



## AGI FRIDAYS

### **'Reform of the Security Sector and Reform of the African State'**

**September 30, 2011, Dakar, Senegal**

**Hotel Fleur de Lys 9:30-12:30**

#### **I- CONTEXT**

In the framework of its activities of advanced dialogue, political advocacy and operational reflection for the implementation of Developmental Governance, the Africa Governance Institute (AGI) will hold a session of its AGI Fridays on **Friday, September 30, 2011, from 9:30am to 12:30pm on the topic "Reform of the Security Sector and Reform of the African State."**

#### **II- JUSTIFICATION**

The reform of the security sector occupies an important place on the African governance agenda. On one hand, it no longer only concerns post-conflict countries; the recent social, political and post-election crises experienced across the continent, as well as the violence, implies that the security forces that are involved often worsen the situation and increase the number of states concerned. On the other hand, even in seemingly 'stable' states, political leaders are faced with recurring citizens' demands for the democratization and recalibration of defense and security forces, along with other national priorities, in order to achieve effective development in an environment of peace and security. Finally, and more generally, such reform also questions the conditions for the possibility of constructing a capable Developmental State in countries emerging from crisis or conflict.

Three questions arise:

- How do we analyze the widening of the issue of reform of the security sector?
- Can we think the reform of security sector reform without simultaneously thinking of the reform of the state?
- How do we combine the two processes in order to create conditions for state capacity building in countries emerging from conflict or in post-conflict?

The 'AGI FRIDAYS' session of September 30, 2011 will aim to answer these questions.

#### **III- FORMAT**

- 1/. Welcome speech by AGI Executive Director, 5mn;
- 2/. Three main interventions, 1h30;
- 3/. General Discussion moderated by a facilitator, 1h;
- 4/. Synthesis.

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The text of the summary will be shared and published on AGI's website in English and French.

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