



## Civil Society Dialogue Network Meeting

# Strategic review of CSDP Missions in Somalia: Gathering Civil Society input

Monday 3 February 2020  
09:00-15:45

Park Inn by Radisson Nairobi Westlands, Waiyaki Way  
Nairobi, Kenya

### Background

The European Union's (EU) work in the area of peace and security in Somalia is guided by the principles of the [Somali Compact](#) and the [EU's Horn of Africa Regional Action Plan](#). To respond to Somalia's security challenges and support the country to become peaceful, stable and democratic, while tackling piracy and other international crimes, the EU has deployed three Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) missions:

- EU Military Training Mission ([EUTM Somalia](#)) since April 2010
- EU Naval Force (EU NAVFOR) – [Operation ATALANTA](#) since December 2008
- EU Capacity Building Mission ([EUCAP Somalia](#)) since 2016 (from 2012 to 2016 EUCAP Nestor was mandated to work across the region)

The European External Action Service (EEAS) will carry out a holistic Strategic Review of the mandates of the three missions in the first trimester of 2020. This Strategic Review process provides an opportunity to reflect on the different types of support provided so far by the three missions to Somalia in responding to security challenges, and to reflect on the needs and options for future support.

The Civil Society Dialogue Network (CSDN) has hosted several meetings which have enabled civil society to provide input into the Strategic Reviews of different EU Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) missions.

### Objectives:

The goal of this CSDN meeting is to contribute to the EEAS strategic review of EUTM Somalia, EU NAVFOR – Operation ATALANTA, and EUCAP Somalia, by gathering analysis and recommendations from civil society experts on the work of the Missions.

The meeting will specifically look at:

- Conflict dynamics in Somalia as they relate to the mandates of the Missions
- Relevant actors affecting the peace and security context in Somalia, in particular in the security and military sectors
- Recommendations for the future work of the Missions.

**Format:** A round-table set-up, guiding questions and skilled facilitation will support interactive participation. There will be no formal presentations and all participants will be invited to provide their assessment and analysis in this informal discussion, under the confidentiality rule of Chatham House.

**Participants:**

Participation will be limited to a maximum of 20 people, consisting of civil society experts working on peace and security in Somalia, the EU officials in charge of the Strategic Review, as well as officials from the Missions, and possibly the EU Delegation to Somalia and the team of the EU Special Representative for the Horn of Africa.

Participation will be **by invitation only**; participants will be invited on the basis of their expertise related to the issues listed above.

**Output:**

To allow for an open discussion at the meeting, no public report will be prepared.

**Draft Agenda**

9:00-9:30	<b>Registration and coffee</b>
9:30-9:45	<p><b>Welcome and objectives of the meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU Officials</li> <li>• EPLO</li> </ul>
9:45-11:15	<p><b>Session 1 – Identifying the needs and challenges</b></p> <p>Issues to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which recent developments regarding conflict dynamics, as well as the Somali political situation, should the review take into consideration?</li> <li>• What are the visions of various parts of the Somali population on the future of the Somali state?</li> <li>• What are the perceptions of Somalis on the relationship between the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) and the Federal Member States (FMS), especially with regards to the build-up of Somali National Security Architecture and integration of regional forces?</li> <li>• How is the potential of Blue Economy perceived among Somali authorities and the population?</li> </ul> <p>This session will consist of an interactive discussion in which all participants will be invited to provide their assessment and analysis in response to the issues above.</p> <p>Facilitated by Laura Davis, EPLO</p>

11:15-11:30	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:30-13:00	<p><b>Session 2 – Analysis of the actors affecting peace and security</b></p> <p>Issues to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How are Somali security forces and institutions (the Somali National Army, Police, the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Internal Security) perceived? What factors contributed to or limited progress towards security sector reform?</li> <li>• How is the presence of AMISOM perceived? What are the views on AMISOM withdrawal / phased transition to Somali security responsibilities?</li> <li>• How can the coordination between different international actors supporting the Somali security sector be improved?</li> <li>• How are Al-Shabaab and other non-state armed actors perceived?</li> <li>• What role for civil society and in particular the NGOs?</li> </ul> <p>This session will consist of an interactive discussion in which all participants will be invited to provide their assessment and analysis in response to the issues above.</p> <p>Facilitated by Laura Davis, EPLO</p>
13:00-14:00	<b>Lunch break</b>
14:00-15:30	<p><b>Session 3 – The role of the EU and recommendations for future EU support</b></p> <p>Issues to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How is the EU perceived in relation to other international actors in Somalia?</li> <li>• How is the EU's action (especially concerning the three missions) perceived? What impact does it have?</li> <li>• Are there aspects of the Missions' mandates and activities that should be prioritised? In what areas could the EU add more value?</li> <li>• How to ensure that Missions' activities are conflict sensitive, gender sensitive and do no harm?</li> <li>• How can Missions' activities better contribute to existing peacebuilding efforts?</li> </ul> <p>This session will consist of an interactive discussion in which all participants will be invited to provide their assessment and analysis in response to the issues above.</p> <p>Facilitated by Laura Davis, EPLO</p>
15:30-15:45	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU officials</li> <li>• EPLO</li> </ul>

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