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#### SWS Police Plan develops swiftly

Agreement with SWS Minister of DDR/Security, Minister of Planning and Commissioner on the way forward allows quick advance in Baidoa

Baidoa – While other Technical
Committees prefer working several
days en-bloc on the content of the
respective police plan, an agreement
was reached with the SWS Minister of
DDR/Security, Hassan Mohammed
Elay, to have from now on one
meeting every week. This opens the
possibility for the secretariat to put all
discussed contents into written before
the next meeting in which the
wording can be consolidated. This
approach was welcomed as well by

SWS Police Commissioner, General Mahad Abdirahman Aadan, and the SWS Minister of Planning and International Cooperation, Nasir Arush.

The TC agreed on a roadmap towards a fully elaborated State Police Plan to be presented at the December International Security Conference. From now on, planning sessions of the committee will be carried out every Monday to develop the remaining



chapters of the plan. Interim meetings will be conducted when necessary. All participants renewed their commitment towards a federated policing system and assured of the readiness of SWS to take over the full responsibility of its State Police Service. The sequence of agreed meetings started immediately so that major parts of the plan could be already drafted.

#### GERMANY TAKES OVER THE CO-CHAIR OF SUB-STRAND "POLICE"

Mogadishu – During the second meeting of the so called "Comprehensive Approach to Security (CAS) Strand 2(b)" Deputy German Ambassador Markus Bollmohr announced that Germany is willing to take over the cochair of the sub-strand "Police". The announcement was warmly welcomed by all participants, in particular by the representatives of the FGS MoIS. By taking over the co-chair Germany demonstrates its willingness to continue supporting actively the implementation of the New Policing Model.



# First Council of Police Commissioners

Mogadishu - The first "Council of Police Commissioners (CPC)", organized and chaired by the FGS MoIS and funded by UNDP, was held in Mogadishu. Senior political and police representatives from the Federal Member States, the SPF leadership, the Deputy Mayor of Mogadishu and representatives from UNSOM and AMISOM Police as well as UNDP attended the first of the three days of the CPC. The objective was to discuss the implementation of the NSA and the NPM, inter alia the establishment of a Joint Technical Committee for the NPM (JTC).

The CPC will be held frequently and is integrated in the coordination mechanism of the implementation process of the NPM and the adapted structure of the strand CAS2b. Thus, the CPC will be fed with contents discussed in the JTC and will round them up with decision options for the "Conference of Ministers of Internal Security (CMIS)".

## UNSOM Police visited Somali Police Force Headquarters

Mogadishu - On 07 September, UNSOM Police conducted working visit to the Somali Police Force Headquarters in Mogadishu and had a meeting with SPF Police Commissioner, General Abdihakim Dahir Saeed Saacid. A number of cross-cutting issues were discussed. General Saeed commented positively on the Galkaacyo Joint Police Patrol Training, applauded the joint efforts of the various actors and expressed gratitude to UN for the

initiative. He stressed if SPF, AMISOM and UNSOM continue to work together, a lot could be achieved in improving security in which includes Somalia the implementation of the New SPF Policing Model. The Commissioner briefed the delegation on his views on urgent needs, one of them is to strengthen training support given to Darwish units. The meeting was concluded with the agreement on more regular personal exchanges.



## PUNTLAND OPENED FORENSIC CENTER

**Garowe** - On 6<sup>th</sup> September the Puntland State Minister of Justice, Mr. Salah Habib Jama, officially

launched the Puntland Forensic Center in an event at the Peace and Development Research Center (PDRC). UNFPA Somalia is supporting the establishment and implementation of the center with funding from the Government of Sweden. The establishment of the Forensic Center will support the enforcement of the Sexual Offenses Law which was passed in Puntland at the end of 2016

criminalizing all sexual crimes including inter alia gang rape, sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment and sexual offenses as well via internet. Thus, the opening of the Forensic Center is an important milestone in supporting the work of the investigation units of the Puntland State Police and the justice institutions while tackling these sorts of crime.



Technical Committees on the implementation of the New Policing Model are working hard to meet the deadline for finalizing the police plans

#### Countdown towards Security Conference

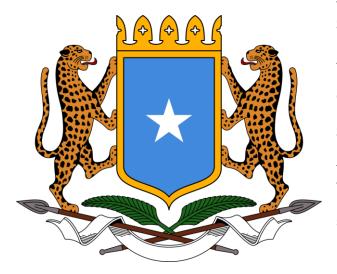
Somalia – Less than 10 weeks to go before the follow-up conference to the London Security Conference will be held in Mogadishu! All Technical Committees are focused on the tentative dates of the conference which are the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> December. At that event their respective police plans will be presented to the Somali public and to international donors whose help

is essential for the building of the state police services and the police service on federal level. Plans will illustrate the 10-year vision of each police service, the prioritized activities during the next four years to start moving towards the desired end-state and which costs can be covered by the domestic budget and which will require international support.

UNSOM Police facilitated further drafting of HirShabelle State Police Plan **Beletweyne** – From 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September UNSOM Police facilitated working group meetings of the HirShabelle Technical Committee (TC) to draft the next chapters of the State Police Plan. The TC working group members were Colonel Isak Ali Abdulle, Deputy HirShabelle Police Commissioner, Abdullahi Salad Hussein, Administration and Finance Officer in the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MoIA) and Abdi Fatah Mohamed Yusuf, Permanent Secretary to the MoIA. The participants drafted inputs on the human resource and logistics sections of the plan. The team also discussed oversight mechanisms, code of conduct, human rights considerations and the role of the State Police during elections. Colonel Isak Abdulle expressed appreciation of the TC members for the planning and facilitation of the workshop by UNSOM and ensured further close cooperation.

UNSOM POLICE NPM-TEAM WILL GET REINFORCEMENT Following the approval of the steering committee of the German funded "Non-lethal Support Package", the UNSOM Police NPM-Team will be soon reinforced by two translators and two legal drafting experts on temporary basis. This activity shall ensure getting all police plans translated on time for the upcoming conference. The legal drafting experts will work closely with all Technical Committees on first steps towards Somali police laws and secondary regulations.

#### FGS Ministry of Internal Security convened CAS 2b-Meeting



Mogadishu – On 23 September, the Somali Minister of Internal Security, Mohamed Abukar Islow (Duale), and the EU Ambassador, Veronique Lorenzo, convened the second Comprehensive Approach to Security (CAS) Strand 2b meeting. Other participants included the Ministries of (Internal) Security from the Federal Member States, AMISOM, EUCAP Somalia, representatives from Turkey, UK and German Embassies, the UNCT and UNSOM Police. Minister Duale provided an overview over achievements made since the inaugural strand meeting in August. He highlighted the endorsement of the FGS Internal Security Strategy, the reform of the MoIS management structure and preparations made for an Operational Readiness Assessment (ORA) of the police. The Minister stated that the MoIS will continue to support the existing Technical Committees for the implementation of the New Policing Model. UK announced that they will co-lead on the NISA substrand, joining EUCAP Somalia who will co-lead the sub-strand on Maritime Security and Germany co-leading the sub-strand Police (see page 2). The UN announced its pledge to co-lead the Weapons and Ammunition Management sub-strand if not one Member State will be willing to do so.

## AMISOM TRAINING COORDINATOR HONORED BY UNSOM COMMISSIONER

Mogadishu – For his outstanding collaboration and commitment, AMISOM Training Coordinator Francis Aryee was honored by UNSOM Police Commissioner Christoph Buik and received a "Letter of Commendation". Recently the AMISOM Training Unit and UNSOM Police had worked hand in hand on the Galkaacyo Joint Patrol project. "This project, agreed on between two Federal Member States, is an outstanding example for well-functioning federalism in Somalia and that the NPM is working well. Thus, our common, most flexible and well-tailored support was of utmost importance", stated the Commissioner in his laudatory speech in front of UNSOM ROLSIG personnel.







