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AND POLICY CENTRE**

Concept Note

Launch of the Inaugural Mashariki Security Journal

27th February 2025

Background

On the 27th February 2025, The Mashariki Research and Policy Centre (MRPC) shall inaugurate a special issue of the *Mashariki Security Journal*. This special issue is themed on *Peace and Security in Eastern Africa: Issues, Challenges, and Prospects*. The journal is poised to offer a research and knowledge policy exchange platform within the security studies domain. It discusses threats to contemporary peace and security in the region to include; state fragility, transnational threats, elections management, environmental degradation, political economy and identity challenges. It is envisaged to be a critical voice in scholarship that directly contributes to shaping regional issues from a problem-solving perspective. It adopts an interdisciplinary focus, while supporting academic freedoms.

As the journal is launched, the event will take stock of the Centre's key milestones in the past year, having been established in February 2024. These shall include situating the historical evolution of Centre's research and policy work that has been underpinned by five research programs namely: Security and Peace Building, Geopolitics and World Order, Trade and Development, Climate Change and the Environment, Technology and Governance. The occasion will conclude with the launch of the Centre's revamped website informed by an evaluation of MRPC's impact and reach.



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The milestones signal the growing MPRC brand and its pursuit to be the premier go-to think tank for security analysis in the Eastern Africa region. The Centre remains adaptable and cognizant of the changing security, development and diplomatic landscape. In this regard it shall retain a futuristic outlook that is responsive to market needs, with commitments to sustaining existing partnerships while forging new ones in pursuit of a secure and prosperous region.

This event will bring together policymakers, diplomats, academia, think-tanks, regional and international organizations.

Launch Outcomes

The launch is convened with the following outcomes:

- i) Inauguration of the Centre's flagship product-*Mashariki Security Journal*.
- ii) Stakeholders sensitization of the MRPC research and policy outputs.
- iii) Unveiling of a revamped MPRC website.
- iv) Prioritization of research and policy agendas in the security studies domain.

Launch Format

The Hybrid event will feature a keynote address, eminent speakers, paper presentations and interactive sessions. Thereafter, participants are invited for a networking lunch.

Contact Information

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