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# Supporting a Somali-led Peace and Security Process

# MESSAGE BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION, H.E. MOUSSA FAKI MAHAMAT



I would like to commend the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) on its first anniversary since the peace support mission was reconfigured from the Africa Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM), on 1 April 2022. ATMIS supports the Federal Republic of Somalia's mission to tackle terrorism in its pursuit for durable peace, security, and stability.

I would also like to strongly commend the leadership of H.E. President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud for the important political gains and strong efforts that the federal government and security forces continue to deploy.

In this regard, I wish to recognise and honour the service of African Union troops, many of whom have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the gallant mission to restore peace and security to the brotherly nation of Somalia.

Additionally, I would like to commend the unwavering determination of the Troop and Police Contributing Countries in

their support of the country's vision to achieve peace and stability.

The African Union would like to extend deep gratitude to all stakeholders, including partners, for their invaluable contributions in support of ATMIS and the implementation of the Somali Transition plan (STP), in furtherance of peace and stability in Somalia.

The AU Commission would like to reiterate the commitment of the African Union to continue working closely with the government and people of the Federal Republic of Somalia in their legitimate quest for lasting peace, security and sustainable development.

#### H.E. Mousa Faki Mahamat Chairperson- African Union Commission

#### MESSAGE BY SRCC AND HEAD OF ATMIS, AMBASSADOR MOHAMED EL-AMINE SOUEF ON THE 1ST ANNIVERSARY OF ATMIS



It is one year since the African Union and the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS), jointly reconfigured the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM). Renamed the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS), it replaced AMISOM and became operational on 1 April 2022.

As ATMIS, we are mandated under the AU Peace and Security Council communiqué 1068 (2022) and the UN Security Council Resolutions 2628 and 2670 (2022), to support the implementation of the Somali Transition Plan (STP). This will end with our exit in December 2024.

The transition, which requires the transfer of security responsibility to Somali Security Forces is already underway, in accordance with the STP and the joint FGS-ATMIS Concept of Operations (CONOPS) documents.

ATMIS has executed its mandate over the last year with the support of international partners including UNSOM, UNSOS, the European Union, the United States, Turkey, and UAE among others. Our international partners and Somalia's Federal Government deserve special recognition for the contribution and support that they continue offering the Mission. In this regard, I would like to reaffirm ATMIS's support to the Federal Government and to the good people of Somalia. We stand in solidarity with the communities facing the hardships of droughts and floods, and those displaced by wars.

I would like to salute, in a special way, the contribution of the ATMIS Troop and Police Contributing Countries (TCCs/PCCs), particularly the sacrifices made by our gallant soldiers in restoring peace and stability in Somalia. Our men and women have successfully battled Al-Shabaab and regained territories a brave effort that has cost precious lives.

An overview of the situation in the ATMIS Areas of Responsibility (AoR) in the past year shows a decrease in Al-Shabaab activities amid a generally calm security situation. However, we cannot afford to lower our guard since the Khawarij remain the greatest threat to Somalia's peace and stability. Due to cowardice, the Al-Shabaab have resorted to asymmetrical warfare targeting civilians and security forces. However, I am confident the ongoing military offensive by ATMIS forces, and the Somali National Army will prevail. The terrorists will soon have nowhere to hide.

We urge all peace-loving Somalis to continue working closely with the security forces to help the country achieve long-term peace and security.

Thank you.

#### Amb. Mohamed El-Amine-Souef

Special Representative of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission for Somalia.

# ONE YEAR OF THE AFRICAN UNION TRANSITION MISSION IN SOMALIA-ATMIS

#### 1. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

- 1. The commemoration of ATMIS' First Year Anniversary cannot be complete without recalling the United Nations extension of AMISOM mandate until 31 December 2021 as reflected in the United Nations Security Council resolution 2568 (2021). This resolution stressed the need for a reconfigured African Union mission from 2022 which would focus on enabling and supporting the Somali security forces to take primary responsibility for security by the end of 2023. However, on 31 December 2021, AMISOM's mandate under Security Council resolution 2568 (2021), ended without any agreement on what would replace it. This necessitated the adoption of a technical rollover to 31 March 2022, to give the AU, the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS), the United Nations and other key partners additional time to reach a consensus on the follow-on mission.
- 2. In December 2021, the African Union and the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) agreed in Mogadishu on key principles that would guide the transition from AMISOM to the new mission, to be called the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS), to support the implementation of the strategic objectives and priorities of the Somali Transition Plan (STP). A further meeting was held in Addis Ababa from 17 to 21 January, which led to agreement on the parameters and strategic objectives, including the mandate, strategic end state, exit strategy, key objectives, transition benchmarks, and other key planning requirements. Following this meeting, the FGS, the AU, the UN,

- the EU, and other partners convened in Mogadishu from 29 January to 9 February 2022 and developed a joint FGS/ATMIS CONOPs in consultation with the United Nations and the European Union. Additional consultations were held on the United Nations logistical support options to ATMIS and SNA.
- Consequently, the transition from AMISOM to ATMIS occurred on 1 April 2022 in line with the AU PSC Communiqué PSC/PR/COMM.1068 (2022) adopted at its 1068th meeting held on 8 March 2022 and the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolution 2628 (2022), adopted on 31 March 2022.

#### **SUMMARY OF ATMIS ACHIEVEMENTS**

Since 1 April 2022, ATMIS has continued to provide a conducive environment for the political, stabilization, humanitarian assistance, and peacebuilding processes to progress.

The following are some of the key achievements of ATMIS:

#### **ATMIS 1ST YEAR ACHIEVEMENTS**

#### A. Reduce the threat posed by Al-Shabaab:

- Planned and coordinated several joint and independent operations to disrupt, degrade Al-Shabaab and other armed opposition groups.
- Supported and participated in joint operations leading to the liberation of several towns and villages, including in Hiraan, Galgaduud, and Middle Shabelle regions.
- " Held key population centres and secured key government installations and facilities at the Federal and FMS levels.
- Secured Main Supply Routes, including areas recovered from al-Shabaab, enabling delivery of humanitarian aid to communities in dire need of assistance.
- <sup>a</sup> Secured the main ports of Mogadishu and Kismayo.
- Secured, consolidated, and sustained AMISOM gains throughout the Mission AOR.
- Support and secured FGS mediation and reconciliation efforts, including the National Consultative Council and the National Reconciliation Commission held at Baidoa in January and February 23.
- Facilitated the delivery of humanitarian assistance to vulnerable populations across its AOR, including in hard-to-reach areas.

#### B. Support the capacity building of the integrated Somali security forces:

- <sup>a</sup> Redeployed to Bariire FoB and collocated with the SSF at the Hawaadley Bridge FoB.
- Mentored the Somali National Security Forces, including through joint planning and joint operations.
- Handed over a 68-bed hospital to the #SNA, designed to offer quality services to the Somali Security Forces.
- **¤** Constructed and refurbished police stations in different parts of Somalia.
- Panded over a newly constructed police station at Johwar airport to the Hirshabelle State.
- Provided operational support, strategic advice and capacity building support to the SPF in Mogadishu and Federal Member States.

## C. Compliance with International Humanitarian Law, Human Rights Law and all relevant protocols:

- Ensured strict compliance with applicable International Humanitarian Law (IHL), International Human Rights
  (IHRL) and the United Nations Human Rights Due Diligence Policy (HRDDP).
- Strengthened measures designed to protect civilians, including preventive, mitigatory and response measures.
- Worked with the Ministry of Women and Human Rights Development to hold community forums on raising awareness for Human Rights, child protection, CRSV, SGBV and PSEA.
- Supported the African Union to develop and implement policies for African Union Compliance and Accountability Framework (AUCF).
- Continued to record and track reported incidents of civilian causalities, including abuses and violations of human rights, through CCTARC.
- <sup>a</sup> Conducted training for ATMIS and Somali Security Forces.
- produced Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).
- Strengthened ATMIS's internal oversight and accountability mechanisms, including the ATMIS Board of Inquiry.
- Offered legal advisory on IHL rules and principles governing the conduct of offensive operations against Al-Shabaab to SNA commanders including operational commanders in Hirshabelle and Lower Shabelle regions.

### D. Conduct a phased handover of security responsibilities to Somali Security Forces:

- Panded over #Maslah Forward Operating Base to the Federal Government of Somalia.
- ¤ Established Joint Operations Centres (JOC).
- Completed the Statement of Unit Requirement (SUR) and Equipment Review.
- Submitted a detailed reconfiguration plan in preparation for the drawdown of 2,000 ATMIS troops.
- Conducted a joint assessment and advisory inspection of pledged capabilities, including additional air assets and field hospital.























AU PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL ON ASSESSMENT VISIT TO SOMALIA

In mid-July 2022, a delegation from the African Union Peace and Security Council (AUPSC), visited Somalia on its first assessment since ATMIS was launched on 1 April, 2022.

The objective of this visit was to gather first-hand information on the framework of the implementation of the ATMIS mandate and progress made towards the Somalia Transition Plan.

The delegation was updated on various issues, including the current security situation, progress in implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 2628 (2022), the humanitarian emergency brought about by the current drought, as well as political developments in the country, including the successful conclusion of parliamentary and presidential elections, where ATMIS supported the Somalia Security Forces (SSF) in securing the elections.

The delegation led by the Ambassador of Djibouti to Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the African Union, Abdi Mahamoud Eybe, was also briefed on Somalia's national priorities as outlined by President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud in his inaugural address.

These include national reconciliation, improving relations between the central government and federal member states, addressing the security challenges, in particular the security threat posed by Al-Shabaab, and attending to the drought-related humanitarian emergency.

The 15-member AU Peace and Security Council (PSC), is the standing decision-making organ of the AU for the prevention, management and resolution of conflict and crisis situations in Africa. It is also the key pillar of the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA), which is the framework for promoting peace, security, and stability in Africa.





The AU-PSC delegation led by the Djibouti Ambassador to Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the African Union, H.E. Abdi Mahamoud Eybe, in a meeting with Somalia Prime Minister Hamza Abdi Bare, in Mogadishu. - 19 July, 2022.

Djibouti Ambassador to Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the African Union, H.E Abdi Mahamoud Eybe, speaking at a joint meeting of AU-PSC and representatives of Troop Contributing Countries (TCCs) in Mogadishu. - 19 July, 2022.





AU-PSC delegates in a group photo with envoys from ATMIS Troop Contributing Countries (TCCs) in Mogadishu. - 19 July, 2022.

Former Kenyan Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Somalia Lucas Tumbo, speaking at a joint meeting of AU-PSC and representatives of Troop Contributing Countries (TCCs) in Mogadishu. - 19 July, 2022.







#### **SECURE THE ELECTIONS**

ATMIS in collaboration with the Somali security forces, played a critical role in providing security for the 2022 Presidential and Parliamentary elections.

The electoral process commenced with the election of 329 members of the Lower House and Upper House of Parliament.

They were then sworn into office after which the Speakers for both Houses of Parliament were elected. The Presidential elections were held on 15 May in Mogadishu. H.E. Hassan Sheikh Mohamud won after three rounds of voting.

ATMIS forces provided security for election officials and materials, candidates and secured the Election venues both in the regions for the Parliamentary and in Mogadishu for the Presidential.



A section of Presidential candidates in Mogadishu. - 15 May, 2022.

Former ATMIS Force Commander, Lt. Gen. Diomede Ndegeya, with a senior official of the Somali Police force at the Presidential elections in Mogadishu. - 15 May, 2022.





Members of the Somalia Federal Parliament voting at the Presidential election. in Mogadishu. - 15 May, 2022.

Members of Parliament voting during the third round of voting for the Presidential election held in Mogadishu. -15 May, 2022.





















#### REDUCE THE THREAT POSED BY AL SHABAAB



Over the past year, the Somali National Army with the support of ATMIS troops conducted several joint operations to reduce the threat posed by Al-Shabaab and other militant groups.

The military offensives resulted in several successes including the liberation of several towns and villages in the Hiraan, Galgaduud and Middle Shabelle.

ATMIS support also included much-needed targeted air strikes and casualty evacuation throughout the offensive operations.

ATMIS troops also facilitated the delivery of critical humanitarian supplies to vulnerable populations within the ATMIS Areas of Responsibility (AoR).



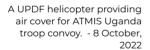
ATMIS Kenya Defence Forces in action during an operation in Kismayo. - 15 November, 2022.

An ATMIS Formed Police Unit officer on patrol duties in Mogadishu. - 4 April, 2022.





ATMIS Djibouti soldier on patrol at the checkpoint on a bridge over the River Shabelle in the Bulo Burto district, in Hirshabelle State. – 27 November, 2022.







Ethiopian and Djiboutian soldiers serving under the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) in sector 4 take part in a joint combat readiness training aimed at enhancing the ATMIS quick deployment in Beletweyne, Somalia. - 23 November, 2022.

Ethiopian and Djiboutian soldiers serving under the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) in sector 4 take part in a joint combat readiness training and drill aimed at enhancing quick deployment in Beletweyne, Somalia. - 23 November, 2022.





Kenyan soldiers serving under the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) head for an operation on board an Armoured Personnel Carrier in Kismayo, Somalia. -15 November, 2022.

Ethiopia National Defence
Forces (ENDF) troops serving
under the African Union
Transition Mission in Somalia
(ATMIS) in a briefing session
ahead of a military operation
in Kismayo, Somalia. - 15
November, 2022.





An Ethiopian National Defence Forces (ENDF) soldier serving under the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) during a military operation in Jubaland region, Somalia. - 15 November, 2022.

Ethiopian National Defence Forces (ENDF) troops serving under the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) conducting a military operation in Jubaland region, Somalia. - 15 November, 2022.





Djiboutian soldiers serving with the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) at the bridge that connects Bulo Burto district over River Shabelle, in Hirshabelle State. - 27 November, 2022.

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# LAUNCH OF JOINT OPERATION CENTRES

**In October 2022,** ATMIS, with the support of the United Nations Support Office in Somalia (UNSOS), established Joint Operations Centres (JOCs) across the Sector Headquarters to strengthen operations efficiency in the fight against Al-Shabaab.

The JOCs enable ATMIS personnel, Somali Security Forces, and partners to coordinate, and plan operations, and provide updates regarding Al-Shabaab threats and progress on operations. They form a successful part of the gradual strategy to prepare the Somali security forces to take over security responsibilities after the planned departure of ATMIS.

The JOCs are located at the ATMIS Force Headquarters and the respective six sector headquarters in Baidoa, Beletweyne, Dhobley, Jowhar, Kismayo, and Mogadishu.



Somali Deputy Minister of Defence, Abdifatah Qassim Mahamud, with senior FGS and ATMIS Military and Police officials cuts the ribbon to launch the Joint Operations Centre at the Force headquarters in Mogadishu. -8 October, 2022.

Senior UN, FGS, ATMIS Military and Police officials in a briefing ahead of the launch of the Joint Operation Centre (JOC) in Mogadishu. - 8 October, 2022.





Senior FGS and ATMIS Military officials at the JOC. - 8 October, 2022.

Senior personnel from the UN, FGS, Military and Police at the JOC. - 8 October, 2022.





Former UNSOS Director, Harjit Dhindsa, speaking at the launch of JOC in Mogadishu, -8 October, 2022.

Deputy Minister of Defence, Abdifatah Qassim Mahamud, at the launch of JOC in Mogadishu, - 8 October, 2022.





Senior personnel from UN, FGS and ATMIS Military and Police in a group photo in front of the newly opened JOC at the at Force headquarters in Mogadishu, - 8 October, 2022.



# ATMIS TROOPS CLEAR BUUFOW-JANAALE MAIN SUPPLY ROUTE



ATMIS Uganda troops in February 2023 completed road expansion works for the nine-kilometre stretch connecting Buufow and Januale towns in the Lower Shabelle region.

The road is part of the main supply route connecting the key towns of Afgoye and Arabiska, north of the capital Mogadishu. The expansion reduced the thickets along the road where Al-Shabaab militants often hide to stage surprise attacks on convoys and civilians.

The clearing of the road has helped to improve security and open up connectivity between the two towns.

Prior to the expansion, several people had lost their lives and properties due to the Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) emplaced along the stretch by Al-Shabaab.



An ATMIS earth moving machine clears thick bushes along the Buufow-Janaale main supply route in Somalia. - 25 February, 2023.

An ATMIS earth moving machine clears thick bushes along the Buufow-Janaale main supply route in Somalia. - 25 February, 2023.





An ATMIS Uganda soldier directing ATMIS road construction machine clearing bushes along the Buufow-Janaale main supply route in Somalia. - 25 February, 2023.







### HANDOVER OF MASLAH FORWARD OPEARTING BASE

On 21 January 2023, ATMIS, officially handed over Maslah Forward Operating Base (FOB) to the Federal Government of Somalia. Control of the facility was passed to the Somali National Army.

The handover followed the departure of the ATMIS Burundi contingent who had occupied the facility since 2012. It is in line with the joint Concept of Operations (CONOPs) and the Somali Transition Plan that guide the gradual transfer of security responsibilities to the Somali security forces.

The SRCC and Head of ATMIS, Ambassador Mohamed El-Amine Souef, and Somalia's State Minister for Defence, Abdinur Daahir Fidow, presided over the official handover ceremony held in Mogadishu.

Geographically, Maslah Forward Operating Base is vital to securing the Major Supply Route (MSR) connecting Mogadishu and the hinterlands. It is key to securing the safe movement of goods and services.



The Special Representative of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission (SRCC) for Somalia, Ambassador Mohammed El- Amine Souef (second from left) and Somalia's State Minister of Defense Abdinur Dahir Fidow (second from right) exchange handover documents during the official handover of Maslah Forward Operating Base (FOB) in Mogadishu, Somalia. - 21 January, 2023.

The commander of Burundi soldiers serving under the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) Brig. Gen. Jean Claude Niyiburana (right), and the Advisor to the Chief of Defence Forces (CDF) of the Somali National Army (SNA), Col. Ahmed Mohamed Hassan, (left) signing the land lease agreement document during the official handover of Maslah Forward Operating Base (FOB) in Mogadishu, Somalia. - 21 January, 2023.





The Special Representative of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission (SRCC) for Somalia, Ambassador Mohammed El-Amine Souef, Somalia's State Minister of Defense Abdinur Dahir Fidow, senior officials from ATMIS, FGS and the UN pose for a group photo during the official handover of Maslah Forward Operating Base (FOB) in Mogadishu, Somalia. - 21 January, 2023.

Guests attend the official handover of Maslah Forward Operating Base (FOB) in Mogadishu, Somalia. - 21 January, 2023.





The SRCC and Head of ATMIS, Ambassador Mohammed El-Amine Souef (right), and Somalia's State Minister of Defence, Abdinur Dahir Fidow (left), signing the official handover documents for Maslah FOB. - 21 January, 2023.



The Director of UNSOS, Amadu Kamara (left), and Somalia's State Minister of Defence, Abdinur Dahir Fidow (right), signing the land lease agreement. - 21 January, 2023.



# ATMIS OFFICIALS ASSESS BAL'AD FOB



On 31 January, 2023, a high-level delegation from ATMIS, led by Acting Force Commander Brig. Gen. Peter Omola, visited Bal'ad Forward Operating Base (FOB) to assess the requirements of upgrading it into a Battalion logistics base.

The FOB, located in the Hirshabelle State, will be the new logistics base for the Burundi contingent who exited and handed over Maslah FOB to the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) on January 21, 2023.

The Bal'ad FOB will serve both ATMIS Burundi forces and the Somali National Army (SNA) in the Hirshabelle State.

The delegation had discussions with local community elders led by the Bal'ad District Commissioner, Kassim Ali Nur and the Ugas, Mohamed Hussein.

Located approximately 39 km north of Mogadishu along the main Mogadishu-Jowhar Road, Bal'ad is a strategic town noted for agriculture, livestock, and marine resources.



Senior military officers of the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS), tour the Bal'ad Forward Operating Base (FOB), in Hirshabelle State. - 25 January, 2023.

Senior military officers of the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS), and local community leaders, during a meeting at the Bal'ad Forward Operating Base (FOB), in Hirshabelle State. - 25 January, 2023.





The Acting Force Commander of the African Union
Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS), Brig. Gen. Peter
Omola (middle) and the
ATMIS military Chief of Staff,
Brig. Gen. Kindu Gezu (left),
upon arrival at the Bal'ad
Forward Operating Base
(FOB), in Hirshabelle State. 25 January, 2023.

Senior military officers of the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS), inspect facilities at the Bal'ad Forward Operating Base (FOB), in Hirshabelle State. -25 January, 2023.

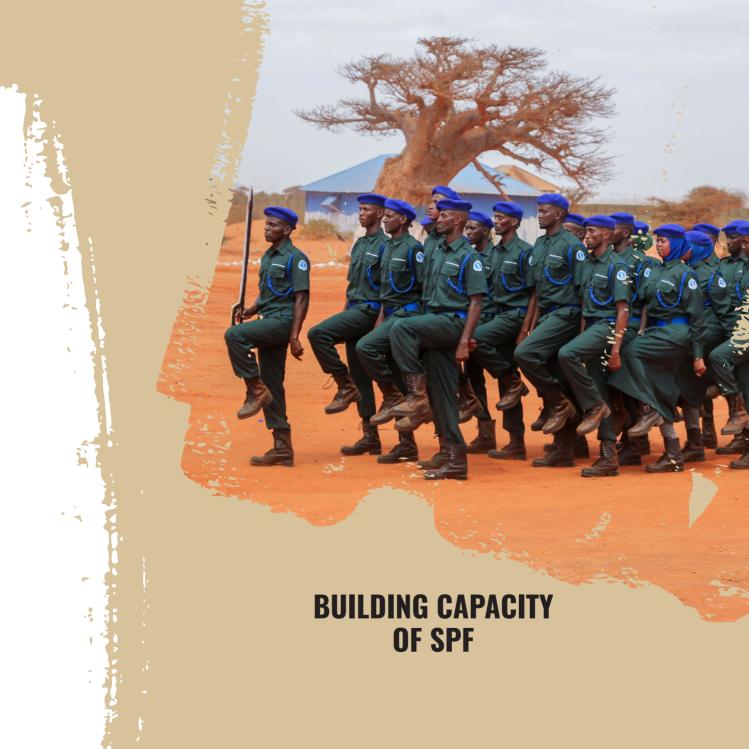




Senior military officers of the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS), and local community leaders, during a meeting at the Bal'ad Forward Operating Base (FOB), in Hirshabelle State. - 25 January, 2023.



The Acting Force Commander of the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS), Brig. Gen. Peter Omola, and the commander of the ATMIS Burundi contingent, Brig. Gen. Jean Claude Niyiburana, greet the Bal'ad District Commissioner, Kasim Ali Nur and a clan chief Mohamed Weli Hussein, during a meeting at the Bal'ad Forward Operating Base (FOB), in Hirshabelle State. - 25 January, 2023.





Over 100 Somali police recruits graduated after completing three-months intensive training organised by the ATMIS in the port city of Kismayo, the capital of Jubaland State.

The new officers have since been deployed to areas liberated from Al-Shabaab militants in Jubaland State to maintain peace and security. The first batch of 150 officers graduated in September 2022.

The recruits underwent basic training in policing, gender, Somalia penal code, arrest, stop and search, traffic, investigation, human rights and other aspects of policing.



Newly trained Somali Police Officers (SPF) in Jubaland State showing their newly acquired skills at the passing out ceremony after three months training in Kismayo, Somalia. - 4 February, 2023.

The passing out ceremony for police training in Kismayo, Somalia. - 4 February, 2023.





Newly trained Somali Police Officers (SPF) in Jubaland State show their skills during their pass out ceremony to mark the completion of a three month training held in Kismayo, Somalia. - 4 February, 2023.

An ATMIS Police Officer presents a certificate to a newly graduated police officer during a pass out ceremony to mark the completion of training by new police recruits held in Kismayo, Somalia. - 4 February, 2023.





FORENSIC TRAINING OF SPF



**In January 2023,** a team of detectives from the Criminal Investigation Directorate (CID) of the Somali Police Force completed three-days intensive training on crime-related evidence gathering.

The training organised by ATMIS was aimed at improving the capacity of the SPF officers in handling complex criminal cases that require the use of modern scientific methods to unravel.

The detectives who contribute to gathering and analyzing physical evidence are critical to identifying and arresting criminal suspects. They were taken through forensic fingerprint evidence as part of gathering evidence and identifying suspects.

Building the capacity of the SPF is key to the successful transfer of full security responsibilities to the Somali Security Forces (SSF).



ATMIS police trainers conduct a session at a four-day Basic Fingerprint course for Somali Police officers, in Mogadishu, Somalia. - 10 January, 2023.

An ATMIS police facilitator supervises a practical session at a four-day Basic Fingerprint course for Somali Police Force, in Mogadishu, Somalia. - 10 January, 2023.





ATMIS police facilitators conduct a practical session during a four-day Basic Fingerprint course for detectives from the Criminal Investigations Directorate (CID) of the Somali Police Force, in Mogadishu, Somalia. - 10 January, 2023.

ATMIS Police Lead Trainer, Chief Inspector of Police (CIP) Tity Conteh, hands a certificate to a participant at the end of a four-day Basic Fingerprint course, in Mogadishu, Somalia. - 10 January, 2023.





## ATMIS SUPPORTS COMMUNITY-BASED DISPUTE RESOLUTION METHODS



To help communities in Somalia amicably resolve their differences, ATMIS in collaboration with the Southwest State Ministry of Justice conducted a workshop on methods of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) is one of several approaches to improve access to justice in general. It comprises processes in which parties settle disputes with the help of third-party mediators or arbitrators, often out of court.

Twenty-five participants, nine of whom were female, drawn from traditional and religious leaders, youth and women representatives as well as political leaders from communities resident in Southwest State attended the training held in the state capital, Baidoa from 16-17 November, 2022.

The training was aimed at enhancing the capacity of the state Ministry of Justice, traditional leaders, and other stakeholders to understand traditional customary law and how it can be applied to resolve disputes and cases.



The Attorney General of South West State, Adan Mukhtar, addressing participants at the training on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in Baidoa. - 16 November, 2022.

Representatives from Baidoa women's groups participating in the ADR training in Baidoa. - 16 November, 2022.





Local traditional and religious leaders at the ADR training. -16 November, 2022.

Traditional elders, religious leaders, youth, and women representatives at the ADR training. - 16 November, 2022.







On 6 July 2022, the Political Affairs Unit of ATMIS in collaboration with Hano Academy, a capacity building institute offering social development skills, organised a two-day workshop to enhance women's participation in Somalia's political processes.

The 'Post-Election' workshop in Mogadishu, Somalia's capital, brought together 20 women who were trained on leadership, communication, good governance, and gender equality strategies to prepare them for leadership roles.

In the run-up to the 2022 Somalia elections, ATMIS supported the agenda for 30 percent women's political representation and its significance to the development of a strong, inclusive, and stable nation.

Under its mandate, ATMIS advocates for the recognition of the important role of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts and in peacebuilding.



ATMIS police officer addressing the two-day 'Post-Election' workshop organised by ATMIS and HANO Academy in Mogadishu. - 4 July, 2022.

Dr. Sadiya Siad, the Chancellor of HANO Academy, addressing the two-day 'Post-Election' workshop. - 4 July





Participants at the two-day 'Post-Election' workshop. - 4 July, 2022.







QUICK IMPACT PROJECTS



#### HANDING OVER A 68-BED HOSPITAL FACILITY TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF SOMALIA

**On 2 February 2023,** ATMIS handed over to the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS), a hospital facility constructed to provide quality healthcare to the Somali security forces.

The Somali National Army (SNA) Hospital facility was constructed with funding from the Italian Government as part of the ATMIS Quick Impact Projects (QIPS). ATMIS QIPS provides basic support services and facilities to the local population.

The SRCC and Head of ATMIS, Ambassador Mohamed El-Amine Souef, Somalia's Federal Minister of Defence, Abdulkadir Mohamed Nur, and Italy's Undersecretary of State for Defence, Matteo Perego Di Cremenago, commissioned the 68-bed facility in Mogadishu.

Minister Nur and the Somalia Chief of Defence Forces, Gen. Odowaa Yusuf Rageh, received the facility on behalf of the government.



Senior officials from the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS), the Federal Government of Somalia and the Republic of Italy, cut a ribbon to commission the Somali National Army (SNA) hospital in Mogadishu. - 2 February, 2023

A team from ATMIS touring the newly constructed SNA hospital in Mogadishu. - 26 January, 2023





Senior officials from ATMIS, FGS and Italy at the newly commissioned SNA hospital in Mogadishu. - 2 February, 2023

Senior officials from ATMIS, SNA and Italy at new SNA Hospital in Mogadishu. - 26 January, 2023



































# CIVIL-MILITARY COOPERATION (CIMIC) ACTIVITIES



Civil-Military Co-operation (CIMIC) helps to establish and improve relations between the military and the civilian population.

Over the last one year, the military contingents of ATMIS participated in various activities, aimed at improving livelihoods in local communities.

The activities included environmental cleanup exercises, medical camps, food and medical donations and the provision of potable water to communities affected by the long drought among others.



Kenyan troops serving under the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) arrange medical supplies and food items donated to Dhobley General Hospital in Dhobley, Somalia. - 7 July, 2022.

Djiboutian troops serving under the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) donate clean water to Internally displaced People living in Teedan camp in Beledweyne, Somalia. - 3 August, 2022.





Nigeria Formed Police Unit (FPU-10) medical personnel attend to patients in Mogadishu, Somalia. - 19 June, 2022

The Force Commander of the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS), Lt. Gen. Diomede Ndegeya collects trash during a beach clean-up exercise as part of events organised by the United Nations, and African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) to mark World Environment Day in Mogadishu, Somalia. - 4 June, 2022.



