Codebook - The South American Defense Council Initiatives Database

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- *init_code*: a unique id attributed to each initiative.
- *ori_name_ap*: the original name of each initiative, in Spanish, as in SADC Action Plans. Multiple names were reported when an initiative was included in multiple Action Plans.
- *transl_simpl_name*: the name of each initiative translated to English. When names were too long, I reduced them.
- *axis*: the SADC axis that each initiative was related to, as reported in the Action Plans. When initiatives did not fit these axes, I included special codes.
- *issue*: the themes approached by each initiative. Based on their titles, I manually coded to which issue they were related, such as cyberdefense, confidence-building, peace operations, or natural disasters.
- *outcome*: the intended immediate outcomes of each initiative, e.g., to organize a seminar, workshop, to develop a common protocol, or a policy. I manually coded it, based on their titles and their developments, as reported in SADC meeting records.
- *leader*: the country(ies) that became responsible for each initiative. Co-responsibles were not included.
- *first_ap*: the first Action Plan in which each initiative became included, when applicable. For Action Plans that mentioned two years (e.g., 2009-2010 and 2010-2011), I reported the latter year.
- *proposition*: the exact proposition date of each initiative, as mentioned in SADC meeting records.
- *result*: the final status of each initiative, i.e., if it was implemented, failed, merged into another initiative, sent to other UNASUR Councils, or related to a continuous working group. The sources where these results can be found are presented in the variable *source_completion*.
- *duration*: the number of months from the proposition of an initiative (*proposition*) until its completion (*date_result*). This variable only applies to implemented initiatives.
- *date_result*: the day on which each initiative became implemented. When there was no information about the exact day, it was coded as the first day of the related month. Data were obtained from documents mentioned in *source_completion*.
- *source_completion*: the sources deployed to conclude whether an initiative was implemented or not, as well as the date of its implementation or failure, when available.
- *action_plans*: the Action Plans in which each initiative was included.
- *obs*: extra information about any initiative, when applicable.