

COMMUNITY POLICING APPROACHES TO COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM (CVE) IN AFRICA

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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.

Mr. Idriss M. Lallali is the Deputy-Director and concurrently Head of Alert and Prevention Unit at the African Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism (ACSRT) and is a member of the multidisciplinary team designated by the AU to launch the Centre.

Among his primary responsibilities are: leading the design and development of the Centre's Counter-Terrorism Early Warning System, managing a team of analysts that conduct policy analysis, studies, synthesis, and audits on terrorism in Africa. He previously provided assistance to consultants appointed by the AU to the African Anti-Terrorist Model Law, managed the Focal Point Community Database, and led the Monitoring Process of ratification of the African and Universal Counterterrorism Instruments. Mr. Lallali is also leading a team of experts that evaluate the Counterterrorism capacity of African Union Member States.

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.

FACILITATORS (In Alphabetical Order)

Dr. Nathaniel Allen is an Assistant Professor for Security Studies, responsible for overseeing the Africa Center's academic programming on cybersecurity and peace support operations and integrating these considerations into the Center's research and outreach. His work focuses on civil-military relations, regional security partnerships, counterinsurgency efforts, and nonconventional warfare.

Prior to the joining the Africa Center, Dr. Allen was a policy advisor at the U.S. Institute of Peace Task Force on Extremism in Fragile States. He has also worked at the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations, for the Foreign

Affairs and the Armed Services Committees of the U.S. House of Representatives, and with NORC at the University of Chicago's International Projects Department. Dr. Allen's research has been published in leading policy journals and newspapers. He has received fellowships from American University, the Robertson Family Foundation, and the U.S. Institute of Peace, where he was a 2016-2017 Williams Jennings Randolph Peace Scholar.

Dr. Allen holds a Ph.D. in international relations and African studies from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, an M.A. in development studies from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School, and a B.A. in political science from Swarthmore College.

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.

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.

Ms. 'Kemi Okenyodo, Executive Director, Rule of Law Empowerment Initiative (also known as Partners West Africa- Nigeria) has over fifteen years ' experience in security and governance issues in both Nigeria and West Africa, NGO management and litigation practice.

She has expertise in the security governance sector, with special emphasis on police accountability and citizens/security institutions engagement. She has also been engaged in several works geared toward the evolution of non-state actors and their contributions to improving public safety and security; policing and gender issues, as well as, election security management. She is also well-experienced in project management, monitoring & evaluation, fund raising, stakeholder management and networking, as well as team building and innovative leadership.

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)

Dr. Anneli Botha is a senior lecturer at the Department of Political Studies and Governance, University of the Free State in South Africa. She is also a researcher, scholar, and consultant studying terrorism and violent extremism. Between 2003 and 2016 she was employed as a senior researcher on terrorism at the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) in Pretoria. After completing an honours degree in International Politics she joined the South African Police Service, Crime Intelligence in 1993 during which she focused on terrorism and religious extremism. She holds a MA (Political Studies) degree at the Rand-Afrikaans University obtained in 1999 that focused on the historical development of terrorism, religious extremism and PAGAD. She completed her PhD at the University of the Free State, studying radicalisation and terrorism; she wrote her dissertation on the topic of "Radicalisation to commit terrorism from a political socialisation perspective in Kenya and Uganda."

She has a specific interest in research on the underlying causes of terrorism, radicalization and counter-terrorism strategies.

Mr. Faiçal Bouchrara is currently Commissioner-General of Police First Degree. Prior to that, Mr. Bouchrara was a Senior Commissioner and Principal Commissioner in the Central Directorate of Counter-Terrorism in the Tunisian Ministry of the Interior, ranks he held for more than ten years. Since 2018, Mr. Bouchrara has also been a trainer specializing in the counter-terrorism in the Maghreb. Prior to that, he held the position of head police officer within the Ministry of the Interior (1993-2004). Mr. Bouchrara participated a security study of foreign combatants organized by the ITES center (Tunisian Institute for Strategic Studies) for two years (2016-2018). He speaks Arabic and French fluently.

Ms. Munira Hamisi currently heads the Mombasa County Prevention and Countering of Violent Extremism docket, at the office of the Governor, having greatly contributed to the developing and institutionalizing of the Mombasa County Action plan for PCVE,

which was launched by .H.E the Governor, in 2017. She envisions a peaceful society where a Muslim and a non - Muslim are not branded as “terrorists” just because of their choice of dressing based on their religious beliefs. Her mission is to enhance peaceful mechanisms in a community that is led by youth leaders, serving their citizens regardless of their religious and ethnical divides. More so to become a younger generation champion for Political, Social & Economic empowerment towards raising young Active citizens who are able to distinguish their role in nation building.

Munira is also a Generation Change fellow, from USIP, a Participatory Action researcher and a Co Author to Peace Works Participatory action research for advancing Youth led Peace building in Kenya. With an educational Background in sociology, she has served the community for the past few years, as a senior programs manager, a mentor and a community resource person.

Ms. Phyllis Muema is currently the Executive Director of Kenya Community Support Centre (KECOSCE), She is a Social Development Expert and holds a post graduate diploma in human and natural resources and in peace building and conflict management from Danida Fellowship Centre (DFC). She also holds a senior management certificate from the Kenya School of Government.

Phyllis is a local practitioner in CVE with 9 years experience designing project that respond to violent extremism drivers, building local capacities for community groups and civil society and policy dialogues and influencing. Phyllis played a role in the development of the Draft Kenya National Peacebuilding and conflict management policy, the Draft National Counter radicalization strategy and is a member of the Global Counter Terrorism Forum where she has provide community perspectives to Countering Violent Extremism. Phyllis is a guest speaker on the role of civil societies in confronting Terrorism at the George Marshall European Centre for Security Studies and was a member of the steering committee on Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERV).

Mr. Abdoul Kassim Fomba is the national coordinator of a leading think-tank and action group in Mali called "Think Peace", which focuses on issues of security, conflict management and prevention of violent extremism. He is a researcher with several major contributions in publications on the trajectory of youth in armed groups in Mali and Burkina Faso; the perception of local populations on peacekeeping.

Mr. Fomba has participated and facilitated numerous conferences on "Youth, Conflict and Extremist Violence" at the national and international levels. As National Coordinator of Think Peace, he has set up specialized networks to raise awareness among communities on issues of security, conflict management and the prevention of violent extremism. He led the creation of the Mixed Teams for a Peaceful Environment (EMEP), in several communes of Mali, as actors of alert and response to the community conflicts.

Mr. Fomba is currently a member of the National Strategy Committee for the Prevention and Countering Violent Extremism and Terrorism in Mali and member of the Committee of preventing radicalization in prisons.

Ms. Jaki Mbogo works to promote safer, peaceful and cohesive communities through implementing security and peace sector programmes in various communities in Kenya. Jaki holds a Master of Art in Development Studies with 20 years' experience delivering Police Reform, Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) mitigation, peacebuilding and conflict management programming in Kenya. She holds a successful career serving diverse types of organisations and government agencies including as a governing council member of the National Crime Research Centre; Co-Convener/Chair of the Kenya National Taskforce on Women Peace and Security (for implementation of the UNSCR 1325); and implementation of the DFID supported Community Security Programme (REINVENT).

Jaki is passionate about knowledge transfer and is known for her passion in promoting local capacities. A seasoned influencer who among others initiated and co-designed the Crime and Prevention training curriculum in Kenya, which has contributed in growing the prevention discourse in the country. She continues to serve as a trainer and speaker in the sector as well as serving as a convener for the violence prevention network. She believes real transformation happens when policies connect to and are grounded on the realities of communities and that true power is in empowering communities to design prevention strategies that are relevant to their experiences and context. Jaki is also a known voice for police reforms in Kenya, who in addition to being involved in designing and implementing reform strategies; is credited with various civil society platforms for enhancing citizen participation in security and peace sector management.

Jaki has previously worked for Saferworld as the Country Lead implementing its peace and security sector programme; The UNDP Kenya focusing on Peace and Security as well as a trainer and consultant for various international agencies in the sectors of peace and security.

Mr. Peter Olowo has over 15 years of work experience with UNESCO, the government of Uganda, and leading consultancies where he has provided technical assistance and tendered advice in the areas of peace and conflict transformation, post-war recovery, stabilization, institutional reforms, human rights, project management, and CVE. During his career, he has worked on a number of key projects including: the Uganda Amnesty Act (2002-2005), UNESCO peacebuilding efforts in Uganda and South Sudan (2007-2015), and the South Sudan DDR commission.

Since 2015, he has been a Deputy Team Leader with Adam Smith International in Somalia under the UK/Danish funded Countering Violent Extremism Program, which supports

the development of policies, systems and structures for implementation of rehabilitation and reintegration of former Al-Shabaab members who voluntarily leave the group.

He is the co-author of “Disengagement in Somalia: Evidence from a Rehabilitation Programme for Former Members of Al-Shabaab,” a Royal United Services Institute’s Whitehall series Report. He also is the author of several other reports on a variety of topics relating from peacebuilding to security, and has a long history of participating in research to inform evidence-based programming initiatives on CVE.

Mr. Olowo has a Masters in Management Studies and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Public Administration and Management both from the Uganda Management Institute in Kampala – Uganda; a Post-Graduate Advanced International Certificate in Peace and Conflict Transformation from the European University Centre for Peace Studies, Austria and a Bachelors (Hons) in Social Sciences majoring in Economics and Sociology from Makerere University – Kampala. He is currently pursuing a Masters of Law (LLM) from the University of East London.

Mr. Christopher (Chris) Wakube is a Senior Program Manager with Equal Access International (EAI) at EAI office in Nairobi, Kenya. He is a peacebuilding and project management professional with 18 years' experience working on various projects ranging from Child Protection, Peacebuilding, Elections Peace and Security, Community Security and Preventing Violent Extremism. He is currently managing projects in EAI that provide alternative narratives to young people at risk of radicalization/recruitment by violent extremist organizations. Previously he has worked with Saferworld (UK) as Kenya Country Manager/Head of Office and with Pact Inc. as Senior Program Officer. Chris has also undertaken consultancy assignments involving trainings, evaluations and research in Kenya and the East African region including S. Sudan, Sudan, Somalia, Rwanda and Ethiopia. He is also a Member of the Peace Actors Forum and the Dialogue Contact Group (DCG) in Kenya and a Board Member of the Universities and Colleges Students Peace Association of Kenya (UCSPAK). Chris holds a Master of Business Administration (Strategic Management) from University of Nairobi, Kenya and a Bachelor of Philosophy from Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome. He is also PMD Pro 1 (Project Management for Development Professionals) certified.