

EXERCISE AMANI AFRICAN STANDBY FORCE FIELD TRAINING EXERCISE



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The African Union will be conducting a Field Training Exercise as part of its efforts to operationalize the African Standby Forces (ASF). The Exercise is a multidimensional Peace Support Operations Exercise, involving military, police and civilian components of the ASF.



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The successful conduct of the exercise will:

- Provide opportunity to ascertain the state of readiness of the ASF Rapid Deployment Capacity-RDC, with the integration of the African Capacity for Immediate Response to crisis- ACIRC.
- Provide opportunity to identify gaps and measures required actions to address them.
- Provide a good opportunity for the AUC to test its ability to move and deploy its forces from all parts of the continent to intervene in a particular crisis situation,
- Test coordination between the AUC and the RECs/RMs
- ▷ Be an achievement of one of the key milestones required for the Full Operational Capability (FOC) of the ASF.

- 1. *AIM:* To evaluate the ability of the African Union Commission to mandate, deploy, sustain and recover an RDC mission, and subsequently deploy a multidimensional mission (ASF scenario 5).
 - **FORMAT:** The Exercise will be conducted in two phases:
 - *Phase 1*, the deployment of a robust Rapid Deployment Capability as a start-up mission to intervene in a fictitious country called CARANA, in response to grave circumstances.
 - *Phase 2*, following a de-escalation in the crisis in CARANA, the AU authorizes a mandate change for a mission transition into a full multidimensional Peace Support Operations.

The exercise will be conducted at 3 levels: strategic, operational and tactical. The strategic Headquarter will be at the AUC in Addis Ababa, while the operational (Mission HQ), and tactical levels will be in Lohatla. South Africa

3. **PARTICIPANTS:** they are from AUC, RECs/ RMs, Host Nation, Members States, Canada, ICRC, UK, USA, UNOCHA, APSTA, Independents, EU, NATO, Journalists and the UN Secretariat (UNHQ, UNOAU and others UN Missions in Africa)

