

**Security, conflict
management and the African
Union:**
building the will, paying the bill

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AFRICAN PEACE & SECURITY ARCHITECTURE

How it used to be then:

- OAU and Uganda 1978, to Rwanda 1994

How it should be now:

- The Peace and Security Council of the African Union
- The African Standby Force
- The Continental Early Warning System
- The Peace Fund
- The Panel of the Wise
- Regional Economic Communities
- African Union Commission

An African Standby Force

- **Why such slow progress since 2003?**
- **Regional differences?**
- **Emergent and changing conflicts?**
- **The fall of Gaddafi and the Mali insurrection**
- **The French Intervention, January 2013: solution or problem?**
- **The African Capacity for Immediate response to Crisis: alternative, or stop-gap solution?**

Who is ready and willing, who is able?

Building Political Will

- Who calls the shots?
- What do you sacrifice?
- What do you gain?
- What are the regional dynamics?
- Does there need to be one champion,
or many?

Must there be winners and losers?

Lessons from AMISOM?

A Coalition of the willing

Operational limitations:

Communications

Intelligence sharing

Mobility and responsiveness

Command coordination

Casualties ... and public trust

Success in the midst of failure?

PAYING THE BILL?

- External assistance -
 - Desirable or unwelcome, essential or additional?
- European Union (an empty pot?)
- USA (DoD assistance increasing, AFRICOM?)
- Bilaterals: China, Qatar, Turkey and African security

Does external assistance undermine political will?

Africa will only own what Africa pays for