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## National Steering Committee on Peacebuilding and Conflict Management (NSC)

### WHO WE ARE

The National Steering Committee on Peace Building and Conflict Management (NSC) is an interagency committee that was established in 2001 and a secretariat to support it was fully operationalised during 2002/3 financial year within the Ministry of State for Provincial Administration and Internal Security.

Following the high incidences of conflict at the local, national and regional level and the concomitant of actors in peacebuilding and conflict management initiatives, the government, and non state actors jointly established the national framework for peacebuilding and conflict management to coordinate and harmonize approaches that need input from all stakeholders.

As an interagency, the NSC brings together peace stakeholders in a bid to coordinate and consolidate efforts geared towards peace building and conflict management in Kenya as well as cross-border.

### OUR VISION

A peaceful and stable Kenya

### OUR MISSION

To promote sustainable peace through a collaborative institutional framework between state, non-state actors and the Kenyan communities.

### NSC HAS THE FOLLOWING MANDATE:

- To facilitate networking among actors at all levels;
- To enhance co-ordination between the Government, donors and implementing agencies in peacebuilding and

conflict management;

- To promote the harmonization of approaches to peacebuilding and conflict management;

- To act as a point of reference for information on peacebuilding and conflict management

- To identify and mobilize resources for peacebuilding and conflict management;

- To promote and advocate for peace in the country through community based initiatives, including community policing;

- To facilitate establishment of conflict early warning mechanisms;

- To facilitate dialogue with the stakeholders;

- To establish a comprehensive national policy framework on peacebuilding and conflict management; and,

- To establish sub-committees with specific thematic areas.

### CEWERU/NSC MEMBERSHIP

The NSC is an interagency that brings together various stakeholders within and outside the government. these include; Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies, National Civil Society Organisations, International Civil Society Organisations, Women Organisations, Research Organisations, UN Agencies, Development Partners and Regional Organisations.

### ROLE OF NSC IN CONFLICT EARLY WARNING AND RESPONSE NETWORK

In the context of early warning and response to conflicts, the Government of Kenya ceded to the CEWARN Protocol that binds the seven IGAD Member

states – Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan, and Uganda, to address cross-border and pastoral conflicts in the region.

The NSC doubles up as a Conflict Early Warning and Response Unit (CEWERU) under this Protocol. The overall mandate herein is to receive and disseminate information within the IGAD region and formulating feasible options for response.

Also is the Rapid Response Framework, which seeks to provide an effective, sustainable sub-regional mechanism to prevent cross-border conflicts and facilitate peaceful settlement of disputes and violent conflicts.

Some of the work and achievements of the NSC/CEWERU includes:

- Strengthening capacity of stakeholders in peacebuilding and conflict management training of administrative officers, law enforcement agencies, civil society organizations, faith-based organizations, private sector and media;

- Establishment of District Peace Committees in all districts and facilitating the creation of Provincial Peace Forums in the provinces.

- Streamlining and formalizing the operations of community-based peace structures in Districts through District Peace Committees (DPCs);

- Encouragement, facilitation and promotion of community dialogue;
- Development of the Draft National Policy on Peacebuilding and Conflict Management;

- Development of Standard Guidelines and Terms of Reference (TORs) for Peace Committees;

- Development of a Training Resource Guide on Conflict Prevention and Transformation;

- Training of over 600 Administrative officers and law enforcement agencies at the Kenya Institute of administration.

- Fundraising for peace work;

- Implementation of the IGAD Conflict Early Warning and Response (CEWARN) Mechanism;

- Strengthening of experience sharing through study/familiarization tours; Ghana, UK, and Cyprus.

- Strengthening monitoring and evaluation mechanisms for peacebuilding and conflict management;

- Facilitation of the national volunteer programme;

- Strengthening coordination and partnerships for peace work.

- Facilitating the Peace and Security forum for Members of Parliament from of ASAL regions in August 2008;

- The Launch of the Rapid Response Fund in Upper Eastern, North Eastern and North Rift Isiolo, Garissa and Kitale.

- Establishment of Isiolo triangle peace forum to strategies on addressing conflicts within/along the triangle.

- Facilitation and documentation of peace processes among communities. Key examples of these are:

- Facilitated the production and development of the Training Resource Guide on Conflict Transformation, Pre-Testing workshop Report, Report on the Turbi Masacre, strategy for Nairobi Peace Forum, Report on ASAL MPs, and the DPC Assessment Report and the NSC workshop Report.

- Modogashe Declaration 2001;

- Garissa Declaration of 2005;

- The Naivasha Peace Accord of September 2006 (for Pokot of East Baringo and Samburu communities);

- The Molo/Kuresoi Communities' Peace Agreement of December 2006;

- Marsabit/Moyale Peace Committees' Dialogue of November 2006,;

- Pokot/Turkana Peace meeting of April 2007, Orma/Wardei Peace meeting of April 2007;

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## KNFP's mandate: Co-ordinating initiatives and action on small arms

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### OUR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

- Co-ordinating national policy and action to address the problem of the proliferation of illicit small arms and light weapons;

- Co-ordinating the development and implementation of the National Action Plan for Arms Control and Management;

- Co-ordinating with regional and international bodies and other national focal points the implementation of the international and regional declarations and protocols;

- Co-ordinating and interacting with the civil society;

- Co-ordinating research on the problem of illicit small arms and light weapons;

- Monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of measures to address the problem of proliferation of illicit small arms and light weapons;

- Facilitating the exchange and dissemination of information with regard

to the small arms and light weapons problem.

### INTER-AGENCY MEMBERSHIP.

Our interagency membership include Government Ministries, Department And Agencies, National And International Civil Societies, Regional Organizations, Un Agencies.

### OUR MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS.

- Successful completion of the National Mapping for illicit SALW in 2003 and development of the National Action Plan for Arms Control and Management in 2003;

- Continuous constitution and training of Provincial Task Forces and select District Task Forces on SALW since 2004;

- Regional/Provincial training of the civil society organizations, Training of Trainers on SALW with a view to develop capacity the implementation of the National Action Plan (2004);

- Participation in the development of Best Practice Guidelines for the Harmonization of Legislation in the Great

Lakes Region and the Horn of Africa;

- Collection and destruction of over 22,000 assorted illicit SALW between 2003-2009;

- Development of a Draft National Policy on SALW;

- Conduct of public awareness meetings and activities on the negative effects of illicit SALW in select conflict-prone areas;

- Facilitation of the signing of The Nairobi Protocol on 21st April, 2004, and consequent ratification of the Protocol by the Kenya Government in June 2005. The Protocol eventually came into force on 5th May, 2006;

- Initiation of the process to establish the Regional Centre on Small Arms (RECSA) as a body corporate to co-ordinate the implementation of The Nairobi Declaration and The Nairobi Protocol. Kenya through KNFP participated in the signing of the Agreement on the establishment of RECSA during the 3rd Ministerial Review Conference in Nairobi 20th -21st June, 2005;

- Participation in the development of Training Manuals for law enforcement officers for the implementation of

The Nairobi Declaration in the Great Lakes Region and the Horn of Africa;

- Participation in global consultations for governments and civil society for the development of guidelines for arms transfer;

- Participation in international arms transfer controls initiatives with a view to develop standards and guidelines to regulate international trade, export, import, transportation, transfer and transit of SALW;

- Strengthened partnerships and networking with communities and organizations including Saferworld, Regional Centre on Small Arms (RECSA) and East African Community (EAC).

- Active participation in regional and international fora and presenting the country's position on illicit SALW and promote the implementation of the regional and international instruments on SALW (2003 to date);

- Facilitated the Arms Marking process among the law enforcement agencies

- Development of a Training Resource Guide on small arms and light weapons and disarmament.

### PEACE MESSAGE

Kenya is a country endowed with wonderful natural resources, a country with a rich diversity of cultures, a country with a truly immense potential for all its people. However the country experiences different types of conflicts in the form of ethnic clashes, cattle rustling, organized gangs and political instigated conflicts both within and across our borders which has led to violence, loss of life, destruction of property and displacement of many innocent Kenyans,

As a people, we must find peaceful means of dealing with these challenges. Join millions of Kenyans who are saying NO to negative ethnicity, NO to organized criminal gangs, NO to hate messages and No to politically instigated violence. Join millions of Kenyans who are saying YES to dialogue, YES to peaceful coexistence with our neighbours.

Remember, our cultural diversity is our strength. Together we will make a peaceful and a prosperous country, Kenya. Remember we all have a role to play; Peace starts with me and you.

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