

## **African solutions for African problems: A wishful thinking**

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There are increasing suggestions that the emergence of a more peaceful and prosperous Africa depends on the implementation of 'African solutions to Africa's problems' through security communities.

This principle may sound politically correct but as a policy it is cynical, hypocritical and misleading since there is a fundamental contradiction between the concept in theory and in practice due to internal and external factors. This paper attempts to demonstrate that the complex problems in Africa are part of the complex global systemic interaction, which often counteracts the stated principle and the potential of the AU and its regional economic communities (RECs) to become efficient security communities. I argue that since Africa's problems are not only African but also global problems, solutions for Africa can only be global systemic too. African solutions for African problems is a wishful thinking since conflicts in Africa are characterized by multilayered structures and embedded in the international system. The paper attempts to show that the rapid integration of Africa into the current international system has substantially contributed to the intensification of conflicts.