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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME

BIOGRAPHIES

Webinar 2: Identifying Transnational Organized Crime: Who Are the Criminal Actors, and What Makes for a Criminal Market?

Panelists

Serigne Assane Dramé is a Senegalese judge. He served successively as a Sitting Judge, an Investigating Judge, Chief Judge, Adviser to the Court of Appeal, and President of the Indictment Chamber of the Court of Appeal of Saint-Louis. He was Secretary General of the Senegalese National Human Rights Institution and the Senegalese Human Rights Commission before joining the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) as an adviser on legislative reform as part of the project to support the implementation of the ECOWAS Regional Action Plan on illicit drug trafficking, organized crime related to it, and drug abuse in West Africa.

He assisted several States in conducting assessments of legislative and institutional frameworks to combat drug trafficking, organized crime, and assisted and led legislative reform processes. He also worked on the development and validation of integrated national plans against drug trafficking and transnational organized crime in various West African countries. He has been a member of several advisory bodies, a member of the Senegalese National Governance Commission, and led human rights associations. He was a member of the Technical Committee for Revisions of Discriminatory Texts against Women and was the Coordinator of the National Observatory for the Respect for Human Rights in the Extractive Sector.

Mr. Dramé is an expert consultant in mineral resources and human rights. As such, he co-authored the book "Exploitation minière et droits de l'homme au Sénégal". He also authored OXFAM's study "Étude comparative entre la Directive minière de la CEDEAO et les codes miniers des pays de l'Afrique de l'Ouest révisés depuis 2009". He is a senior consultant for UNODC Global Programme for Combating Wildlife and Forest Crime. He is a lecturer at the universities of Assane Seck in Ziguinchor and ISDD (Institut supérieur de droit de Dakar) of the Catholic University of West Africa (UCAO). In addition, he is Head of Counter-Terrorism, Transnational Organized Crime and Migration Issues at the Timbuktu Institute Research Centre. He has expert knowledge of the African judicial system and strong experience in consulting and adult education.

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, the rule of law and stabilization, and transnational organized crime.

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 and doctoral research in Senegal. 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.

Moderator

As Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. Luka Kuol directs the Africa Center's academic programs, linking them with Center's Research, Outreach, and Alumni initiatives. In addition, he is the faculty lead of three academic programs: National Security Strategy Development, Managing Security Resources, and Emerging Security Sector Leaders. His work focuses on national security strategy, security sector budgets, social contracts, food security and resilience, and the security-development-governance nexus.

Dr. Kuol is also a Global Fellow at the Peace Research Institute Oslo, a Fellow at the Rift Valley Institute, and an Associate Professor of Economics (on leave) at the University of Juba in South Sudan. He also sits on the editorial board of the Disasters Journal, published by the Overseas Development Institute.

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 Bachelor of Science 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 in the United Kingdom.