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BIOGRAPHIES

FACILITATORS (in alphabetical order)

Captain Charles Bamélé has been an Officer of the Côte d'Ivoire Navy since after graduating from the French Naval Academy in 1991. He specialized as a Signal Officer in 1994 and graduated from the German Command College in 2005. His main appointments included Commanding Officer of various patrol boats, deputy Chief of Naval Operations and member of various committees tasked with reforming the Security Sector of Côte d'Ivoire. He was trained and served as panelist in various programs including the US sponsored ACSS (Africa Center for Security Studies) and CCMR (Center for Civil Military Relations), as well as the Swiss institute GCSP (Geneva Center for Security Policy) and the Ghanaian KAIPTC (Kofi Anan International Peacekeeping Training Center). From 2013 to 2016 he served as Advisor for State Action at Sea for the Chief of Naval Staff. In that capacity he participated in the development of the National Maritime Security Strategy and also in that of CRESMAO and MMCC Zone F agreements. Since 2016, Captain Bamélé is detached to the Permanent Secretariat of the Inter-ministerial Committee for State Action at Sea (SEPCIM-AEM), an organization under the authority of the Prime Minister tasked with the implementation of the National Strategy for State Action at Sea, where he serves as Operational Coordination Director.

Ms. Diya Beesoondoyal is a UK qualified barrister and currently holds the post of Principal State Counsel at the Attorney General's Office in Mauritius, where she undertakes civil litigation, advisory and legislative drafting work for the Government, Ministries, departments and parastatal bodies in various areas of law, including maritime law. In her capacity as Government lawyer, she has attended several regional and international workshops and training programs in the field of maritime law and maritime security. Previously, she has served as prosecution lawyer under the supervision of the Director of Public Prosecutions of Mauritius; as Senior District Magistrate in the judiciary in Mauritius and as Legal Officer in the Rule of Law Division (Justice Section) of the Commonwealth Secretariat headquarters in London. Ms. Beesoondoyal holds a Bachelor of Laws and Masters of Laws in International Business Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Colonel (ret.) Daniel Hampton is Chief of Staff and Professor of Practice for Security Studies at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies. Col. Hampton 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.

Mr. Ronny Matatiken, a leading voice in East African maritime security, heads the Indian Ocean Coordination Center. He is currently Deputy Director of the Regional Center for Operations and Coordination, which operates under the auspices of the EU Programme to Promote Regional Maritime Security Program. He began his Maritime career as a naval officer cadet in Yorktown, Virginia. He has served on bilateral exchanges with the US Coast Guard, US Navy, French Navy, and Indian Navy. Mr. Matatiken retired from active duty in 2008 following a 15-year career with the Seychelles Military as both an infantry and naval officer, where he served in various tactical, operational and national level assignments. His last assignment on active duty was as the Chief Hydrographer. In 2015, he worked to develop the Seychelles Maritime Police, where he developed, taught and mentored the officers. Over the course of his military career, Mr. Matatiken has served as ship navigating officer, combat diver, hydrographer, boarding and tactical operations officer, infantry officer, and in various supporting roles to the Seychelles Military and Governments Agencies. He is an Internationally Accredited Hydrographer, UN Mission Planner for any Peace Keeping Mission, and a level 2 Counter Terrorism Financing. Mr. Matatiken is currently studying for a Master's Degree in Intelligence and Security Studies at the University of Met London.

CAPT Loïc Moudouma is a maritime strategy expert and until recently was Director of Operations for the Gabonese Navy. He joined the Navy in 1987, and has served there continuously for the last three decades. Previously, he was the Gabonese fleet commander. After receiving a degree in Industrial Maintenance at the University of Science and Technology in Gabon, he joined the Navy, and attended the Royal Naval Academy of Morocco for four years. Captain Moudouma is a U.S. Naval War College graduate (Naval Command College 2007). He holds a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies (Joint Operations, National Security and Decision Making). He served for five years (2008-2013) at ECCAS, where he was in charge of Maritime Safety and Security in the Gulf of Guinea. He was recently promoted at the Armed Forces Joint Staff to General Director of Operations. He is currently the national focal point on the implementation of the Gabon Integrated Maritime Strategy.

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. Dr. Ralby has worked with various partners on complex problem-solving including maritime

domain issues in Africa, the Caribbean, and Southeast Asia, troubleshooting complex littoral problems in the Middle East, horizon scanning for future security concerns, and drafting and implementing legislation with security implications. Dr. Ralby has also spent time embedded both as an international law advisor to a government in the Balkans and as a maritime security advisor in the Caribbean and served as an advisor on the development of various national and international codes, standards, and oversight mechanisms for the private security industry. In addition, Dr. Ralby provided support to Iraqi judges on the trials of Saddam Hussein and his top lieutenants. He remains an active advisor to several Western governments and NATO on matters relating to private security and maritime affairs. He speaks and publishes widely on topics relating to international affairs and law. Dr. Ralby received a B.A. in modern languages and linguistics and an M.A. in intercultural communication at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County; a J.D. at the College of William and Mary; and an M.Phil. in international relations and a Ph.D. in politics and international studies at St. John's College of the University of Cambridge.

Vice Admiral Mohamed Sane of Senegal is former Deputy to the Senegalese Chief of Defense Staff. Previously, VADM Sane served as Chief of the Staff of the Senegalese Navy. VADM Sane experienced three tours of duty at sea as a commanding officer before heading the Navy fleet command. He held many staff positions in the Navy among which Chief Operations and Deputy Chief of Logistics. He served in the Armed forces HQ and was in charge of Training, Strategic planning and advising the Chief of Defense Staff. Admiral SANE has received education in the United States and France. He is a graduate of the US Coast Guard's Marine Safety School and the US National Search and Rescue School. He attended the US Naval Staff College, the French war college and the US National Defense University (National War College) where he received a Master of Sciences in National Security strategy in 2011. Currently, Admiral SANE gives lecture on Strategic leadership at the Senegalese Center for High Defense and Security Studies.

Dr. Shannon Smith serves as a professor of practice and director of engagement at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies. In this capacity, she leads the Africa Center's efforts to develop its alumni network and to engage the broader policy community focused on African security issues. Her areas of expertise include U.S.-Africa policy, East Africa, global health and development policy, and the role of Congress in foreign relations. Prior to joining the Africa Center, Dr. Smith served as deputy assistant secretary of state for Africa, where she oversaw U.S.-East Africa policy (and previously Southern Africa) and spearheaded Africa Bureau efforts on Sudan and South Sudan, global health, and the environment. She led diplomatic missions, developed bilateral and multilateral policies, engaged with key interlocutors, and represented the State Department in a variety of national and international forums, including before Congress. Dr. Smith spent a number of years on Capitol Hill, where she was the senior policy adviser for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Africa for global health, peacekeeping, and conflict issues. She also served as the national security adviser for the assistant majority leader of the Senate. As a Senate staffer, she shepherded successful legislation on HIV/AIDS, war crimes, and global climate change, among other issues. She is a summa cum laude graduate of Texas A&M University and holds a Ph.D. from Cornell University where she was a Mellon Fellow in the Humanities.

SPEAKERS (in alphabetical order)

CAPT Emmanuel Bell Bell joined the Cameroon Navy in 1991 through French Naval Academy from which he graduated in 1993. Upon completion of this training, he returned home and embarked on board Cameroon Navy ship Bakassi, a missile launching patrol boat. He served on board as navigator, chief engineer and later as executive officer. Meanwhile, he attended naval engineering school in France in 1995 and International Maritime Officers' course (IMOC) in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Training Center in Yorktown, Virginia in 1999. In 2002 he returned to France for engineering school. In 2006 Cameroon, he started working as staff officer within the navy surface forces headquarters in Douala. In 2007, he was appointed Chief of the Maritime Law Enforcement Office and held that position for six years. Commander Bell Bell attended the junior and the senior staff college courses in Yaoundé. He embarked on board USS Gunston Hall in 2010 as chief of the maritime engagement division and was part of the U.S. relief team in Haiti which brought support and assistance to people impacted by the earthquake of January 2010. He was then awarded the Humanitarian Service Medal and U.S. Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal. He also took part in multinational exercises such as OBENGAME EXPRESS (United States) and NEMO (France). In 2011 in addition to the position, he was appointed as chief of operations. In 2013, he was transferred to Yaoundé and acted as Technical Inspector within the Navy headquarters. In 2014, he was designated as member of the inter-regional working group in charge of elaborating Inter-regional Coordination Center (ICC) basic documents. After ICC inauguration in September 2014, he served as member of the ICC launching team in charge of finalizing the ICC basic documents. At the end of the launching period in November 2015 he was appointed ICC coordinator prior to operationalization of ICC in July 2016. He is now the Head of Information management and communication Division at ICC here in Yaoundé.

Senior Captain Noureddine Chakroun is native of the coastal city Bizerte, he received his commission in July 1990 from the Tunisian Naval Academy. At the beginning of his professional career, Senior Captain Noureddine Chakroun was designated as an operations officer and head of detection division on board FPB "Carthage (503)". His sea going period included several assignments on board a variety of Navy ships serving as operations officer, head of detection division and executive officer. He had the privilege to assume command of seven Navy ships for more than ten years. At shore, Senior Captain Chakroun was posted at the Tunisian navy petty officers' school as head of training and operations division, at the Tunisian Naval Academy as deputy commander, at Tunisian Navy advanced officers' training school as Commanding Officer and since August 2017, he serves as head of operations and intelligence department at Tunisian Navy Headquarters. Since 2016, he gives lectures in naval strategy at the Tunisian Staff College. He is a 1996 graduate of the Tunisian advanced officers' training School, a 1997 graduate of "Ecole des spécialités de Toulon, France". He is a 2002 graduate from the Tunisian Staff College and a 2003 graduate of the US Naval War College (Naval Staff College class 63). He is a 2009 Tunisian war college graduate and a 2011 graduate from Italian War College (Istituto Superiore di Stato Maggiore Interforze). He holds a master's degree in "International strategic and military studies" co-delivered from Political Sciences University of Milan, University of Luiss Rome and Italian Institute of high defense studies. Senior Captain Chakroun speaks Arabic, French, English and Italian.

CAPT Mohammed Drissi is Trustee at International Maritime Rescue Federation. He is a Master Mariner, maritime affairs Administrator and a sworn expert on Maritime Affairs. He worked for SAR since 1999 and tasked to develop SAR services within the Kingdom of Morocco. He is the head of SAR Bureau at Ocean Fisheries Ministry and Coordinator of the National technical SAR committee which include Civil and Military departments. He is already the Regional Coordinator for Africa since 2010 and has been involved in many SAR projects within the North and West Africa SAR region with the cooperation of IMO and IMRF.

Ms. Anna Erastus is Director at Namibia's Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources. She coordinates the formulation and implementation of fisheries policies and legislation, carries out continuous policy and economic research and analyses, is responsible for the management of information services of the Ministry and the administration of fishing rights and quotas. She coordinates overall planning of the Ministry.

Senior Captain Boniface K. Konan is the Acting Director of the West African Regional Center for Maritime Safety and Security (CRESMAO) since September 2016. He leads the Center's interim team engaged in the building of the ECOWAS section of the Yaoundé architecture for maritime safety and security in the Gulf of Guinea. Senior Captain Konan graduated from the Special Course of the French Naval Academy, in 1989, then attended the USMC Basic School, Quantico, 1991-92, and the Infantry Captain Career Course, Fort Benning in 1999. In 2008, he graduated in Diplomacy from the National School of Administration of Abidjan, with a dissertation on the "Role of the Military in Ivorian Diplomacy". Since July 2014, Senior Captain Konan is War college graduate from the National Defense University of China, with a dissertation on "Maritime Piracy in the Gulf of Guinea and National Security of Cote d'Ivoire". He held several command positions, Marine Commandos Fusiliers (1998-2009), Adiaké Lagoon Base (2005-2009), and Theater of Operations (2007-2011). He is Navy Inspector since 2012.

Mr. Peter Lord joined Embassy Windhoek as the Deputy Chief of Mission in July 2017. Prior to his arrival in Namibia, he served as the Deputy Director and then Acting Director of the Office of East African Affairs. From 2014-2015, he was the Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Foreign Service Fellow, serving as an adjunct professor and research fellow at Columbia University. He was a Political Counselor at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, where he led the team covering Africa and Europe on the UN Security Council from 2012-2014. He served as the Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Mission to the African Union in 2010-2012. Previously, he has had diplomatic assignments in Malawi, Syria, Iraq, and the United Kingdom. In the UK, Peter was the Africa Watcher, coordinating U.S and UK foreign policy on Africa and engaging with African communities based in the UK. Prior to joining Embassy London, he participated in the Transatlantic Diplomatic Fellowship and worked for a year in the UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) as a Senior Desk Office in the Sudan Unit covering implementation of Sudan's Comprehensive Peace Agreement, peacekeeping, and political and development issues in South Sudan. In Iraq, Peter helped establish a U.S.-led Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) in Tikrit, working with the Salah ad Din provincial government on efforts to establish accountable democratic institutions. Peter maintains professional interests in conflict resolution, peace building, urbanization, and governance. He hails from Florida and attended Furman University. He speaks French and some Arabic.

Brigadier General Michael Nyarwa is Commander of UPDF Marine Forces, a specialized division of the Ugandan military, responsible for security, safe travel and responsible use of Uganda's waterways, including lakes and rivers. In addition to security, the Uganda marine unit enforces fishing laws on Ugandan waterways. They also participate in international peace-keeping missions. The Uganda Marine Forces assist in national waterway rescue missions, as well.

Mr. Tim Walker is a Senior Researcher focusing on Maritime Security in the Peace Operations and Peacebuilding (POPB) Division at the ISS Tshwane (Pretoria) office. He joined the ISS as an Intern in February 2011 and became an ISS Consultant in September 2011. He was appointed as a Researcher in April 2013 and Senior Researcher in October 2017. He is a graduate of Rhodes University in Grahamstown, South Africa where he earned a BA, BA Hons and MA degrees in Political and International Studies. His areas of interest include Maritime Security, Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea, Water Security, China-Africa relations, International Relations (IR) theory and Human Security.

Ms. Stefanie White is a Quarantine Public Health Officer for the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). She is currently located at the CDC Houston Quarantine Station, which is part of a comprehensive system that serves to limit the introduction of infectious diseases into the United States and prevent their spread. Ms. White is responsible for activities as various as responding to reports of illnesses, to screening cargo and inspecting animals and animal products, to monitoring the health newly arrived migrants. In 2015, Ms. White served as the Border Health Team Lead during the Ebola epidemic in Liberia. In addition to her responsibilities as a Quarantine Public Health Officer, Ms. White is as a member of the CDC Maritime Activity team and serves as the subject matter expert on cargo vessels. In this capacity, Ms. White is responsible for developing standard operating procedures for responding to illnesses on maritime vessels, responding to maritime health related inquiries, and serving as the point person for communication with the Global Maritime Threat Response Coordination Center. Ms. White has also served in an advisory capacity to other countries as they are writing their own maritime-specific public health response plans. Ms. White began her public health career working at the International Centre for Migration and Health in Geneva, Switzerland. After returning to the US, she worked with the Florida Department of Health as the HIV Behavioral Surveillance Coordinator and later as the HIV Incidence and Resistance Surveillance Coordinator. During her time with the Florida Department of Health, Ms. White presented at numerous local, state, and national public health conferences. Ms. White graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Science in Health Services Management. She received her Master of Public Health in International Public Health at Tulane University.

Dr. Emma Witbooi has almost 20 years professional experience in marine and environmental law and policy with a specific focus on fisheries crime during the last six years. She has published and presented widely in this field, currently holds a Research Associate position in public law at the Nelson Mandela University, Port Elizabeth, South Africa, and has consulted for various UNODC programmes on transnational fisheries crime. Emma is the executive director of the independent fisheries crime research network PescaDOLUS.