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

**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 sixmonth 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'Ecole, 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)

**Ambassador Carter** is the Executive Vice President of Jefferson Waterman International, a D.C.-based political and business consulting firm with an exclusively international practice. Ambassador Carter is also President of the Mead Hill Group, an international executive advisory service for individuals and organizations engaged in the global marketplace of ideas, markets, and opportunities, particularly in the developing world.

Prior to that, he was the Senior Foreign Service American diplomat and was United States Ambassador to Ivory Coast from 2010 to 2013. Ambassador Carter holds the diplomatic rank of Minister Counselor. From 2013 – 2015, he was Deputy to the Commander for Civil Military Engagements, United States Africa Command (AFRICOM) in Stuttgart, Germany.

Prior to his appointment as U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Ivory Coast, Phillip Carter served as a Senior Advisor to the Africa Bureau and previously as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary from 2008 to 2010. He also was as the Africa Bureau's Acting Assistant Secretary during the transition between the Bush and Obama Administrations. From 2007 to 2008, Phillip Carter was the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea. Ambassador Carter has also served as the Director for West African Affairs and the Deputy Director in the Office for East African Affairs at the U.S. State Department.

Ambassador Carter received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and History from Drew University in 1980, and a Master of Arts Degree in International and Development Economics from Yale University in 1995.

**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. Catherine Lena Kelly** is Assistant Professor of justice and rule of law at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, where she builds and oversees the Africa Center's portfolio on justice, rule of law, and governance. Prior to joining the Africa Center, Dr. Kelly worked at the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative, where she was an Advisor in the Research, Evaluation, and Learning Division and collaborated closely with Africa-oriented teams in Mauritania, Mali, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Somaliland, and Burundi. Dr. Kelly has also designed and taught Africa courses at the State Department's Foreign Service Institute and Washington University in St. Louis. She has been a Fulbright Scholar, a Penn Kemble Fellow at the National Endowment for Democracy, a Mellon/American Council of Learned Societies Public Fellow, a West Africa Research Association Grantee, a U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellow (for Wolof language), and an American Political Science Association Africa Workshop Grantee (for Burkina Faso). She is the author of Party Proliferation and Political Contestation in Africa (Palgrave Macmillan, 2019). Her writing on has also appeared in Comparative Politics, Journal of Democracy, Journal of Religious and Political Practice, Electoral Studies, as white papers and reports for the American Bar Association, International Legal Assistance Consortium, and Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, and on the blogs of the Council on Foreign Relations, Social Science Research Council, and *The Washington Post's Monkey* Cage. Dr. Kelly holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in Government from Harvard University, a Graduate Certificate in International Politics from the Université Libre de Bruxelles, and a B.A. summa cum laude from Washington University in St. Louis.

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).

Mr. El hadji Ibrahima Sall is Chairman of the National Commission for Monitoring and Evaluating Public Policies and Programs at the office of the President of the Republic of Senegal. He has held the positions of Minister of Planning, Land-use Development, and International Cooperation of Senegal. In that capacity, he was a member of the Board of Governors of the World Bank, of the IMF, and of the Islamic Development Bank.

Mr. Sall has held management positions in banks (Housing Bank of Senegal, International Financial Corporation of the World Bank Group), in financial institutions (Managing Director of IPRES [Retirement Pension Institution], Senegal), and in international organizations (UNDP, Regional Director), before holding the positions of expert at the OCED in Paris, and of consultant in an advisory subsidiary of the Caisse de Dépôts et de Consignation [a public sector financial institution] (France). Mr. Sall assisted several governments, on the continent, to implement reform policies in public finances and in the security sector. Mr. Sall coordinated the security and defense policy of fifteen States of the ECOWAS. He was also in charge of the Security Sector Reform in Guinea-Bissau.

Mr. El hadji Ibrahima Sall is President of the Université Polytechnique de l'Ouest Africain [West African Polytechnic University]. He was a professor at HEC Paris, then at the ESCP Europe, at CESAG [African Center for Higher Studies in Management], and at the Cheikh Anta Diop University in Dakar.

Mr. Sall is the author of several books on economics, politics, and philosophy. As author and recipient of the first award of the Writers Association of Senegal, Mr. Sall has been invited to international conferences and has written more than twenty articles in the field of economics and politics.

Mr. Sall is a graduate of HEC Paris, from the University of Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne, the American Business School, the Wharton School of Finance of the University of Pennsylvania, and of the Harvard University's program in National and International Security.