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BIOGRAPHIES

LEADERSHIP

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)

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.

Formerly, General Bala worked in a consultant capacity, as the Senior Special Adviser (Policy and Strategy Development) to the Minister of Interior, Federal Republic on Nigeria.

Ms. Amanda J. Dory currently serves in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) as the Principal Director for Plans & Posture. She is a career member of the Senior Executive Service. From 2017 to 2019, Amanda was a member of the National War College teaching faculty where she also served as the associate dean for outreach. From 2012-2017 she served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs in OSD. From 2008-2011 she served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy and as the Principal Director for Policy Planning, also 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 Department of Defense 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. Mathurin (Matt) Houngnikpo 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. Houngnikpo 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. Houngnikpo 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. Houngnikpo 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 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.) 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

Ms. Michelle Ndiaye is currently the Director of the Africa Peace and Security Programme at the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS), a joint programme with the African Union Commission (AUC) and the German Cooperation (GIZ), and also Head of the Tana Forum Secretariat.

Her expertise covers defense and security, peace and security, democratic and local governance, post-conflict and community recovery, sustainable development, environmental issues, transitional justice, communication for development, corporate responsibility and global reporting, institution building, and large-scale multi-donor programme management. She is an external reviewer for the African Affairs Journal (Oxford Journals), Africa Insight Journal (HRSC), and South African Journal of International Affairs. She also sits on the Programme Committee of Security and the Rule of Law in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Settings at the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research and is a member of the Atlantic Dialogues Advisory Board (AD-AB) at the Policy Center for the New South, Morocco and of The Africa Center for Economic Transformation (ACET).

Ms. Michelle Ndiaye is also an adjunct faculty member at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, working on issues surrounding African security sector leadership, security cooperation and national security strategies. Before joining IPSS, Ms. Ndiaye was the Managing Director of the Mandela Institute for Development Studies and headed several African and international organizations, including as Executive Director of Greenpeace Africa, CEO of the African Institute for Corporate Citizenship, and Founder and Manager of Africa Projects for Akena Research and Consulting. She started her career as a program officer at the African Institute for Democracy, a UNDP project based in Dakar, Senegal.

Ms. Ndiaye holds a BA in political science from Quebec University in Montreal, Canada, an MA in public law and a post-graduate degree (DEA) from University Cheikh Anta Diop in Dakar, Senegal. She is currently a doctoral candidate at the University of Leipzig, Germany. She was listed in the New African Magazine as one of the top 100 Most Influential Africans of 2018.

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).

Colonel (Ret.) Mahamadou Sambe is a former ground artillery officer of the Senegalese Armed Forces. He holds a diploma from the military Staff of Morocco, a professional certificate from the war college of Paris, and a Master's degree in economics and management from the University Cheikh Anta Diop in Dakar. He held several high level functions both in the military Staff and in the armed forces.

Other functions he held include, Chief of Artillery Battalion Corps, UN Observer in Iraq, UN Military Contingent Commander in Côte d'Ivoire, Commander of the National School of Active Officers, Head of the Center for Planning and conduct of the operations of the General Staff of the Armed Forces, Commander of the Dakar Military Zone and first Commander of the East Sector of MINUSMA in Gao / Mali. He is a member of the Scientific Commission of the Dakar International Forum on Peace and Security in Africa, the National Commission for the Development of the National Counter-Terrorism Strategy, and the Commission for the Development of the National Security Strategy. He is currently the director of training at the Center for Advanced Studies of Defense and Security of Senegal. Colonel (Er) M. SAMBE holds several national and foreign decorations

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

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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.