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**Enhancing the Delivery
of Security in Africa**

COMPLEMENTING THE AFRICA PEER REVIEW MECHANISM

ABOUT the African Human Security Initiative 2

The African Human Security Initiative 2 (AHSI 2) is a follow-up to AHSI 1, a regional programme that used the system of peer review to monitor the extent of compliance of eight African countries with their commitments to democracy, good governance and civil society participation.

- ✦ AHSI 2 uses the peer review concept to complement the formal NEPAD/APRM (New Economic Partnership for Africa's Development / Africa Peer Review Mechanism) process by focusing on the criminal justice system in selected countries identified for APRM review. Through local partnerships, AHSI 2 intends to build the capacity of an expanded membership to undertake research on security issues in order to facilitate the work of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union.

SPECIFIC aims

The aims of AHSI 2 are as follows:

- ✦ To complement the work of the APRM in areas not covered by the latter
- ✦ To mimic the formal APRM process in its methodology and in the development of appropriate implementation frameworks to support the implementation of national commitments and obligations

- ✦ To provide governments with empirical evidence on the status of criminal justice and its impact on the political processes in their countries. This involves working with governments in the development of a set of realistic and informed recommendations to help bridge gaps between national commitment and implementation
- ✦ To identify structural and other inherent weaknesses in the criminal justice systems of participating countries
- ✦ To encourage policy dialogue and public awareness of the broader implications of crime on the consolidation of democracy
- ✦ To build capacity among a core network of partners in an area in which civil society organisations in Africa have traditionally been weak – criminal justice

THE AHSI partners

The AHSI is composed of organisations that have taken the initiative to focus on human security in Africa. The current AHSI partners are:

- ✦ The South African Institute for International Affairs (SAIIA)
- ✦ The Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa (IHRDA)
- ✦ The Southern Africa Human Rights Trust (SAHRIT)



- ✦ The West African Network for Peace-building (WANEP)
- ✦ The African Security Dialogue and Research (ASDR)
- ✦ The African Peace Forum (APFO)
- ✦ The Institute for Security Studies (ISS)

PROJECT management

The project is managed by the ISS secretariat at their Nairobi office. Decisions on the general direction of the project are taken at periodic workshops attended by all AHSI members.