

KAIPTC Policy Brief

Towards the Operationalisation of the Civilian Component of the ECOWAS Standby Force

Samuel Atuobi and David Nii Addy from the Conflict Prevention Management and Resolution Department (CPMRD) of the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC) have written a policy brief, *Towards the Operationalisation of the Civilian Component of the ECOWAS Standby Force*. The brief discusses the progress of the developing civilian component of the Standby Force, which primarily exists in training workshops by KAIPTC. The ECOWAS Standby Force (ESF) is a peacekeeping force that works to address the need for multi-dimensional and long-term peace and security operations in Africa. The brief further defines the roles that civilians can play in the Standby Force in areas such as administration, planning, supporting reforms, rehabilitation services, and the delivery of humanitarian assistance, and monitoring elections. The brief concludes with specific policy recommendations including general awareness, further discussion on the operationalization of the civilian component, as well as further civilian training.

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