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STATEMENT

Sub-regional virtual Workshop on
Strengthening the capacity of African Countries to design and
implement policies that promote the nexus between peace,
humanitarian work, development, and human rights for an
accelerated implementation of the SDGs
Virtual Workshop for Central, Northern and Western Africa Subregions

10-11 June 2021

- x Distinguished Participants and Delegates Ladies and Gentlemen. All protocol observed.
- x On behalf of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) and Under-Secretary General and Special Adviser on Africa, I would like first to welcome you all to this 2-day virtual sub-regional workshop for Central Northern and Western Africa Subregions.
- x I am most grateful for the participation of all representatives from African Member States, Regional Economic Communities, and African Think Tanks, as well as UN entities. UN entities, the AU and Experts as well as Researchers to deliberate on the role of advocacy and research in strengthening the nexus approach in Africa.
- x One of the major gaps identified was the need for capacity building for Member States to consider the benefits of incorporating humanitarian, human rights and peacebuilding objectives and activities and linkages with development in their own planning processes.

- x In this context OSAs organizing this virtual regional workshop for Central Northern and Western Africa Subregions contribute to building the capacity of African member States' policy makers to design and implement policies that promote the nexus between peace, security, human rights, humanitarian affairs and development.
- x The workshop also aims at validating the baseline assessment study
- x Yesterday, we concluded the 2nd virtual regional Workshop for Southern and Eastern Subregions.
- x The workshop, which had very stimulating and fruitful discussions provided a conceptual and analytical basis for strengthening the nexus approach in Africa.
- x The workshop highlighted key topics and recommendations on issues on humanitarian affairs, peace, security, governance and climate change, which will be used to enrich the baseline assessment study and training manual.
- x In this regard, the workshop has validated the baseline assessment study.
- x Ladies and Gentlemen, the complex and often protracted crises and fragile post-conflict situations in Africa, which has also been compounded by the -

- x This calls for adopting comprehensive and holistic approaches spanning the nexus on peace, security, development, human rights, and humanitarian affairs.
- x In 2019, the UN Secretary-General issued a global call for a decade of action to deliver the SDGs by 2030. The decade of action calls Member States to deeply orient their domestic policies and actions with the 2030 Agenda
- x This requires them to develop integrated development frameworks, empower sustainable development governance mechanisms, ensure insightful and inclusive data systems, and deliver ambitious climate plans among others.
- x In this regard and in order help strengthen the capacity of African countries in integrating the nexus in their policies and plans, OSAA is implementing an extrabudgetary project on “Strengthening the capacity of African Countries to design and implement policies that promote the nexus between peace, security and development for an accelerated implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”.
- x The project which is being implemented in close collaboration with key implementing partners including the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and UN Office of High Representative on Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UNOHRLLSU(s)-3.9 61.1 (a)Tj 0.002 Thenited Na49 (t)1 (i)1 (c

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national development plans to sustain peace and promote sustainable development

- x Our meetings today and tomorrow are equally important as they provide us with the opportunity to review and discuss contents and findings of the assessment study and training manual and enrich them.
- x Following, which we will validate the baseline assessment study
- x Both documents will be officially launched at a global platform in due course
- x Finally, I wish you fruitful deliberations and look forward to the outcome of the workshops.
- x I thank you.