the training is needed to support the intent of EASF, in terms of Advocacy and Communication Strategic Plan of the organization.

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## Extending Partnership for Common Objectives



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The African Continental Peace and Security agenda enshrined in the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA) recognizes conflicts as a single and common factor that has caused gross suffering to the Peoples of Africa. Against this background, APSA embraces a collective and collaborative approach, at Regional and Continental level towards Conflict Management, Prevention and Resolution.

The five Regional Standby Forces that form the African Standby Force (ASF) constitute one of the institutional framework for this noble cause. EASF is one of the Regional Mechanisms that form part of the ASF with the objective of providing timely response to conflicts and crises in the Eastern Africa Region.

The coming together of ten Member States under one banner of EASF, is a great achievement towards the realization of peace and security in the Region. Agreeing to work together reflects the commitment of Member States to recognize that collective response provides an effective solution to the Regional Peace and Security equation.

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security require more emphasis now, than ever before.

In this regard EASF, together with other RECs and RMs have signed a generic Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation related to Peace and Security with AU. Engagements are ongoing with sister regional organizations with a view of setting a clear framework for addressing common security threats and challenges on the Continent.

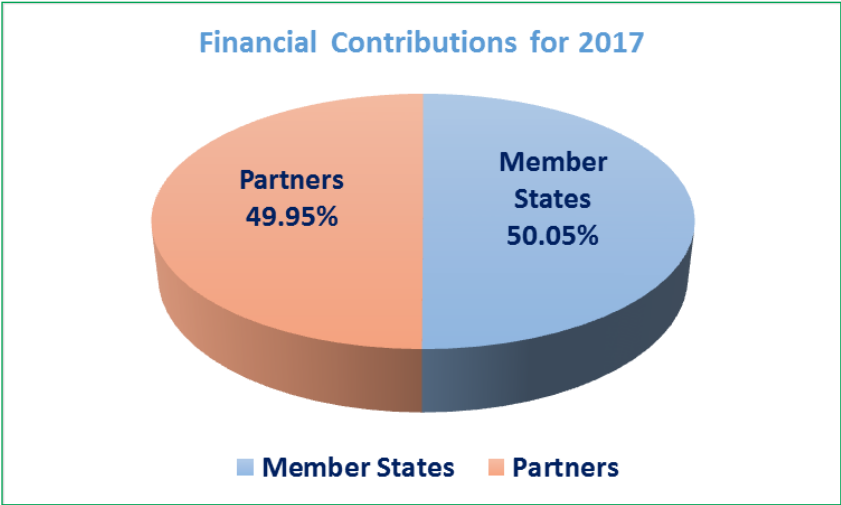
Areas of Cooperation that have been identified include, among others, operationalization of APSA to its true meaning and purpose, the prevention, management and resolution of conflicts, humanitarian action and disaster response. Others are arms control and disarmament, counter terrorism, the prevention and combating of trans national organized crimes, border management, capacity building, training and information sharing and resource mobilization.

Cooperation with Friends of EASF for Financial, logistical and technical assistance still remains a very significant resource mobilization platform. EASF highly appreciates these support and welcomes new partners willing to join hands for the common good of the African Peoples and Humanity at large.



# Financial Contributions 2017

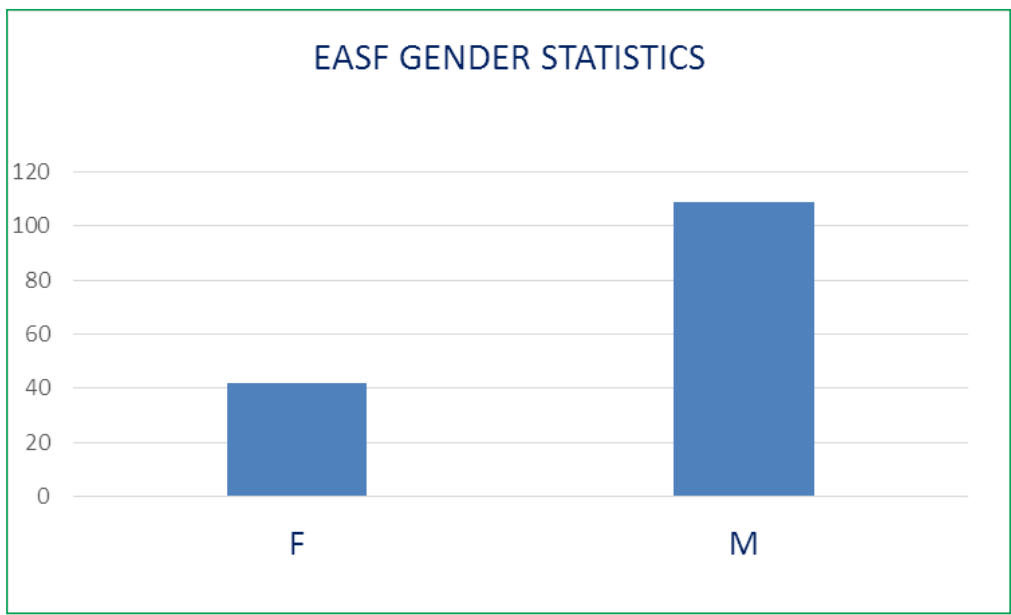
The approved budget for the financial year 2017, was 4,194,562.22 US dollar. EASF received contributions amounting to USD 3,835,364.33 from its member states and USD 3,828,416.06 from partners in support of the activity plan of 2017, it was a significant contribution to EASF in order to move forward the progress of the organization.



EASF would like to extend its heartfelt appreciation to all partners for their financial and technical support. This helped the organization enormously in the successful attainment of the readiness of the Force.

# Status of Gender in EASF Organization

EASF is an organization which takes in consideration gender inclusiveness. In the year 2017, EASF has 72.18% Male and 27.82% Female which represents exactly. The expectation relating to gender mainstreaming is that EASF is going to improve that subject matter during upcoming years.



# Major Activities in 2017 in Brief

- Developing Concept Field Training Exercise Workshop
- Initial planning conference of FTX-2017
- Main Planning Conference of FTX-2017
- Final Planning Conference of FTX-2017
- Integrated Mission Planning Course
- EASF Headquarters' Planning Workshop
- EASF Field Training Exercise 2017(FTX)
- Senior-Level Exercise Planning Course
- Formed Police Units (FPU) Training of Trainers
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- EASF Police Points of Contact Workshop
- Police Component Mid-Level Management Course
- Civilian Foundation Course
- Child Protection Workshop
- Launch of Child Protection Curriculum for PSOs
- Annual Civilian National Focal Points' Workshop
- The Civilian Component Roster Verification Exercise

## Visiting Events

- AU Delegation visit EASF for verification of Full Operation Capability
- physical Force Verification Visit by AU Delegation
- Danish Delegation pays Courtesy Call to EASF
- GIZ Delegation Courtesy Call to the Eastern Africa Standby Force
- Delegation of Bosnia Herzegovina Visit EASF
- The Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) Delegation Visited EASF Secretariat
- Japanese Delegation Visited EASF Force HQ and Logistics' Base
- Indian National Defense College (INDC) visited EASF
- Delegation of Pakistan National Defense University Visit EASF
- Egyptian Armed Forces Training Authority Visits EASF

## Maritime Training

- Maritime Task Force Commanders' Course
- Annual Multinational Maritime Exercise 'Cutlass Express Exercise 2017
- Main Planning Conference for Cutlass Express Exercise 2018
- Final Planning Conference for Cutlass Express Exercise 2018
- Search and Rescue Course



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