



**Joint Communiqué
Between
IGAD
and
the Budapest Centre for Mass Atrocities Prevention**

On June 13, 2016- The Budapest Centre for Mass Atrocities Prevention (BCMAP) hosted a workshop of the African Task Force on Mass Atrocities Prevention Initiative (ATF) with the Peace and Security Division of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and IGAD's Conflict Early Warning and Response Mechanism (CEWARN) in Addis Ababa.

The ATF is an initiative of the BCMAP that was launched in Addis Ababa on 18 March, 2015 to map the capabilities in preventing political instability and mass atrocities of five regional organizations in Africa (AU, IGAD, ECOWAS, ICGLR and SADC).

At the launch event, the five African Organizations expressed their firm support for the mission and objectives of the initiative and their readiness to collaborate with the ATF composed of prominent researchers from Africa.

During the workshop, the representatives of the the ATF and the BCMAP shared findings of the research on the relevant capabilities of the IGAD's Peace and Security Division with key officials of the division and CEWARN. The workshop participants also conducted a constructive discussion on the findings and agreed on the need to enhance cooperation between IGAD's Peace and Security Division and the BCMAP, with a view to boost regional capacities for prevention of mass atrocities - as part of IGAD's ongoing efforts in Conflict Prevention, Managment and Resolution.

In this light, IGAD-PSD and BCMAP expressed interest to conclude a Memorandum of Understanding that will inform future cooperation. **END**

Done in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 13 June 2016