



**ECCAS-ECOWAS preparatory meeting
on the joint Summit of Heads of State of ECCAS and ECOWAS
on peace, security, radicalization and violent extremism
within the ECCAS-ECOWAS space.**

On 20 April, an ECCAS-ECOWAS consultation meeting took place in Lomé, Republic of Togo, under the co-presidency of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Togo and the Republic of Gabon, their Excellencies, Professor Robert DUSSEY, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and African Integration of the Republic of Togo, and Mr. Noël Nelson MESSONE, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation, Francophonie and Regional Integration, in charge of Gabonese Abroad of the Republic of Gabon, in their respective capacities as presidents of the Councils of Ministers of both Communities.

In attendance were:

- His Excellency, Ambassador Ahmad ALLAM-MI, Secretary-General of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS);
- Madam Finda KOROMA, Vice-President of the Commission of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS);
- Mr. François Louncény FALL, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Central Africa (UNOCA);
- Mr. Mohamed Ibn CHAMBAS, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS).

The meeting took place within the context of preparations for the joint Summit of ECCAS and ECOWAS Heads of State on peace, security, radicalization and violent extremism within the ECCAS-ECOWAS space.

The meeting materializes the willingness of the Heads of State of both Communities to strengthen consultation and cooperation in terms of peace/security and the fight against violent extremism within the ECCAS-ECOWAS space.

Following a stock-taking exercise on the security situation and initiatives already undertaken towards the organization of the Summit, the Ministers agreed on the objectives, themes to be discussed, expected results and mechanisms to prepare for the Summit.

They also agreed that the Summit should be held in the course of July 2018.

Done in Lomé, on 20 April 2018