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NAI IN JOINT RESEARCH PROJECT WITH THE KOFI ANNAN TRAINING CENTRE

The Nordic Africa Institute (NAI) in Uppsala, Sweden, and the **Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre** (KAIPTC) in Accra, Ghana, has signed a memorandum of understanding on a joint research project. The joint research initiative will initially run over a period of two years.

The research project, titled **The African Union and the Challenge of Peace and Security in Africa**, aims at generating research-based analysis and knowledge to inform critical policymaking institutions within the African Union and Nordic institutions engaging with the AU. Results of the project will be disseminated through policy dialogues and joint publications.

"It is very satisfying that the Nordic Africa Institute has added the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre to its range of institutional partners", says Ms. Carin Norberg, Director of NAI.

"The KAIPTC is a centre of excellence for research in conflict prevention and peace studies. We can build on each other's strengths to deliver high quality knowledge for improved decision making", says Fantu Cheru, NAI Research Director.

For more information on the NAI agreement with KAIPTC please contact NAI communications officer Christian Palme, phone: +46-18562237 or by e-mail: christian.palme@nai.uu.se

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