

# THE CIVILIAN DIMENSION OF THE ASF AND AFRICAN PEACE OPERATIONS

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# Training for Peace in Africa

- Training for Peace in Africa: 1995-2015
- Aim: African peacekeeping capacity
- Partners: ACCORD, ISS, KAIPTC, NUPI
- Interventions: Training, Policy Development & Research
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# Military context

- Assumption: PSO is military undertaking
- OAU & AU have tasked African Chiefs of Defence Staff & Ministers of Defence & Security with peacekeeping matters
- AU PSC Protocol - Military Staff Committee to advise PSC on peacekeeping
- ASF Framework (2004), only two paragraphs on civilian dimension
- UN, EU, NATO

# What is the Civilian Dimension?

- Multidimensional: Civilian, Police & Military
- Uniformed/non-Uniformed:
  - Military
  - Police
- Civilian staff in a PSO:
  - Mission Management
  - Substantive Civilian Components
  - Mission Support

# “Civilian” (staff) functions in PSO

- Political
  - Conflict Analysis & track political process
  - Reporting & liaison
- Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation
- Humanitarian liaison
- Public Information & strategic communications
- DDR, SSR, RoL, PoC, SGBV, PCR...D...
- Mission Support

# Civilian Dimension of ASF

- PSOD Project: 2006-2015
- *Civilian Dimension Policy Framework*, September 2006
- *Civilian Dimension Staffing, Training, and Rostering Workshop*, July 2008
- *ASF Rostering Workshop*, July 2009

# Principles & Assumptions

- Approximately **similar to UN**
  - Hand-over to UN, AU/UN hybrid, follow-on from UN
  - UN support missions to AU
  - (not EU Crisis Management, e.g. Police is separate entity)
- AU most likely to undertake **stability** type operations (AMIB, AMIS, AMISOM, AFISMA, MISCA)
- **Financial** considerations (60 civilians/6000 military)

# Civilian Staff

- Mission Management
  - SRCC
  - D/SRCC
  - Chief of Staff
  - Advisors on Gender, Conduct & Discipline
- Substantive Components
- Mission Support Components

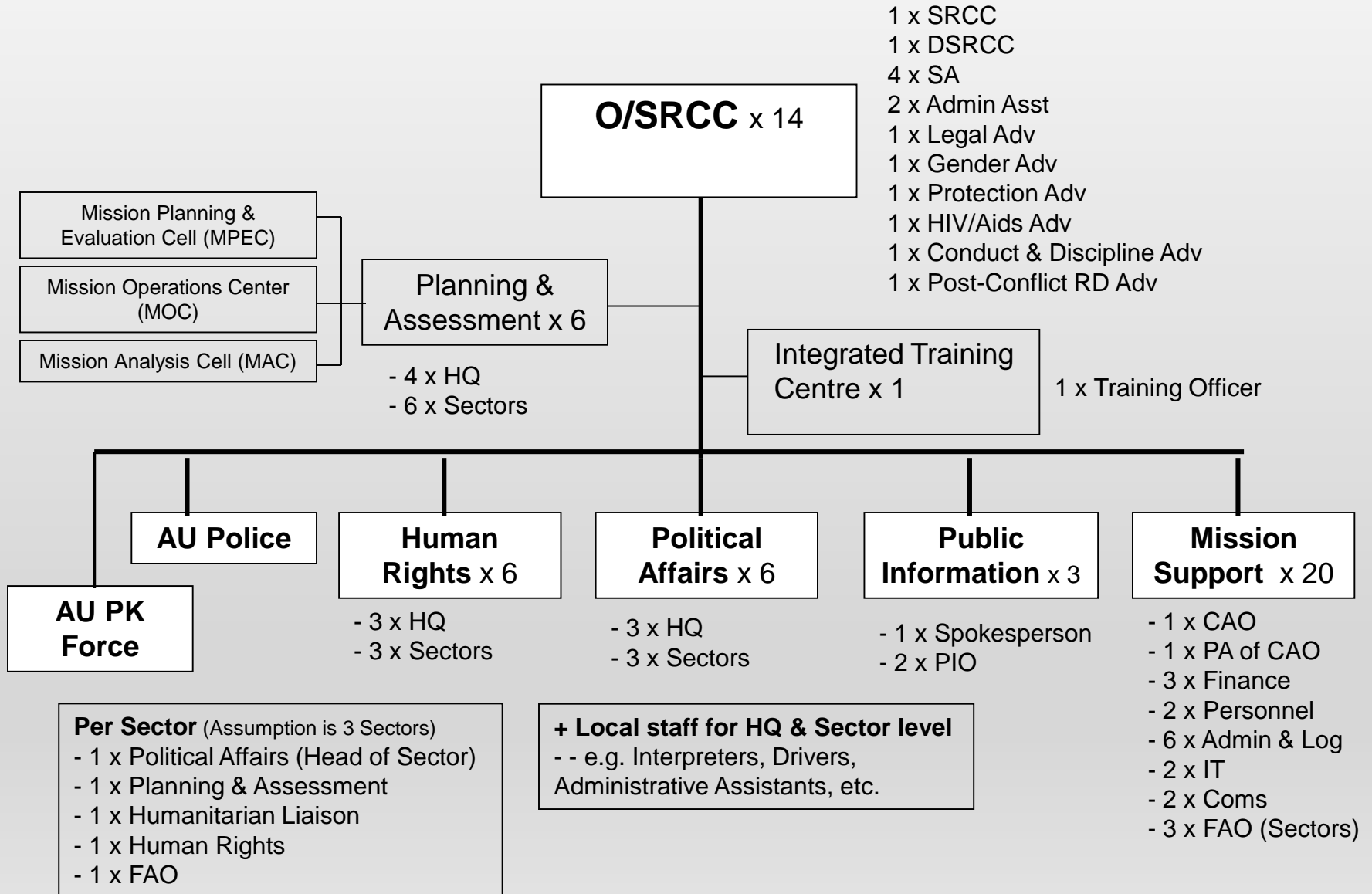


# Civilian functions

- Political Affairs
  - Legal Advice
  - Public Information
  - Human Rights
  - Civil Affairs
  - Gender
  - Protection
  - DDR
  - Humanitarian Liaison
- **Mission Support**
    - Administration
    - Personnel
    - Finance
    - Logistics
    - Communication
    - IT
    - Procurement
    - Engineering
    - Security



# Civilian Personnel x 60



# AMISOM, AFISMA & MISCA

(aprx 50 Civilian Staff)

- SRCC
- Deputy SRCC
- Chief of Staff
- Political Affairs
- Humanitarian Liaison
- Public Information
- JMAC
- Civil Affairs
- Gender
- Chief Admin Off (CAO)
- Financing & Accounting
- Procurement
- Payroll
- Travel
- Human Resources

# PLANELM Staffing

- Chief of Civilian Component
- Planning Officer
- Training & Rostering
- Mission Support

# Civilian Dimension of ASF

- Full Operational Capability of ASF by 2015?
  - AU & regions?
    - ASF assumption each region able to deploy its own civilian dimension vs AUC supply civilian components
    - PLANELMs?
    - Rostering, training & deploy (12, 30, 90 days)?
  - AU PSO
    - AMIB, AMIS, AMISOM, AFISMA, MISCA...
    - Coalitions of the willing (TCCs) vs Mission HQ, Civilian & Police provided by AUC

# Civilian Dimension Considerations beyond 2015

- AU missions without a civilian dimension? Role of civilian dimension in RDC or ACIRC?
  - Political primacy,
  - Stability (clear, hold, build) - PCRDR
  - HRDD
  - Mission support
- Civilian only or unarmed missions:
  - Special Political Missions
  - Peace Monitoring Missions
  - Electoral, Human Rights, Humanitarian (ASEOWA), PCRDR

# Civilian Dimension Considerations

- Partner support for civilian functions:
  - UN & EU
- AU support for civilian dimension:
  - AUC & RECs/RM?
  - Member States: Zambia 2015
    - Civilian Strategic Support Group (CSSG)

# Stabilisation Context

- The Political Dimension
  - Stabilisation as part of the larger political strategy
  - Political analysis, planning, monitoring and reporting
  - Aligning the Mission with host government vision & host population aspirations
  - Achieving strategic coherence with other regional and international actors
  - Supporting extension of state authority (governance, administration, justice & basic services)
  - State-society relations