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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.

FACILITATORS (in alphabetical order)

Ms. Laurence Aïda Ammour is an Algerian/French sociologist and analyst in international security and defense affairs. She was formerly an international staff member at the NATO Defense College's Research Division in Rome from 2000-2008. Her research fields are organized crime, transnational threats, terrorism, social change and conflicts, counterterrorism (CVE) and deradicalization, which she studies in Northwest Africa and the Sahara-Sahel region. She has collaborated with ACSS as adjunct faculty and discussion group facilitator since 2011.

Select collaborations both as a speaker and author include: In-On-Africa (Johannesburg), IHS Jane's (London), U.S. State Department, Centre for Naval Analysis (Alexandria), Trustafrica (Dakar), Institut Européen de la Méditerranée (IEMED-Barcelona), The International Institute for Security Studies-London (The Military Balance), Nordiska Afrikainstitutet (Stockholm), USARAF (Vicenza, Italy), The Institut Français des Relations Internationales (Paris), and The Universities of Valencia and Madrid (Spain).

Recent publications include, *The Death of Abubakr al-Baghdadi, not a good news for Africa*, CF2R, Paris, November 2019; *The Wahhabi Penetration In Africa*, CF2R, Paris, 2018; *Libya View of Algeria*, Limes Review, Milano (Italy), July 2019; *Algeria, An Emerging Power In Regional Conflict Resolution Initiatives*, University of Bogota, African Studies Department, Colombia, 2019; and "The Algerian Counter-Terrorism Strategy: Between Internal Security Imperatives and the Search for Regional Stability," African Conflict Studies Department, Ottawa University, Canada, 2019.

Dr. Anouar Boukhars is professor of counterterrorism and countering violent extremism, at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies. Dr. Boukhars works closely with African government and nongovernmental security sector leaders on developing and implementing activities and programs relating to counterterrorism and countering violent extremism. His research focuses on the dynamics of radicalization and violent extremism in Africa.

Prior to joining the Africa Center, Dr. Boukhars was a nonresident fellow in the Middle East Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and an associate professor of international relations at McDaniel College. He has served on several advisory boards and committees on the Sahel and North Africa, including at the African Peacebuilding Network at the Social Science Research Council. From August 2015 to July 2017, Dr. Boukhars served at the Institute for Peace and Security Studies in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, as lead facilitator of its flagship program, the Executive Masters in Managing Peace and Security in Africa. His research has been published in numerous leading policy publications and academic journals. He routinely conducts fieldwork in Africa and consults frequently for the African Union, World Bank, United Nations, U.S. State Department, and European governments.

Dr. Boukhars holds a Ph.D. in international studies from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia; an M.A. in applied humanities from Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco; and a B.A. in English literature from Ibn Tofail University in Kenitra, Morocco.

Dr. Catherine Lena Kelly is an assistant professor responsible for overseeing the Africa Center's portfolio on justice, rule of law, and governance and integrating these considerations into academic programming, research, and outreach. Her work focuses on citizen security, party politics and democratization, and the rule of law and stabilization.

Prior to joining the Africa Center, Dr. Kelly was an advisor at the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative and collaborated with teams in Burundi, the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mali, Mauritania, and Somaliland. As a postdoctoral fellow at Washington University in St. Louis, she designed and taught courses on contemporary Africa and democracy, and at the State Department's Foreign Service Institute, Dr. Kelly taught the West Africa course and co-taught the governance and religion modules in the Area Studies course. She has been awarded numerous fellowships and grants, including a Mellon/American Council of Learned Societies Public Fellowship, a West Africa Research Association grant, and two U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowship for the Wolof language. Her work has been published extensively in policy and academic journals.

Dr. Kelly holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in government from Harvard University, a Graduate Certificate in international politics (Europe, conflict resolution, and peacebuilding) from the Université Libre de Bruxelles, and a B.A. summa cum laude from Washington University in St. Louis.

BG (Ret) Joseph BM Mweu is the Security Adviser at Strathmore University and Former Managing Director of the Kenya Defense Forces Medical Insurance Scheme at the Ministry of Defense. During his service with the KDF he was also involved in a disarmament and pacification campaign which entailed anti-cattle rustling and border security efforts. He is also a cofounder of the International Peace Support Training Center. He had a long and distinguished career in the Kenyan Army, including an attachment as an Exchange Member of the Directing Staff to the erstwhile Army Command and Staff College, Camberley, UK; a Senior Military Observer, United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) in the Balkans and a Senior Military Adviser African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM), among other things. He is a graduate of Institute of Diplomacy and International Studies at the University of Nairobi.

Ms. Michelle Ndiaye is an adjunct faculty member at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, working on issues surrounding African security sector leadership and peace and security cooperation at the African Union and Regional Economic Community levels. She is currently the Director of the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS) Africa Peace

and Security Programme, a joint program with the African Union Commission, and Head of the Tana Forum.

Her specialties include 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 program management.

She is an external reviewer for the African Affairs Journal, Africa Insight Journal, and South African Journal of International Affairs. She also sits on the Programme Advisory Board of the Pan-African Centre for Policy Studies, the Academic Committee of IPSS, the Programme Committee of Security and the Rule of Law in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Settings at the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research, and the Advisory Board of the African Peacebuilding Network of the Social Science Research Council.

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

Ms. 'Kemi Okenyodo, Executive Director, the Rule of Law and Empowerment Initiative also known as Partners West Africa-Nigeria a non-governmental organization dedicated to enhancing citizens' participation and improving security governance in Nigeria and West Africa broadly. She also currently serve as the team lead of the Policing Component of the Security Justice Reform Program supported by the UK Government Conflict, Stability and Security Fund (CSSF) where she provides technical, strategic and programmatic leadership for the Nigeria Policing Programme (NPP), a program working with policing providers, government and civil society for accountable policing services in Nigeria, and where applicable programme partners.

From December 2015 till date, she has held a consultancy position with the British High Commission, in which capacity she provides support to the Head- West Africa Conflict Security & Stabilization Unit on Transition from Military Operations to a Stabilized

Community Policing Approach in the North East. She has also previously served as the Team Lead of the Component Intervention Program 'Police Accountability' of the Justice 4 All (J4A) Program- a justice sector programme, funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID) and implemented by the British Council. It was aimed at improving personal security and access to justice for all Nigerians by improving the capability, accountability and responsiveness of key organizations in the safety, security and justice sector. She also provided consultancy services for the Open Society Justice Initiative (OSJI), GIZ, DCAF to mention a few.

Kemi has over 15 years' experience in justice / security sector and governance issues in Nigeria and West Africa, and NGO management. She is particularly interested in police accountability, citizens engagement with security institutions, evolution of non-state actors and their contributions to improving public safety and security environment, gender and policing, criminal justice system reforms- in particular judicial reforms and legal defence of indigent persons, mainstreaming women's participation both in security and governance issues and election security management.

She's a graduate of the Faculty of Law, University of Lagos, a member of the Nigeria Bar Association, the Africa Security Sector Network and an alumni of the Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS).

Dr. Émile Ouédraogo is an adjunct professor of practice at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, specializing in issues related to national security strategy development and security sector governance. Since 2007, he has worked with the Africa Center on more than 25 activities as a speaker, facilitator, and author. He also works with AFRICOM, Partners Global, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Friedrich Erbet Stiftung, and the ECOWAS Parliament. He is a member of the African Security Sector Network and founding President of the Fondation pour la Sécurité du Citoyen of Burkina Faso.

Prior to joining the Africa Center, in 2017-18, Dr. Ouédraogo completed a six-month mission with the African Union as a security sector reform and governance expert for Madagascar. As Minister of Security of Burkina Faso from 2008 to 2011, he initiated and developed a Homeland Security Strategy and operationalized the concept of community policing and community participation in the management of security issues. After 30 years of service with the Burkina Faso Army, he retired from active duty in 2012 as a Colonel, having served in positions including Aide to the Prime Minister, Support Regiment Commanding Officer, and Chief of the Military Intelligence Division at the Army General Staff.

Dr. Ouédraogo was a parliamentarian in the National Assembly of Burkina Faso and the 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 of ECOWAS' 15 countries.

He earned a Ph.D. with honors from the Center for Diplomatic and Strategic Studies in Paris, France, on security sector reform and governance in the ECOWAS Region.

Captain Joaquim Pacheco Santos, as senior Portuguese representative, serves as a liaison between the Africa Center and the Portuguese 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.

Prior to joining the Africa Center, Captain Joaquim Pacheco Santos served as executive assistant and adviser of the Angola Naval Academy Commander in Luanda. From 2015 to 2017, he was the Commander of the Marine's School, 2015-17, and in 2017 served as Deputy Commander of the Portuguese Marine Corps. Additionally, Captain Joaquim Pacheco Santos served as Cadet Corps Commander at the Portuguese Naval Academy from 2010 to 2013; Head of the Psychology Department at the Naval Academy between 2005 and 2010; and Lecturer on Organizational Behavior at the Naval Academy from 2005 to 2010. Captain Santos was the Head of the Department of Organizational Behavior and Leadership Training from 2002 to 2005, and Commander of the Landing Craft Unit, at the Marines Corps, from 1999 to 2002

Captain Santos holds a PhD in Management and Organizational Behavior (2015) from the Superior Institute of Work and Enterprise Sciences (I.S.C.T.E) in Lisbon, and a master's degree in Organizational Behavior (2002) from the Superior Institute of Applied Psychology (I.S.P.A) in Lisbon. Captain Santos was an Invited Lecturer on Leadership, Motivation and Corporate/Business Ethics at the ISCTE-IUL, University at Lisbon, from 2005 to 2019. He had published numerous scientific papers in the field of the team leadership development and training.

SPEAKERS (in alphabetical order)

Mr. Souley Boubé is the Inspector General for Security Services (IGSS) for Niger and chairman of the technical committee responsible for the implementation and monitoring and evaluation of the National Domestic Security Strategy. From 2011 - 2018, he served as Director of Studies, Regulation, Security Planning and Technical Cooperation. He has had a distinguished career in Niger's police service, acting as a lecturer at the national police school, where he was head of the legal and judicial teaching unit, Director of the Judicial Police, Regional Director of the National Police for Zinder, Regional Director of the National Police for Maradi, part of the UN mission to the DRC, and many other senior law enforcement and international positions. His other accomplishments have included serving as a member of the committee tasked with drafting laws on internal security, weapons regimes, private security companies, and video surveillance; a member of the

organizational committee for the Technical Committee on Justice (and member of the “justice and judicial police” group); and the focal point for the National Police for bilateral and multilateral cooperation. He is a recipient of the United Nations medal for United Nations operations in the DRC, MONUC, in 2003-2006. He holds a Diploma as Police Commissioner from St.-Cyr, and a Bachelors in Private Law.

Ms. Gogé Maimouna Gazibo is the executive director of the National Agency for the Fight Against Trafficking in Persons and the Illicit Transport of Migrants (ANLTP/TIM) in Niger. She is a magistrate by training, and earned degrees from the National School of Administration and the Judiciary (ENAM) in Niamey, Niger, and the National School of Administration in Strasbourg, France. Ms. Gazibo provides training on human trafficking and migrant smuggling. She also sponsored Law 2015-036 of 26 May 2015 on the illicit transport of migrants, and Decree 2015-182/PRN/MJ of 10 April 2015, which established 28 September of each year as National Action Against Human Trafficking Day. A former juvenile judge and examining judge with the Superior Court of Niamey, Ms. Gazibo is currently the leading expert on human trafficking for all federal and international institutions in Niger.

Mr. David Luna is President and CEO of Luna Global Networks & Convergence Strategies LLC, a new global advisory consultancy that is helping to advance and harness new energies and partnerships to counter illicit trade, illicit markets, and related converging security threats. A former US diplomat and national security official, Mr. Luna is a frequent speaker on transnational threats, international affairs, geopolitical risks, illicit trade and the global illegal economy, including transnational organized crime, corruption, money laundering, terrorist financing, counterfeit/pirated goods, cybersecurity/cybercrime, environmental crime, and smuggling/trafficking.

With over 21 years of Federal Service, Mr. Luna held numerous senior positions with the US Department of State, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL), including directorships for national security, transnational crime and illicit networks, and anti-corruption and good governance; and was an advisor to the Secretary’s Coordinator for the Rule of Law. Mr. Luna also served as an Assistant Counsel to the President, Office of the Counsel to the President, The White House; and Special Assistant, Office of the Secretary, Congressional and Inter-Governmental Affairs, US Department of Labor.

Mr. Luna has served as the President of the OECD Task Force on Countering Illicit Trade; Chair and Vice Chair of the APEC Anti-Corruption and Transparency Working Group, U.S. Coordinator, APEC ACT Pathfinder Dialogues on Fighting Corruption and Illicit Trade; co-Chair of the U.S.-China Anti-Corruption Working Group of the Joint Liaison Group on Law Enforcement; Vice Chair of the World Economic Forum’s Global Agenda Council on Illicit Trade and Organized Crime (and Member of the Human Trafficking Task Force); co-Chair G-7 Experts Group on Combating Illegal Wildlife Trade; U.S. Coordinator, Dialogues on the Crime-Terror Nexus and Dismantling Transnational Illicit

Networks; US Representative, Global Forum on Fighting Corruption II-VI; and other initiatives.

Mr. Luna is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College and received his B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and his J.D. from The Columbus School of Law, The Catholic University of America.

Mr. Ronny Matatiken, a leading voice in East African maritime security, until recently headed the Indian Ocean Coordination Center. He recently served as the 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.

Deputy-Chief of Gendarmerie (ret.) Ousmane Ndiaye was Chief of Administration and Logistics of the *Commandement de la Gendarmerie Territoriale* in Senegal upon his retirement in June 2018. In that capacity, he had been a focal point for gendarmerie partners including the prosecutor's office, judges, lawyers, and others in public administration. Previously, he was Permanent Secretary and Special Assistant to the Coordinator of the Interministerial Coordination Mechanism for Operations in the Fight Against Terrorism, for which he was also a focal point for public sector partners; Commander of the Gendarmerie's Brigade in Pete (Region of St. Louis); UNPOL Deputy State Adviser for the UN Mission in South Sudan on everyday issues related to policing and police reform; and Head of the Logistical and Administrative Section of the Investigation Unit of the Senegalese National Gendarmerie. He has participated in various interactive courses and seminars on organized crime, anti-money laundering, and anti-drug trafficking with UNODC and the Senegalese government's Judicial Training Center in Dakar. He is co-author of the National Strategy for the Fight Against Terrorism, co-creator of a new training program on anti-terrorism, and currently serves as Project Coordinator/Senior Lawyer at the American Bar Association Rule of Law

Initiative for a community policing program in the Sahel. He speaks English, French, and Wolof.

Brigadier General (Ret.) Gaseikanngwe 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 in Pretoria, South Africa as a part time consultant in charge of the Security Sector Reform & Governance Program.

Mr. Carlos Alexandre Monteiro Reis is the National Security Advisor for Cape Verde. Prior to his appointment to the office of National Security Advisor he served as the National Director of the Judicial Police from 2011- 2015. During this period he also served as the Head of Cape Verde's Interpol National Bureau. From 2008 until 2011, he served Special Duty Commissions, as Director of the Government Legal Center and as the Secretary General of the capeverdian Government. Previously he had a distinguished career as a Judicial Magistrate hearing civil and criminal matters in different courts and islands. He is a lawyer by training, and holds law degrees from the Law School at Lisbon University and the Portuguese Judiciary Center of Studies.

Mr. Reis is also a Co-founder and former Vice-president of Cape Verde's Magistrates Association and a founding member of White Ribbon Cape Verde, a male engaged NGO to fight Gender Based Violence as well as serving as an instructor for correctional services and social reintegration. He participated in the formulation and enactment of the Digital Government Legislative Process, a computer platform that enhances an electronic work flow (based on IBM's filenet) for debate and approval of Government-led bills. He co-authored the of Gender-Based Violence Act Project as well as the annotated version of GBV (Published by ICIEG / ONU FEMMES);