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BIOGRAPHIES

LEADERSHIP

Dr. Eugene Cloete is Professor and Vice Rector for Research, Innovation and Postgraduate Studies at Stellenbosch University. Dr. Cloete has pioneered nanotechnology applications in the water industry and has demonstrated the application of nanotechnology, by developing and patenting a water purification filter based on functionalised nanofibers, especially applicable in rural areas. This invention was termed one of 10 world-changing ideas by the *Scientific American* journal in 2010.

Dr. Cloete is the founding director of two successful water institutes at the University of Pretoria (2004) and SU (2010) respectively. He also founded a network of Water Centres of Excellence in Southern Africa on behalf of the African Union. Dr. Cloete's research in the application of nanotechnology in the water industry led to nine patents.

Among the other awards Dr. Cloete has received over the years are a Gold Medal from the Academy of Science of South Africa, the South African Academy of Science and Arts' Havenga Prize for Biology, and a Silver Medal from the South African Society for Microbiology. He was also elected as a Fellow of the American Academy for Microbiology, the International Water Association, the Water Institute of South Africa and the Royal Society of South Africa. Dr. Cloete has published numerous peer-reviewed scientific articles, and a number of books.

Col. (ret.) Daniel Hampton is Chief of Staff and Professor of Practice for Security Studies at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies. He brings more than 20 years of experience developing and implementing U.S. defense policy and strategy in Africa. As professor of practice in security studies, he oversees curriculum and program management in the areas of defense institution building, national security strategy, and civil-military cooperation. During the course of his 30-year military career, Col. Hampton served as the U.S. senior defense official to South Africa and defense attaché to Malawi, Lesotho, Swaziland, and Zimbabwe. Additionally, he was a senior policy adviser to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the Horn of Africa region.

Col. Hampton holds an M.A. in African studies from the University of Illinois; an M.A. in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA; and a B.A. in history from Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC.

Dr. Nico Norman Koopman is Vice Rector Social Impact, Transformation and Personnel at Stellenbosch University. He attended school in Koegasbrug, Lime Acres and Kimberley. His academic qualifications were conferred by the University of the Western Cape, and he received his doctorate at the VU University Amsterdam. He served as Pastor of the Uniting Reformed Church in Atlantis, as a student chaplain at the University of the Western Cape, formerly Peninsula Technikon and Bellville College of Education, and as lecturer in theology and vice-rector of the Huguenot College in Wellington. He was appointed as senior lecturer in Systematic Theology at Stellenbosch University in 2001, where he was promoted to associate professor in 2004 and full professor in 2007. Since 2002 he also serves as Director of the Beyers Naudé Center for Public Theology. His research, teaching and community interaction resorts in the area of Public Theology. He became the first chairperson of the Global Network for Public Theology in 2007, where he spent ten months at the Center of Theological Inquiry in Princeton for research in Public Theology.

Dr. Michelle Nel, BLC, LLB (Pret) and LLM, LLD (Unisa), is Vice Dean of Social Impact and Personnel and a senior lecturer in Criminal and Military Law and the Law of Armed Conflict at the Faculty of Military Science, Stellenbosch University. She joined the Defence Legal Services Division in 1996 as a prosecutor and was appointed as a lecturer in the Department of Mercantile and Public Law (Mil) of the Faculty of Military Science in 2002. She was admitted as advocate to the High Court in the Cape of Good Hope in 2005 and completed her Doctor of Laws in 2012. She also serves as part-time researcher and fellow in the maritime hub of the Security Institute for Governance and Leadership in Africa of Stellenbosch University. Her areas of research include International Law, Military Law and Maritime Security. Her work has been published in South Africa and internationally.

FACILITATORS

Dr. Yussuf Adam is an Associate Professor of Contemporary History at the University of Eduardo Mondlane in Maputo, Mozambique. He has taught a range of subjects relating to history and political economy in Mozambique and Southern Africa, and has authored numerous articles and reports in addition to two books. Dr. Adam also previously worked as a journalist, broadcasting in both English and Portuguese. He completed his PhD at Roskilde University in Denmark.

Brig. Gen. (ret.) Saleh Bala was commissioned into the Nigerian Army on 15 December 1984. Served in various command, staff and training positions, which include company commander, 72 Parachute Battalion (1987-88), instructor at the Nigerian Army Infantry School, Airborne, Tactics and Special Warfare Wings (1988-93). He also served as an instructor at the Nigerian Defence Academy (1993-95), as well as a Directing Staff at the Nigerian Armed Forces Command and Staff College (2002-2004) and the National Defence College (2009-2011). Bala had peacekeeping experience as a UN Military Observer at the United Nations Verification Mission in Angola (1995-96) and was Military Chief of Staff,

United Nations Operations in Cote D'Ivoire (2011-2012). He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Literature, from the University of Maiduguri, Nigeria (1982) and a Masters Degrees in International Peace Studies, from the University for Peace, San Jose, Costa Rica (2006) and another Masters in National Security Strategy, from the National Defence University, National War College, Washington DC (2009). His last military assignment was as the Chief of Staff, Nigerian Army Infantry Corps Center (2012-13). He is an alumnus of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, Sanremo, Italy, International Refugee Law Course (2010) and a member of the institution's Training Advisory Group. He is now the Chief Executive Officer of White Ink Consult; a Defence and security policy research and development, strategic communication and training company. At present, General Bala works in a consultant capacity, as the Senior Special Adviser (Policy and Strategy Development) to the Honourable Minister of Interior, Federal Republic on Nigeria.

Dr. Felipe Manuel Pathé Duarte is an Assistant Professor at the Higher Institute of Police Sciences and Internal Security in Lisbon, Portugal. He is the Vice-President and spokesman of the Portuguese Observatory for Security, Organized Crime and Terrorism. Dr. Duarte is a consultant/researcher at VisionWare for geopolitical analysis and a post-doc researcher at the Autonomous University of Lisbon, where he examines European southern flank security issues and how threats are managed and engaged. Dr. Duarte regularly lectures at the Portuguese Institute of National Defense and at various training courses of the Armed Forces.

Dr. Benjamin Nickels is Associate Professor of Counterterrorism and Counterinsurgency at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies. In this capacity, he partners with African civil society and government leaders on security solutions that promote human rights, democratic values, and civil-military relations. He has worked with security professionals on the ground in 21 African countries and several European nations. Dr. Nickels' research focuses on terrorism and counterterrorism, political violence, and human security in the Sahel, North Africa, and the Horn of Africa, as well as security cooperation in Africa and the role of U.S., European, and other international actors. He serves on the editorial board of the Marine Corps University Journal and as a contributor on Sahel and North African security for Sada, a journal of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

Prior to joining the Africa Center, Dr. Nickels was faculty researcher at the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism, where he analyzed the impacts of counterterrorism campaigns against Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, homegrown Islamist terrorism in the United Kingdom, and other threats. Fluent in French and familiar with Arabic, Dr. Nickels has lectured in French and English at government meetings, international forums, and leading academic institutions, such as Georgetown and Harvard. Dr. Nickels has received numerous academic awards, including a Fulbright scholarship to Morocco and a Chateaubriand fellowship in France. He holds a doctorate with distinction in history from the University of Chicago.

Brig. Gen. (ret.) Joyce Ng'wane Puta is the current Chairman for the Zambia Ex- Servicemen League and a Consultant in Peace and Conflict, HIV/ AIDS and Gender related issues. Puta has been facilitator with ACSS since 2006 in many seminars and programs. Puta retired from the Zambian Army after 37 years of service as Brigadier General. In her last posting, she served as Defence attaché to Beijing, China. In addition, she was seconded to the UN and served for a total of 5 years and 9 months in UNMSET East Timor and UNMIL in Liberia as HIV/ AIDS Policy Advisor. Puta has also served as HIV/ AIDS Coordinator in the Zambia Defence Force as well as Regional HIV/ AIDS Coordinator for Eastern and Southern Africa Region for 7 years during the peak of the epidemic. She holds a Master's Degree in Peace and Conflict Studies from Dag Hammarskjöld Institute of Peace and Conflict and the Copperbelt University, a MPH from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, an advanced diploma in Health Systems Management from the Royal College of Nursing London and a diploma in HIV/ AIDS Management from San Jose, California. She has also completed the Senior Command Course at Kamwala Staff College in Lusaka.

Dr. Hussein Solomon holds a D.Litt et Phil (Political Science) from the University of South Africa. Currently he is Senior Professor in the Department of Political Science, University of Free State. His previous appointments include being Executive Director of the International Institute of Islamic Studies (2009-2010); Professor and Director of the Centre for International Political Studies, University of Pretoria (2000-2010), Research Manager at the African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (1998-2000), Senior Researcher: Institute for Security Studies (1996-1998) and Research Fellow: Centre for Southern African Studies, University of the Western Cape (1993-1995). Currently he is Visiting Fellow at the MacKinder Programme for the Study of Long-Wave Events at the London School of Economics and Political Science in the United Kingdom, a Senior Associate for the Israeli-based think tank Research on Islam and Muslim in Africa, a Visiting Professor at the Osaka School of International Public Policy and a Senior Analyst for New York-based WikiStrat. Dr Solomon is also a Research Fellow with the Security Institute for Governance and Leadership in Africa (SIGLA) of Stellenbosch University and works on counter terrorism in the landward programme.

His research interests include conflict and conflict resolution in Africa; South African Foreign Policy; international relations theory; religious fundamentalism and population movements within the developing world. His publications have appeared in South Africa; Nigeria; the United States; the United Kingdom; Switzerland; The Russian Federation; Greece; The Netherlands; Norway; Denmark; Egypt; Ethiopia; Israel, Lebanon; India; Bangladesh; Spain and Japan.

His most recent books includes African Security in the Twenty-First Century: Challenges and Opportunities (with Stephen Emerson, Manchester University Press, 2018), Understanding Boko Haram and Insurgency in Africa (with Jim Hentz, Routledge, 2017),

Islamic State and the Coming Global Confrontation (Palgrave Macmillan, 2016), Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism in Africa: Fighting Insurgency from Al Shabaab, Ansar Dine and Boko Haram (Palgrave Macmillan, 2015) and Jihad: A South African Perspective (Sun Media, 2013).

RESOURCE PERSONS

Dr. Kirklin Bateman is Chair, Department of War and Conflict Studies (WACS), College of International Security Affairs (CISA) of the National Defense University (NDU) in Washington, D.C. Previously Associate Dean of Curriculum Development, he was commissioned through the U.S. Army Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Kansas as an infantry officer and served throughout the United States and Southwest Asia in air assault and mechanized infantry units. He career field designated as a strategist and completed assignments with the Joint Staff, Army Staff, and Army Cyber Command. He was principal author of the 2004 and 2005 CJCS Risk Assessment of the National Military Strategy and on the writing team of the 2004 National Military Strategy and 2005 National Defense Strategy. He was also the principal author of the 2007 Army Strategic Planning Guidance. In addition to CISA, he has also served on the faculty at the U.S. Army Infantry Officer Advanced Course and the U.S. Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School and has ten years of experience teaching Professional Military Education and Joint Professional Military Education at the tactical, operational, and strategic levels of war. He retired as a colonel in 2013 after twenty-five years of commissioned service.

Mr. Willem Els joined the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) in 2013 as a Senior Training Coordinator in the Transnational Threats and International Crime Programme in Pretoria. Before joining the ISS, he was commander of the Pretoria Explosives Unit and the Head of Explosives Training of the South African Police Service (SAPS). Willem joined the SAPS in 1984 and served in various units including the Special Guard Unit, Anti Hijacking Unit, Crime Intelligence Service, Technical Support Unit and Explosives Unit, where he was responsible for various bomb disposal courses for the Explosives Unit, K9 unit, VIP unit, and Special Task Force. Willem holds a BA Degree in Policing Practice and has completed various bomb disposal and investigation courses in South Africa and abroad. Willem is currently the co-facilitator of the Technical Committee that is developing the Regional Counter Terrorism Strategy for the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR). He also serves as the lead facilitator that present various regional and national counter terrorism and bomb disposal related courses in partnership with Interpol in Africa.

Col. Steward Changala is the current Peace Mission Training Centre Commandant for the army of the Republic of Zambia. Colonel Steward earned a Master degree in Defence and Security Studies from the University of Zambia.

Dr. Philip Jacobs served in the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development for almost twenty years, and for twenty-two years in the South African Police Service, responsible for operational legal advice to the respective operational divisions of the South African Police Service. He retired in September 2017 as Major General and received the honorary rank of Lieutenant General. He was involved in the drafting of numerous pieces of security-related legislation promoted by the Minister of Police, and also supported the drafting processes of various international agreements and memoranda of understanding on police cooperation, police involvement in peacekeeping. He has published articles on mercenary legislation, intelligence cooperation, maritime piracy and the prosecution thereof, and is presently appointed on contract as Legislation Specialist with the Civilian Secretariat for Police, which advises the Minister of Police on legislation for which he is responsible. He holds both a doctorate in Public Law and a Doctorate in Philosophy from Pretoria University.

Mr. Idriss M. Lallali is the Deputy-Director and concurrently Head of Alert and Prevention Unit at the African Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism (ACSRT). Mr. Lallali is also leading a team of experts that evaluate the Counterterrorism capacity of African Union Member States. Mr. Lallali is also the Editor in Chief of the African Journal for the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism and the AU Africa Terrorism Situation Analysis Report. Mr. Lallali is the founder of Aymen Security Group (ASG) “Consulting & Formation,” the first private security training & consulting company in Algeria. Mr. Lallali holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Corporate Security Management from the Cranfield University (Royal Military College of Science/RMCS) in the United Kingdom; an MBA in International Business from Regent’s College in London; an MA in Security Management from Webster University in the United States of America; and a BSc. of Finance from the University of Algiers.

Rev. Ray Yaw Lartey is lead officer and instructor of the Ghana Revenue Authority (Customs Division) – Counter-Terrorism Team. He is also currently a Ghana Customs Representative on Maritime Security Cluster under the auspices of the Security Governance Initiative. He has a diploma in Port and Shipping from the Regional Maritime Academy in Accra.

Professor Tim Murithi is Head, Peacebuilding Interventions Programme, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, Cape Town and also Extraordinary Professor of African Studies, University of Free State, South Africa. Previously he was the Claude Ake Visiting Professor, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University and Nordic Africa Institute, Sweden; Head of Programme, Institute for Security Studies, Addis Ababa; Senior Research Fellow, Department of Peace Studies, University of Bradford, UK; Senior Researcher, Centre for Conflict Resolution, University of Cape Town; and Programme Officer, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), Geneva, Switzerland. He is a Member of the Tana High-Level Forum on Security in Africa Technical Committee. He served as Adviser to: African Union (AU), SADC, ECOWAS, UNDP, UK DFID and German GiZ. He is author

and editor of 10 books and over 90 journal articles, book chapters and policy papers. He has authored: *The Ethics of Peacebuilding* (Edinburgh University Press, 2009); *The African Union: Pan-Africanism, Peacebuilding and Development* (Ashgate, 2005) and edited: *Routledge Handbook of Africa's International Relations* (Routledge, 2014); *The Politics of Transitional Justice in the Great Lakes Region of Africa* (Jacana, 2016); and co-edited: *The African Union: Autocracy, Diplomacy and Peacebuilding* (I.B. Tauris, 2018); *Zimbabwe in Transition: A View from Within* (Jacana, 2011).

Dr. Carlos Alexandre Reis is National Security Advisor in the Prime Minister's Cabinet for the Republic of Cabo Verde, headquartered in Praia. He completed his Degree in law at the Universidade Clássica de Lisboa - Faculty of Law of Lisbon. He underwent training for the Judicial Magistracy at the Center for Judicial Studies of Portugal. He speaks English, French, and Spanish in addition to Portuguese. He has served Cabo Verde in several different positions, the latest of which was as National Director for the Judiciary Police.

Dr. Jason Warner is an assistant professor in the Department of Social Sciences and an associate of the Combating Terrorism Center, where he directs the organization's Africa research profile. He is a specialist in African international relations and foreign policy; African security and military affairs, especially African terrorism and suicide bombing; and African international organizations, particularly the African Union. Dr. Warner holds a Ph.D. in African Studies from Harvard University; an M.A. in Government from Harvard University; an M.A. in African Studies from Yale University; and a B.A. with highest honors in International Studies from UNC-Chapel Hill. Dr. Warner is the co-editor with Timothy Shaw of the upcoming book *African Foreign Policies in International Institutions* (Palgrave-Macmillan, 2018) and has published in academic journals including *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *African Security*, *Small Wars and Insurgencies*, *The Journal of Modern African Studies*, *The Journal of Human Security*, and *CTC Sentinel*, among others. He is also the co-author of two CTC reports on the demographic and operational profiles of Boko Haram and al-Shabaab's suicide bombers.

Mr. Antonio Varela is the general director of Cape Verde's National Intelligence service and a professor of introduction to law with a wide range of interests in the area of money laundering prevention, illegal narcotics and weapons smuggling. Antonio completed his law degree at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil and a Master in Public security at the Federal University of Pará in Brazil. Antonio has attended and served as a speaker on roughly thirty conference and training programs and is the former Director of general administration at the Central Bank of Cape Verde. In addition, Antonio has served as the deputy program manager at AIF, jurist at the Central Bank of Cape Verde, jurist at the Statistical National Institute and the coordinator of the Financial Intelligence Unit of Cape Verde. Antonio is a native Portuguese speaker and has a working knowledge of French and English.

Professor Francois Vreÿ is Professor Emeritus in Military Sciences at Stellenbosch University. He completed his PhD with the Institute for Futures Research of Stellenbosch University Business School. He lectured in the Faculty of Military Science at Stellenbosch University for 22 years, and now serves as the Research Coordinator for the Security Institute for Governance and Leadership in Africa (SIGLA), at Stellenbosch University. Dr. Vreÿ is a C1 Rated Researcher of the National Research Foundation of South Africa and a former editor of the accredited academic journal *Scientia Militaria: South African Journal of Military Studies*. He is also the South African associate of a partnership with the Faculty of the Royal Danish Defence College on strategic culture and Africa – a partnership that has culminated in five international conferences since 2009 on African military affairs and three books – the latest being *Towards Good Order at Sea: African Experiences* (2015) and *The African Standby Force: Quo Vadis?* (2017). His research fields include future warfare and Africa’s emerging maritime security setting and maritime security governance off Africa in particular. He also lectures to military staff courses of the SA National Defence Force and the Royal Danish Defence College, is visiting lecturer with the University of Namibia (UNAMIB) and serves as supervisor, co-supervisor, and examiner for Masters and PhD candidates.

Mr. George Mukundi Wachira is Chief Executive Officer of the Maendeleo Group, where he leads technical support and strategic advisory on democratic governance, constitutionalism, rule of law, human rights, sustainable development, peace and security in Africa – in particular treaty and legal drafting. Previously, he was Head, African Governance Architecture (AGA) Secretariat for the African Union.

Mr. William Wechsler is a senior fellow on national security and counterterrorism at the Middle East Institute. Wechsler’s most recent position in government was deputy assistant secretary of defense for special operations and combating terrorism, where his work emphasized counterterrorism, counterinsurgency, and information operations. At the U.S. Department of Defense, Wechsler advised multiple secretaries on a wide range of departmental actions related to special operations and irregular warfare. In this position, Wechsler also helped provide civilian oversight of the service-like responsibilities of the U.S. Special Operations Command. Previously, Wechsler served as deputy assistant secretary of defense for counternarcotics and global threats, where his key areas of focus included institutionalizing the department’s counterthreat finance structures and doctrine. During the Clinton administration, Wechsler served as special advisor to the secretary of the Treasury, where he helped establish the legal regime and policy processes that the United States now uses to impose foreign sanctions and combat money laundering. Prior to that, he was director for transnational threats on the staff of the National Security Council at the White House and special assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon. He received his Bachelor's from Cornell University, and his Masters from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs.