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BIOGRAPHIES

LEADERSHIP

Ms. Kate Almquist Knopf has served as director of the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, an academic institution within the U.S. Department of Defense, since July 2014. Established by the U.S. Congress for the study of security issues relating to Africa, the Center serves as a forum for bilateral and multilateral research, communication, and the exchange of ideas. It aims to be an objective source of strategic analysis on contemporary and over-the-horizon security issues for African security sector professionals, policymakers, scholars, media, and civil society, as well as international partners.

Ms. Knopf has spent most of her career focused on the intersection of security and development in Africa. From 2001 to 2009, she held several senior positions at the U.S. Agency for International Development, including as assistant administrator for Africa, Sudan mission director, deputy assistant administrator for Africa, and special assistant and senior policy advisor to the administrator.

Ms. Knopf has also been a senior advisor for the Crisis Management Initiative, a conflict mediation organization founded by former Finnish President and Nobel Laureate Martti Ahtisaari, and a visiting policy fellow at the Center for Global Development. Prior to federal service, she was chief of staff for the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority and for the Executive Office for Administration and Finance of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She began her career at World Vision, an international nongovernmental organization.

Ms. Knopf holds an M.A. in international relations with concentrations in African studies and conflict management from Johns Hopkins University's Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, DC, and a B.A. in international relations from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD.

Dr. Raymond Gilpin is the Academic Dean at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies. As the dean of academic affairs, Dr. Raymond Gilpin provides leadership on all academic matters at the Africa Center and directs the design, development, and implementation of the Center's programs. His research interests include Africa's security challenges, the intersection of energy and security, resource management and conflict dynamics, financial management in Africa's security sector, and public-private partnerships and peace. Dr. Gilpin is a regular blogger and featured media commentator on African affairs, U.S.-Africa policy, energy and security, and the economic dimensions of peace.

Prior to joining the Africa Center, he was the director of the Center for Sustainable Economies at the United States Institute of Peace, where he also chaired the taskforce on business and peace, managed the web-based International Network for Economics and Conflict, and taught courses on economics and conflict at the USIP Academy. Dr. Gilpin has also served as academic chair for defense economics at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, director for international programs at Intellibridge Corporation (now part of Eurasia Group), senior economist at the African Development Bank Group, research director at the Central Bank of Sierra Leone, and economist at the World Bank.

Dr. Gilpin holds a doctorate in development economics from Cambridge University in the United Kingdom and an executive certificate in international finance and capital markets from Georgetown University.

SPEAKERS (in alphabetical order)

Mr. Benjamin D. Crockett is the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Professor of Practice at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies. In this capacity he partners with military and civilian stakeholders to maximize academic program effectiveness and explore feasible solutions to Africa's security challenges. His areas of expertise include security cooperation, political-military affairs, national security strategy, and peace support operations.

Prior to joining the Africa Center, Mr. Crockett was the principal advisor at the U.S. State Department for the African Peacekeeping Rapid Response Partnership, a peace operations capacity building program for six African countries.

Mr. Crockett concluded a 27-year career in the U.S. Army in 2015, retiring as a colonel. He served for over 20 years as a regional specialist in Middle East and African affairs, advancing U.S. defense strategy and security cooperation. His final assignment was as the regional director for East and Southern Africa in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, directing U.S. defense policy and relations with 15 countries and the African Union.

Mr. Crockett's military career also included positions on the Joint Staff and at the Defense Intelligence Agency. His overseas assignments included tours at the U.S. embassies in Egypt, Lebanon, Burkina Faso, and Sudan, the latter two as defense attaché. He began military service with postings in South Korea and Germany, and a deployment to Operation Desert Storm. He also deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Mr. Crockett holds an M.A. from Princeton University in Near East studies and a B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley in political science. His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal and the Bronze Star Medal among other military awards and decorations.

Dr. Miguel Ferreira da Silva is the Director of the Commission for Strategic and Governance Studies of the Sea, Energy, and Environment (CEEGMEA). Dr. Ferreira was previously appointed as political attaché to the Portuguese Embassy in Washington D.C and the Senior Portuguese Representative at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies. Following his graduation in Law from

the University of Lisbon he completed post graduate studies in Juridical-Political Sciences, at the same University, and in Political Science and International Relations at the Portuguese Catholic University. He specializes in security, intelligence, and terrorism.

After developing a career in Legal Advising to the Public Sector, both at local and national levels, Miguel returned to academia to teach Portuguese language and culture at the University of Nottingham, where he also completed his PhD. in cultural studies (legitimacy discourse of international criminal courts). Still a Senior Legal Advisor with the Portuguese Media Authority, he also became an advisor to the Portuguese Government, particularly in matters related to Africa. His main research interests are linked to democracy, the rule of law, freedom of the press and post conflict cultures. Miguel is also a member of the International Consortium for the Study of Post Conflict Cultures. Born in Porto, Portugal, he fluently speaks Portuguese, English and Spanish; he also speaks French.

Dr. Adam Elhiraika is the Director of the Macroeconomics and Governance Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). He directly supervises ECA's work on development planning; macroeconomic policy analysis; economic governance and public finance, including research and advocacy work on combating illicit financial flows. The Division leads the substantive preparation of the Commission's flagship publications: The Economic Report on Africa; The African Governance Report; and The African Sustainable Development Goals Report. Before joining the UN, Mr. Elhiraika served as Assistant and Associate Professor of Economics in several universities (in the UK, South Africa, UAE, Swaziland and Sudan) and he has published extensively in internationally refereed journals, books and monographs.

Dr. Abdalla Hamdok is the former Deputy Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). He has over 30 years of experience as a senior policy analyst and economist on addressing diverse development challenges of the African policy landscape, primarily in the fields of governance, institutional analysis, public sector reforms, regional integration and resource management.

From 2001 onwards, Dr. Hamdok has headed successively ECA's portfolios of activities on development policy management, NEPAD and regional integration, and governance and public administration. By way of an interlude from 2003-2008, he served the International IDEA as Regional Director for Africa and the Middle East.

Earlier, he held the positions of Chief Technical Advisor (1995-1997) at the International Labour Organization, Zimbabwe; Principal Policy Economist (1997-2001) at the African Development Bank, Cote d'Ivoire; Head of the Public Sector Group and Member of the management committee (1993-1995) at Deloitte & Touche Management Consultants, Zimbabwe; and senior official (1981-1987) at the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning of Sudan. Dr. Abdalla Hamdok holds a PhD and MA in Economics from the School of Economic Studies, University of Manchester, UK and a BSc. (honours) from the University of Khartoum, Sudan.

Dr. Willene A. Johnson is a consultant whose work focuses on economics and peacebuilding. She has facilitated workshops on security strategy and resource management for the Africa Center for Strategic Studies. She also conducted workshops for peacekeepers and for civilians and military working in post-conflict reconstruction. Dr. Johnson worked extensively in Africa and from 2000-2001 served as the U.S. Executive Director at the African Development Bank. Her contributions to African development continued through her work as a member of the United Nations Committee for Development Policy and the chair of the Sub-Saharan Africa Advisory Committee of the United States Export-Import Bank.

Dr. Johnson's work on Africa benefits from her global experience with economics and finance, gained from twenty years in the Federal Reserve System, where her assignments included research and operational responsibilities in foreign exchange and international financial markets. She holds degrees in social studies (Radcliffe College, Harvard University) and African history (St. John's University) as well as a doctorate in economics (Columbia University).

Dr. Elizabeth Kariuki is an accomplished public sector policy and management professional with over twenty-five years of experience providing consulting and business advisory services primarily to public sector organizations in Sub Saharan Africa. She is currently a director at APRIL, and consults for among others the African Development Bank, International Monetary Fund, United States Agency for International Development and World Bank on public financial management, tax policy and administration and public sector management. In addition, between 2013 and 2015, Elizabeth served as a Board Director at The Horn Economic and Social Policy Institute, where she was responsible for providing oversight with respect to the organization's policies, strategies, operations and finances. She is a former partner at PwC where she worked for 23 years.

Dr. Luka Biong Deng Kuol is professor of practice for security studies at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies. Dr. Kuol supervises curriculum and program planning and specializes in national security strategy development, the security-development nexus, and security sector reforms. He is currently conducting research on the links between migration, food security, conflicts and youth in Africa; the link between military expenditure, military professionalism, human security, development and conflict in Africa; and the devolution of the security-development nexus to the national level in Africa. Dr. Kuol is a global fellow at Peace Research Institute Oslo and a fellow at Rift Valley Institute. He is also South Sudan Alumni Ambassador of the Institute of Development Studies in the United Kingdom.

Prior to joining the Africa Center, Dr. Kuol served as director of the Centre for Peace and Development Studies and associate professor of economics at the College of Social and Economic Studies at the University of Juba in South Sudan. He was also on the teaching staff of the Faculty of Economics and Rural Development at the University of Gezira in Sudan. He was a fellow at the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at Harvard Kennedy School and a visiting fellow at the Institute of Development Studies in the United Kingdom. He served as Minister of Presidential Affairs for the Government of Southern Sudan and as National Minister of Cabinet Affairs for the Republic of Sudan. He has also worked as a senior economist for the World Bank in Southern Sudan.

He received his BSc with honors from the Faculty of Economics and Social Studies at the University of Khartoum, an M.A. in Economics, an M.B.A. from the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, and a Ph.D. from the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex.

Dr. Gary Milante is the Director of SIPRI's Peace and Development Programme. His research focuses on the intersection of security and socio-economic development throughout his career as a researcher and policy advisor. From first principles based on theory of conflict and cooperation, to applied econometrics, statistical analysis and modeling. Dr. Milante has concentrated on making the complex problems associated with sequencing of institutional reforms, development portfolio design, strategic planning and needs assessment accessible to policymakers and practitioners in the field, with a special focus on the needs of fragile and conflict-affected states.

Ms. Michelle Ndiaye is the Director of the Africa Peace and Security Program in collaboration with the African Union Commission at the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS) and the Head of the Tana Forum Secretariat. Ndiaye has worked on a variety of projects with various local and international organizations and brings on-board a wealth of experience in the field of democratic and local governance, post-conflicts and community recovery, sustainable development and environmental issues, transitional justice, communication and research. She has an extensive political and administrative managerial background and experience in large scale multi-donor program management. She has worked with the United Nations development program (UNDP), the African Union and international development actors on many projects. She published several articles and papers on the democratization and political processes and development issues in Africa.

Before joining IPSS, she was the Managing Director of the Mandela Institute for Development Studies (MINDS). Prior to joining MINDS, she consecutively headed several African and international organizations as Executive Director of Greenpeace Africa, CEO of the African Institute for Corporate Citizenship (AICC), Founder and Manager of Africa Projects for Akena Research and Consulting and Regional Director of the World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters. Michelle started her career in 1995 as program officer at the African Institute for Democracy (IAD), a nongovernmental organization and UNDP project based in Dakar, Senegal that promotes democracy and governance in Africa and particularly in 16 West African countries.

Mrs. Ndiaye graduated in political science (B.A.) from Quebec University in Montreal, Canada. She holds a Master's degree in public law and a post graduate degree in Political Science (DEA) from University Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar, Senegal. She is a Doctoral Candidate at the University Leipzig, Germany.

Hon. Brownie J. Samukai, Jr., served as Minister of National Defense of the Republic of Liberia for 12 years (2006 – 2018) under H.E. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf. As Minister, he led efforts to rebuild from scratch, a new Armed Forces of Liberia that was professionally trained, regimented, disciplined, accountable and subservient to civilian rule. Between 2001 and 2004, Mr. Samukai served as Deputy Minister of Defense for Operations, where he formulated appropriate strategies to reestablish civilian control of the Armed Forces of Liberia, and coordinated the Interim

Government's security/military assistance to the Economic Community of West African States Monitoring Group (ECOMOG) against insurgents.

He has served in high level portfolios within the Liberian Government including Deputy Minister for Administration at the Ministry of State for Presidential Affairs (1995 - 1997); Director (or IGP) of Liberia National Police (1994-1995) during the civil conflict, where he spearheaded efforts to restore public confidence in law enforcement, initiated institutional and structural reforms and strengthened community policing and countering related armed violence. Minister Samukai is a 1986 graduate of the United States Defense Language Institute in San Antonio, Texas, and a graduate of the U.S. Army Quartermaster Officer Basic Course at Fort Lee, Virginia (Class 86-10, Outstanding Achievement Award). Hon. Samukai is a Fulbright Scholar with a Master of Science Degree (1990) in Applied Economics from The American University in Washington, DC. He obtained his Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics (Class of 1984) from the University of Liberia. He is a graduate of the Economics Institute (Class of 1988) at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado USA.