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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

Lieutenant Colonel Jean-Baptiste Matton serves as a liaison between the Africa Center and the French Ministry of Defense, coordinating exchanges on security-related Africa policy and scholarship. He also serves as a facilitator and speaker at Africa Center academic programs. LtC Matton also serves as the French liaison officer in the Transregional Threat Coordination Cell for the Joint Staff at the Pentagon in charge of the estimates, strategy, and plans section. LtC Matton specializes in military coalition and peacekeeping operations in Africa, the Balkans, and Afghanistan and has substantial experience in training and team management under challenging conditions.

Prior to joining the Africa Center, LtC Matton served as executive assistant to the head of the Department of International Military Affairs at the Joint Staff College in Paris. From 2014 to 2016, he was the chief of operations for the 28th Intel Battalion in Issoire, France, which included a six-month deployment to Chad, Mali, Mauritania, and Niger. Additionally, LtC Matton has served as a J3 staff officer deployed to the Kapisa Valley in Afghanistan, company commander at Saint-Maixent-l'École, company commander of a Marine Corps regiment in French Guyana, and platoon leader at the Military Academy of Saint-Cyr and at Agen. He served tours in the former Yugoslavia in 2001 and Kosovo in 2003 under NATO command.

LtC Matton holds a degree in economics from the Sorbonne University in Paris, an M.A. in international affairs from Saint-Cyr, an M.A. in strategy and international affairs from the Joint Staff College in Paris, and an M.A. in international affairs from the American University of Paris.

SPEAKERS (in alphabetical order)

Hon. Frederic Fritz Baffour is a broadcast journalist, television presenter and producer by profession, with many award-winning productions under his belt. Fritz was elected Member of Parliament for Ablekuma South in the Greater Accra Region of Ghana for two consecutive terms, in 2008 and 2012 respectively. He served as Minister of Information in 2012 and was later appointed as the Chairman of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Defense and Interior. He

studied in Ghana and the United Kingdom and received a master's degree in Mass Communications from Leicester University, in the United Kingdom. A keen historian, Fritz has lectured on political history in several countries throughout the world.

Brigadier General (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). 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.

Mr. Peter Daniels holds two masters' degrees from Stellenbosch University: an MPA in Development Management and an M Phil in Social Science Methods. Besides an LLB from the University of South Africa, he holds a BMil and a BMil Hons degree. He has presented papers at international and national conferences on military issues and has written articles in scientific journals.

He is currently a Content Advisor for the Portfolio Committee on Defense and Military Veterans at the National Parliament in South Africa. His work entails providing strategic advice, analyzing reports and preparing briefs and presentations for the two Defense Committees. These relate to issues such as the Department of Defense's budget, strategic plans, annual performance plans, annual reports, amendment bills, military veterans' issues, etc.

He has been a participant, and facilitator of ACSS courses such as the Next Generation of African Military Leaders and Security Sector Reform. He has done numerous military courses and resigned from the South African National Defense Force as a lieutenant colonel in 2007. He has been a lecturer at the Faculty of Military Science of the University of Stellenbosch for 6 years, and a Researcher at the Center for Military Studies.

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.

Ms. Amanda J. Dory joined the National War College faculty in 2017. She is a career member of the Senior Executive Service. From 2012-2017 she served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD). She served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy from 2008-2011 and as the Principal Director for Policy Planning in OSD. In both capacities her responsibilities included strategy development, force planning scenarios, and long-term trends analysis. She has worked on multiple Quadrennial Defense Reviews (QDRs), to include as the chief of staff to lead implementation of QDR execution roadmaps for Building Partner Capacity and Irregular Warfare in 2007-2008. In addition to strategic and Africa regional assignments, Amanda has also served in OSD's Homeland Defense office as the director for planning and integration. In 2002, she was selected as a Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellow and conducted an independent research project based at the Center for Strategic and International Studies on civil security.

Amanda received the Presidential Rank Award in 2010 and 2015 as well as awards for exceptional and meritorious civilian service. She is an alumna of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and received a master's degree with concentrations in international economics and African studies from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Dr. Adedeji Ebo was appointed the first-ever chief of the Security Sector Reform (SSR) Unit at the United Nations in 2008. He is also co-Chair of the UN Inter-Agency Task Force on Security Sector Reform. He served as Political Director of the United Nations Office in Mali in 2013. He has led the development of strategic partnerships with regional organizations, think-tanks and networks, in particular the African Union and the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF). He has contributed actively to the drafting and consultation of the Africa Union's SSR continental policy framework, formally adopted by African heads of State and Governments in January 2013. Ade has played a leading role in the development UN Guidance Notes on Security Sector Reform.

Previously (2003-2008), Ade was the pioneer Head of the Africa Programme (and Senior Fellow) at the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), Switzerland. He established the DCAF Africa Programme and expanded DCAF's operations into Africa. While at

DCAF, Ade initiated and led the process for the drafting, consultation and formal adoption of the ECOWAS Code of Conduct for Armed Forces and Security Services. He also established Liberia DCAF SSR programme, including aspects of parliamentary oversight, defense budgeting, and national consultation on SSR. Before joining DCAF, Ade was an Associate Professor and Head of Department at the Nigerian Defence Academy. He is an alumni of the London School of Economics and Political Science, University of Keele, England, and Bayero University, Kano, Nigeria. He is a Political Economist with specialization in International Relations and is widely published.

Dr. Mathurin (Matt) Hounnikpo is an adjunct professor of practice at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, as well as the former strategic planning advisor to the Strategic Governance Initiative in Mali. His work focuses on democratic security sector governance and reform, the design and development of national security strategies, and democratic governance.

Until July 2013, Dr. Hounnikpo was the academic chair of civil-military relations at the Africa Center, overseeing curriculum and program development in the area of civil-military relations, focusing on Africa's military history, democratic civil control of the security sector, and issues of accountability, transparency, and good governance. Dr. Hounnikpo also assisted the government of Côte d'Ivoire in implementing security sector reforms, and he has held various teaching positions in both the United States and Benin. Dr. Hounnikpo holds a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Paris VIII in Saint-Denis, France, and a Ph.D. in international studies from the University of Denver.

Colonel Ali Mahamadou Issa is an officer of the Nigerian Armed Forces and an expert in information and communications systems. He has held several high-level positions at the Army Staff Headquarters, the Ministry of Mining and Energy, and the National Defense Ministry. He has held the position of National Security and Defense Policy program manager at the National Center for Strategic and Security Studies (CNESS-NIGER) since 2017. He is certified in Advanced Military Studies and is an expert in defense management, command, and strategy by the Paris War College. He holds a Master's degree in administrative law with a specialty in defense security from the University of Paris 2 (France) and is enrolled in the doctoral program in political science at Abdou Moumouni Dioffo University in Niamey.

Dr. Luka 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. He is a co-editor of a book entitled “The Struggle for South Sudan: Challenges of Security and State Formation”.

Colonel (Ret.) Edouard Mbengue is a retired officer of the Senegalese Army; he has been retired for a little over a year after 40 years of active service. During his career he held important positions, both nationally and internationally, including regional military commander, Division Chief for Army Operations, Chief of the Research and Defense unit in the Presidential Staff Headquarters and sector commander for Darfur. He currently serves as Director of Partnerships and Public Relations, managing communications at the Center for Advanced Studies in Defense and Security. A graduate of the Meknes Royal Military Academy in Morocco, he specialized in infantry at Fort Benning in the United States, and has degrees from the New Delhi Defense Academy and the National Defense University in Washington, D.C. He holds a Master’s degree in national security strategy.

Colonel (Ret.) Tim Mitchell is an Adjunct Faculty with the Africa Center for Security Studies, the Institute for Defense Analyses and the Joint Special Operations University. Tim is a former Infantry and Army Foreign Area Officer (FAO) with a focus in sub-Saharan Africa (48J). Colonel Mitchell is a French speaker with eight years of experience serving as the U.S. Senior Defense Official/Defense Attaché (SDO/DATT) in three African countries: Chad, with non-resident accreditation to the Central African Republic, (2004-2007); Tanzania (2007-2010) and most recently Liberia (2013-2015) where he played a lead role in the international efforts to stop the spread of Ebola in West Africa. Colonel Mitchell also served as the Chief, Security Cooperation Division at U.S. Army Africa in Vicenza, Italy, where he was responsible for coordinating all U.S. Army security cooperation activities in Africa. Colonel Mitchell finished his Army career serving as an assistant professor of National Security Studies at the National War College in Washington, D.C. Colonel Mitchell earned a Master’s degree in Public Policy from Duke University and a Master’s degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. Tim began his military career in 1987 after graduating from the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Dr. Emile Ouedraogo (Ret. Burkina Faso Army Colonel) is an Independent International Consultant. He works on issues related to security in general, and on the African security sector reform and governance in particular. In this capacity, he was involved in more than 20 activities and events with the Washington DC-based National Defense University (NDU/USA) Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS) and is currently working with US AFRICOM (United States), Partners for Democratic Change (United States), the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (Germany), Friedrich Erbet Stiftung (FES, Germany), the ECOWAS Parliament and the Association of

European Parliamentarians with Africa (AWEPA, European Union). He is a Member of the African Security Sector Network (ASSN) and founding President of the Fondation pour la Sécurité du Citoyen au Burkina Faso (Burkina Faso Citizen' Security Foundation - FOSEC). Dr Ouedraogo left Burkina Faso Army active duty in 2012, after thirty (30) years of service. He served as Aide to the Prime Minister, Commanding Officer, Chief Military Intelligence Division at the Army General Staff before being appointed Minister of Security of Burkina Faso from 2008 to 2011. As a Minister of Security, he initiated and developed a Homeland Security Strategy for Burkina Faso and operationalized the concept of community policing and community participation in the management of security issues.

Dr. Ouedraogo was also a parliamentarian in the National Assembly of Burkina Faso and ECOWAS Parliament where he sat on the Political Affairs, Peace, Defense and Security Committees. In this capacity, he carried out informative and investigative missions in most ECOWAS countries and is therefore fully conversant with security issues which affect the subregion.

Dr. Ouedraogo earned a PhD with honors from the Center for Diplomatic and Strategic Studies, Paris, France on "Security Sector Reform and Governance in the ECOWAS Region: Issues and Prospects" (CEDS, 2011-2014) and published a research paper with the Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS/NDU/Washington DC) in July 2014 entitled « Advancing Military Professionalism in Africa ». He conducted two surveys in 2016, including "Security Dialog in the Sahel-Sahara Region (FES, Germany) and "The State of Intelligence Services in West Africa: A Case Study on Burkina Faso" (FKA, Germany).

Brigadier General (Ret.) Gaseikannawe Ace Peke, holds a Bachelor of science degree from the University of Botswana Lesotho and Swaziland and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Auburn University, Montgomery USA. In the BDF, he served in various capacities ranging from an aircraft engineer to Assistant Chief of Staff of personnel. In addition, he served in the Office of the President as a Coordinator for the Botswana National Security Strategy Review Project from September 2007 to March 2011. In 2011, he joined the African Public Policy & Research Institute (APPRI) in Pretoria, South Africa as a part time consultant in charge of the security Sector Reform & Governance Programme.

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.

Hon. Shirley Itumeleng Tiny Segokgo is currently a Performance Consultant and was a Member of Parliament from 1999 to 2004. During that time, she was Botswana's Representative to the African Caribbean and Pacific - European Union Joint Parliamentary Assembly for 3 years. Additionally, she served in the African Union Parliament and served in the Defense Council and Vision 2016 Council for 3 years.