LEADERSHIP

Dr. Raymond Gilpin, as the dean of academic affairs, 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. Ian Ralby is adjunct professor of maritime law and security at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, as well as an expert advisor to the United Nations and NATO on security matters, a nonresident senior fellow at the Atlantic Council and CEO of his own consultancy, I.R. Consilium. He has substantial expertise in international and maritime law, international relations, and transnational security issues. In particular, Dr. Ralby is a recognized expert on maritime law enforcement; countering transnational organized crime; regulation, governance, and oversight of both land-based and maritime private security companies; and downstream oil theft. His practice centers on advising and assisting governments and organizations with developing and implementing legally-grounded policy, often pertaining to matters of security and stability.

FACILITATORS (in alphabetical order)

VADM (Ret.) Mohamed Sane is a former Chief of Staff of the Senegalese Navy, and was a career naval officer, serving in many senior positions. His most recent service was as the Deputy to the Senegalese Chief of Defense Staff. RADM Sane has served in a number of United Nations missions and has received education in the United States and France. He received a master’s degree from the National War College in 2011, and was inducted into the NDU Hall of Fame in 2013.
Lt Gen (Rtd) Jackson Ndungu Waweru was appointed to serve as National Transport and Safety Authority Chair in October 2016. Prior to being appointed the Board Chairman, Lt Gen (Rtd) Waweru served in the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) for 39 years. He held various positions in KDF among them Base Commander, Deputy Kenya Air Force Commander, Commandant Defence Staff College and Commandant National Defence College. He undertook various training courses among them flying training in India, Flying Supervisors Course in UK, Air Command and Staff training in USA and he is a graduate of National Defence College Kenya. He holds a Masters Degree in International Security Studies from the University of Leicester UK.

PANELISTS (in alphabetical order)

Dr. Kamal-Deen Ali (Captain, Ghana Navy, Rtd) is the Executive Director of the Centre for Maritime Law and Security Africa. He was previously the Director of Legal Affairs of the Ghana Navy and the Director of Research of the Ghana Armed Forces Command and Staff College. He holds a PhD in Law, Master of Laws and Master of Arts in International Relations. He has extensive academic and professional expertise in Maritime Security and Ocean Governance. He has about 20 years of legal experience and has since 2003 been engaged in Law of the Sea capacity building and Maritime Security policy shaping at the national, regional and global levels. He has participated in several global initiatives, regularly providing expert input/support to the activities of international partners in the sub-region, including the ICC, UNOCD and the Abidjan Convention Secretariat and the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

Mr. Cristian Santos assumed duties as a Programme Officer for UNODC’s Global Maritime Crime Programme Horn of Africa Team from Sept 2018 to present. He is currently supporting the development of a comprehensive maritime training program designed to enhance the capabilities of maritime law enforcement units’ in all the regions that GMCP operates. He has served as GMCP’s lead representative to the to the Somaliland Coast Guard and Puntland’s Bossaso Port Maritime Police Unit, where he was in charge of managing a team of imbedded mentors that provide support in the areas of maritime law enforcement, maritime engineering, and maritime communications as part of GMCP’s tri-tier support strategy. Previously, Mr. Santos as a USG civilian detailed to the Joint Interagency Task Force South (JIATF-S) from Oct 2007 to Aug 2017, where he was the Tactical Analysis Team Chief to the U.S. Embassy in Brasilia, Brazil from Sep 2013 to Aug 2017. He has obtained a Master of Arts degree in International Relations and Diplomacy from Schiller International University, a Master of Business Administration Degree from Nova Southeastern University and an Associate’s Degree in Criminal Justice from the Community College of the Air Force. Born in Cuenca, Ecuador, with residence in Miami, FL, Cristian is a native Spanish speaker, fluent Portuguese speaker, and basic French speaker.
Mr. Chris Trelawny joined the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in March 2003 as a maritime security specialist. In December 2011, he was appointed Senior Deputy Director and in November 2014 he was promoted to Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on Maritime Security and Facilitation. Chris is responsible for advising and liaising with IMO Member Governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations on the facilitation of global maritime transport, maritime security, piracy and related issues, including the smuggling of migrants by sea. His recent projects have included the development of multi-disciplinary, multi-agency projects aimed at finding regional solutions for piracy and maritime security challenges. These include the development of the Djibouti Code of Conduct (signed by 20 countries) aimed at addressing piracy and armed robbery against ships in the Gulf of Aden and western Indian Ocean and a similar agreement for West and Central Africa, adopted by 25 countries in June 2013. Chris has also worked closely with navies on issues relating to maritime security operations, counter proliferation and civil/military cooperation; and with other agencies on issues such as security of the supply chain.

Dr. Christian Trimua was appointed Executive Director of the ICC on 22 February 2017. Dr. Trimua holds a Doctorate in Law from the University of Poitiers in France and a Certificate of Competence for the profession of Lawyer from the School of Lawyers of Poitiers, France. He is a professor and researcher at the universities of Togo, following a career as a teacher and researcher in France. He is responsible for a number of courses, including those on Collective Security and International Maritime Law. He is also a lawyer with the Bar Association of Togo. As First Inspector General of Togo’s Security Services and former Minister of the Institutions of the Togolese Republic, Dr. Christian Trimua has assumed high administrative and political roles in many West and Central African countries, in particular in Togo, the Central African Republic, and Chad. He has also led multi-dimensional, high-level missions regarding security, justice, human rights, constitutional institutions, anti-terrorism, anti-piracy, and the fight against Boko Haram at the national, regional, and international levels.