



CONCEPT NOTE

HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON HAITI

Hosted by:

The Republic of Kenya

and

The United States of America

on the sidelines of 80th Session of United Nations General Assembly,
an in-person discussion to highlight Kenya's perspectives on the Multinational Security Support (MSS) Mission to Haiti including its experience and lessons learned in the past year and urge global support for the transition of MSS Mission to the Gang Suppression Force (GSF) and establishment of a UN Support Office in Haiti.

Date: Monday, September 22, 2025

Time: 8:00 am – 8.55 am (EDT)

Venue: UNHQ CR7

1. Background

Haiti has experienced worsening security situation compounded by sharp escalation in gang-related violence, prompting the people of Haiti to seek international support. On 6 October 2022, Haiti's Council of Ministers formally requested the deployment of a specialized international force and technical assistance to strengthen the Haitian National Police (HNP) and restore security.

In response, the Security Council approved the establishment of a Multinational Security Support (MSS) Mission to Haiti in UNSC Resolution 2699, led by Kenya, to operate in close coordination with the Haitian Government. The MSS, a mission funded through voluntary contributions, is tasked with supporting the HNP in joint operations, countering gang activity, protecting critical infrastructure, enhancing overall security, and ensuring safe access for humanitarian aid.

2. Multinational Security Support Mission to Haiti

Following Security Council authorization, participating Member States, led by Kenya, established the Multinational Security Support Mission to Haiti. The mission with an envisioned strength of 2,500 was mandated to provide operational support to the HNP, enhance capacity through joint operations, protect critical installations, and ensure safe humanitarian access.

Funding: The MSS mission is supported through a voluntary UN Trust Fund, presently totaling USD 113,057,84. Approximately USD 54.6 million within the UN Trust Fund remains unallocated.

The MSS Mission has faced acute shortfall in provision of equipment and logistical support that have limited the attainment of its envisaged mandate. In spite of these shortcomings, the mission has achieved notable successes including securing the government, strategic installations and infrastructure, and the reopening of schools, amongst others. However, sustenance and expansion of gains made has been curtailed by the lack of resources, which gangs are taking advantage of. In view of this situation, the UNSC directed the SG to conduct a comprehensive study of the situation of Haiti and propose possible options of an enhanced role of the UN. The SG submitted his report that proposed the establishment of a UN Support Office in February 2025.

3. Transitioning the MSS mission to a Gang Suppression Force (GSF)

The UN Security Council is currently negotiating a resolution to transition the MSS Mission to a new Gang Suppression Force (GSF) with a robust mandate to take the fight to the gangs. With the added support of a UN Support Office to relieve logistical challenges plagued by the MSS Mission, the new GSF, with its ceiling of 5500 personnel, has the full backing of the Haitian government to restore peace and restore security for the Haitian people.

4. Purpose of Meeting:

- i. Highlight Kenya's perspectives on the Multinational Security Support Mission (MSSM) in Haiti, including the country's experiences, lessons learned, and insights for enhancing future security support for Haiti.
- ii. Urge adoption of the resolution to transition the MSS Mission to the Gang Suppression Force (GSF) and establish a UN Support Office in Haiti.

5. Desired Outcome

- Understanding of Kenya's experience and key lessons learned from its participation as lead nation in the Multinational Security Support Mission (MSSM) in Haiti.
- Articulation of MSSM's achievements, challenges, and operational gaps since deployment.
- Highlight how the UN Support Office and Gang Suppression Force (GSF) building on the gains made by MSSM can restore security to Haiti.

6. Participants

- UNSC Member States
- CARICOM
- OAS
- MSS Contributing Nations
- Friends of Haiti
- UN Secretariat

7. Format/ flow of the programme

0800am–0803am: Welcoming Remarks by the Hon. Dr. Musalia Mudavadi, EGH,
Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and
Diaspora Affairs.

0803am–0810am: Short video from the MSSM and Remarks from the Mr. Godfrey
Otunge, MSS Force Commander.

0810am-0820am: Remarks by His Excellency, Dr. William Ruto, CGH, President
of the Republic of Kenya.

0820am-0825am: Remarks by Mr. Christopher Landau, US Deputy Secretary of
State.

0825am-0830am: Remarks by His Excellency M. Laurent Saint Cyr,
President of the Presidential Transitional Council of Haiti.

0830am- 0850am: Interactive Dialogue by participants

0850am- 0855am: Closing Remarks and vote thanks, by Amb (DR) Monica Juma,
(Oxon), EGH, National Security Advisor

8. Logistics

a. Seating

Please arrive by 7:50 am to be seated. Participation in the meeting will be limited to Principal+2 for each Member State delegation. One seat with a digital nameplate will be assigned to all confirmed delegations with additional seating for the accompanying delegates behind the principal. Enquiries on special event tickets and access passes should be directed to DPR@kenyaun.org.

b. Interpretation

Interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish.

c. Media

There will be open media coverage for the entire event.