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STATEMENT
Sub-regional virtual Workshops 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 Southern and Eastern Africa Sub-regions

8-9 June 2021

- Distinguished Participates and Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen. All protocol observed.
- I would like to first welcome you all to this 2-day virtual sub-regional workshop for Southern and Eastern Africa.
- 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.
- The Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) through its advocacy and analytical work, continues to highlight emerging and persisting challenges in promoting the nexus approach in Africa.
- It has collaborated with 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.
- 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 their linkages with development in their own planning processes.

extra-budgetary 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)”.

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- The baseline assessment study assesses the degree of awareness and capacity of African countries to formulate and implement policies that reinforce the interlinkages on development, peace, security, humanitarian efforts and human rights.
- The study also seeks to assess the understanding of the nexus at national level and therefore the capacity needed to implement policies and strategies that take into consideration the nexus approach.
- Based on the baseline study, a training manual has also been prepared
- The four sub-regional studies on the interlinkages between the development, peace and security, human rights, and humanitarian pillars, prepared by ECA are complementary to the regional baseline assessment study.