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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **NATIONAL AND REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS ON COUNTRY STRUCTURAL VULNERABILITY AND RESILIENCE ASSESSMENT (CSVRA) OF GHANA**

**Accra, 3 November 2017:** The Republic of Ghana concluded National and Regional level consultations on Country Structural Vulnerability and Resilience Assessment (CSVRA) and Country Structural Vulnerability Mitigation Strategy (CSVMS), which were held from 24 to 27 October, 30 to 31 October and 2-3 November 2017, in Accra, Tamale and Kumasi respectively. In the framework of the implementation of the Continental Structural Conflict Prevention Framework (CSCPF) of the African Union, that seeks to facilitate a Commission-wide coordinated approach to conflict prevention, and as part of the implementation of the decisions of the Peace and Security Council (PSC) on Structural Conflict Prevention, the African Union Commission (AUC) provided assistance to the Republic of Ghana, in the conduct of CSVRA and its resultant CSVMS processes.

The national and regional level consultations represented the launch of the CSVRA process in Ghana that will culminate in the development of strategic and medium to long-term measures that are designed to address the structural vulnerabilities in the country. The process also aims to identify structural stability and resilience indicators that makes the Republic of Ghana more resilient to conflict. It further explores the dimensions upon which the AU and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) can best support the actions to be undertaken in the implementation of the mitigation strategy.

In his opening remarks at the national consultation, the Honorable Minister of National Security of the Republic of Ghana, H.E Mr. Albert Kan-Dapaah, expressed his appreciation to the African Union, for providing the necessary support to assist the country address its structural vulnerabilities as well as sustain peace and development. He reiterated Ghana's commitment to advance the cause of peace, security and democratization on the continent by volunteering as the first country to conduct the CSVRA. The AU and ECOWAS representatives also expressed their appreciation and gratitude to the Government and people of Ghana for championing the cause of structural conflict prevention in Africa, and for its role in the maintenance of peace in the region as well as on the continent.

The national and regional level consultations facilitated the identification of structural vulnerabilities, resilience factors and set in motion a process that enables the development of strategic and medium to long-term measures to strengthen the democratic governance for the sustenance of peace, security and acceleration of rapid socio-economic transformation in the country. The final report of the CSVRA and CSVMS processes will be launched by the Government of Ghana in early 2018.

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