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Dear Charles and Anneli,

The purpose of this rather formal correspondence is to provide feedback and some hopefully useful comment on the way forward on the ISS Cape Town contributions to the African Human Security Initiative (AHSI) project.

Just to recap. At the moment we are trying to get the following from each partner:

- A theoretical framework that would justify the choice of a set of key commitments of African Heads of State within the ambit of the ISS CT theme, namely terrorism and organized crime. These commitments would also be unpacked in a table that covered, for each commitment, key indicators of compliance, methodology of how the partner would go about measuring compliance and any associated problems (if any, and measures to overcome these problems). In summary this input would motivate, define, document (and subsequently comply) with a solid methodology to review these commitments; and
- Provide a schedule of activities in the form of a work plan. This would include a time schedule, activities and output, providing a clear description of the research process over time, including country visits, etc.

At the conclusion of the September meeting we more or less agreed that Cape Town would not have to submit an accompanying theoretical and methodological text based on your excellent presentation, but think that this may be to your detriment in the unlikely event that Cape Town heads off into some unknown tangent in the interim.

It has also become clear to us that we would require the theory behind the identification of benchmarks at an early stage. To this end we attach an example of such a motivation that we think could be useful by Dr Anne Hammerstad of SAIIA. They are responsible for the democracy and political governance cluster. We want to request you to start working on a comparable document for your cluster for submission to us in the next 4 weeks or so, as well as fine-tuning and submission of the work plan.

Warm regards,

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