



PEACEMAKING ADVISORY GROUP (PAG) – CABO DELGADO
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The Chair of the Peacemaking Advisory Group Cabo Delgado (PAG), Bishop Trevor Mwamba and PAG member Bishop Denis Matsolo made a first preparatory visit to Pemba in the period 26 to 29 February 2023.

1. Meeting with Governor, H.E. Valige Tauabo

Upon their arrival in Pemba, Bishop Trevor Mwamba and Bishop Denis Matsolo were received by the Governor of Cabo Delgado, H.E. Valige Tauabo. The Bishops explained the objectives of PAG to contribute to peace in Cabo Delgado by assisting in the facilitation of dialogue for peace. They provided the Governor with an overview of the history and of the composition of the PAG and announced that the first visit by the PAG as a whole, was envisaged to take place in the period 29 January to 12 February 2023.

The Governor warmly welcomed the Bishops to Cabo Delgado and expressed his full appreciation and support for the initiative. The visit was, in the view of the Governor, most timely. While the military approach had brought a certain measure of stability to Cabo Delgado, the time had now arrived to address the root causes of the conflict in the province and this could only be done through well prepared, open and frank dialogue.

The Governor underlined that he was looking forward to an intensive and prolonged cooperation, resulting in the return of peaceful conditions in his province.

2. Meeting with Local Religious leaders and Civil Society Stakeholders

Bishop Trevor Mwamba and Bishop Denis Matsolo then met religious leaders and representatives of civil society. The objectives of PAG were presented, and provided an overview of the history and of the composition of the PAG provided, as well as the upcoming first visit by the PAG as a whole.

The religious leaders and representatives of civil society expressed their full support for the initiative and stressed that the root causes of the conflict in the province should be addressed through dialogue. The religious leaders and representatives of civil society were inspired and encouraged by the initiative and assured the Bishops that they were fully prepared to work for the return of peaceful conditions in the province.

3. Meeting with The SADC Mission to Mozambique (SAMIM).

Bishop Trevor Mwamba and Bishop Denis Matsolo spoke to the Head of SADC Mission to Mozambique (SAMIM) and SAMIM staff and met a Senior Advisor. They explained the objectives of PAG and provided SAMIM with an overview of the PAG, thereby announcing the upcoming first visit by the PAG as a whole. SAMIM gave a full briefing on its mission, on progress so far and on envisaged activities over the coming period.

SAMIM welcomed the PAG initiative and expressed support for the PAG work. SAMIM indicated that while military operations were in progress, the root causes of the conflict needed to be addressed through dialogue.

4. The First Mission by the PAG to Cabo Delgado

The visit by Bishop Trevor Mwamba and Bishop Denis Matsolo laid a solid foundation for the subsequent first mission by the PAG to Cabo Delgado, which took place in the period 29 January to 12 February 2023 and which is documented in PAG report nr. II.

ABOUT THE PEACEMAKING ADVISORY GROUP

Objective - The purpose of the Peacemaking Advisory Group (PAG) is to create a platform for engagement to ensure all communities are heard, based on mutual respect and *ubuntu*, to de-escalate intercommunal tensions and unlock development potential.

Membership - The PAG is a regional civil society-led initiative that is politically neutral and harnesses the experience and expertise of its constituent members to support peace and development in Southern Africa through listening and dialogue.

The PAG is chaired by Bishop Trevor Mwamba, Bishop of the Anglican Church, and President of the United National Independence Party (UNIP), and comprises the following members:

- Ms. Alice Mogwe, Executive Director of Ditshwanelo (Botswana Human Rights Centre), and President of the International Federation of Human Rights.
- Sheikh Aminuddin Muhammad Ibrahim, President of the Islamic Council of Mozambique, State Council member of the Current President, President of the Council of Religions of Mozambique, and Founder of the Hamza Institute.
- Bishop Dinis Matsolo, President of the Justice, Peace, and Reconciliation Commission of Christian Council of Mozambique (CCM) and Executive Director of PIRCOM, Republic of Mozambique.
- Ms. Fatma Karume, leading Human Rights Lawyer, United Republic of Tanzania.
- Sheikh Nassurulahe Intizame Dula, President of the Islamic Congress of Mozambique in Cabo Delgado
- Ambassador Roeland van de Geer, Chairman of the European Board of Good Governance Africa and former Ambassador of the Netherlands to Mozambique.

The PAG has the support of the Eminent Persons Group (EPG), comprised of distinguished leaders from the region, as well as an advisory council comprising a broad range of experienced peacebuilding and development specialist.