

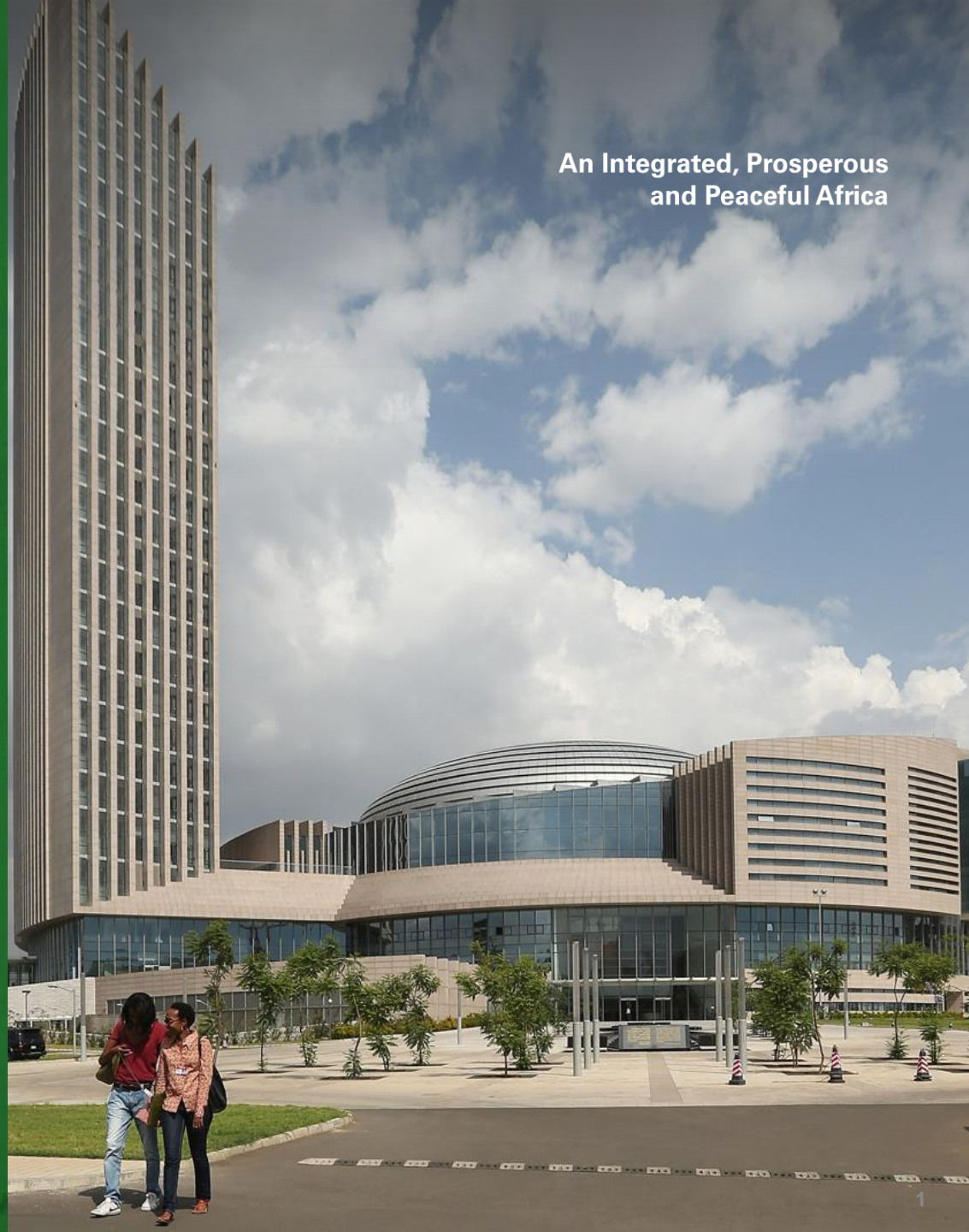


# Online Child Sexual Exploitation: AU Response

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## **Title**

Strengthening Regional and National Capacity and Action against Online Child Sexual Exploitation in Africa

## **Duration**

2 Years (April 2018 to March 2020)

## **Funding**

UK Home Office, Commonwealth Fund



# Why this project?

- Overall progress in addressing OCSE in Africa has been slow
- Serious limitations in legislative frameworks to address OCSE across the continent
- Awareness and understanding of these forms of criminality among policymakers often remains limited

# Why this project?

- Problem likely to become explosive in Africa due to a combination of rapidly rising connectivity, limited regulation, little awareness, and poverty
- The urgent need for region wide perspective in addressing OCSE

# Guiding Frameworks

- The African Union Convention on Cyber Security and Personal Data Protection 2014.
- The African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child
- The AU Plan of Action on Drug Control and Crime Prevention (2013-2019)
- The Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime (also known as the 'Budapest Convention')

# Guiding Frameworks

- The Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography (OPSC)
- The Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse

## **To strengthen African Union Member States'**

- ✓ awareness and understanding of OCSE,
- ✓ political commitment to ending this crime, and
- ✓ institutional capacity to address OCSE



## Through: -

- Building evidence and understanding of the existing capabilities to address OCSE in all AU Member States

## Through: -

- Capacity building activities to build national motivation and ability to address OCSE. AU will work in partnership with different stakeholders including INTERPOL, UN, ECPAT and other specialised agencies and national institutions

## Through: -

- Development of Database to monitor progress by Member States in addressing OCSE. This will monitor how countries are doing in regard to legislation on OCSE, building capabilities of law enforcement and judicial officers among other issues.

## Through: -

- Facilitation and development of multi-stakeholder mechanisms that will bring together relevant stakeholders including law enforcement, judiciary, private sector, government represents etc to begin tackling this issue within the targeted countries.

## Through: -

- Supporting the development of national action plans that ensure OCSE is addressed

Thank you!

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