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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 Kuol is the Academic Dean at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies. As the dean, 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.

SPEAKERS (in alphabetical order)

Dr. Raymond Gilpin is Chief Economist and Head of the Strategy, Analysis and Research Team at the Regional Bureau for Africa, United Nations Development Program in New York. In this capacity he provides leadership on all matters related to economic analysis, strategy and research in UNDP's Africa bureau, and manages the bureau's network of economists. Prior to joining UNDP he was the academic dean at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies in Washington DC and economics director at the United States Institute of Peace, where he also chaired the taskforce on business and peace and managed the web-based International Network for Economics and Conflict. He has also worked at the African Development Bank and the World Bank. Dr Gilpin was inducted into the Martin Luther King Collegium of Scholars at the historic Morehouse College in Atlanta in 2015 in recognition of his work on economics and peace. He holds a doctorate from Cambridge University in the UK.

Mr. Abdel-Fatau Musah is the Director of the Western Africa Division in the UN Departments of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and Peace Operations. From 17 March 2016 until 31 December 2018, Mr. Musah was the Director of the Africa II Division in the UN Department of Political Affairs, handling Central, North and West Africa. Mr. Musah served as Deputy Head of Office and Director of Political Affairs in the UN Office to the African Union (UNOAU) from May 2014 to March 2016, where he led the political pillar of UN's strategic partnership with the African Union and the Regional Economic Communities on peace and security and supported mediation and good offices work in Eastern and Southern Africa.

Before joining the UN, Mr. Musah served as Director of Political Affairs at the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) (2009-2014), and Senior Conflict Prevention Adviser to the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) and ECOWAS on West Africa (2005-2009). Mr. Musah spearheaded the development of ECOWAS' Conflict Prevention Framework (ECPF), the Organization's strategic document for operational and structural conflict prevention. He coordinated electoral and security assessment missions and played a leading role in formulating and backstopping political responses to various crises, including in Guinea, Niger, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo, Mali, and Guinea Bissau. He also facilitated the establishment of the ECOWAS Electoral Assistance and Mediation Facilitation Divisions.

Mr. Musah has worked/consulted for a number of institutions and INGOs/IGOs, including the UN Office in West Africa, UN Women, International IDEA, the Open Society Institute, the Center for Democracy and Development, and the British-American Security Information Council. He has also served as visiting lecturer in leading European and African institutions, and has written extensively on democratization, proliferation of small arms and light weapons, privatization of security, and broader peace and security issues in Africa.

His published works include "West Africa: Governance and Security in a Changing World" (IPI Coping with Crisis series, New York, February 2009); "The Evolving ECOWAS Security Architecture" (CDD, London & Abuja, 2008); "The ECOWAS Moratorium on Light Weapons: Pitching Political Will against Reality", FOSDA, Ghana, 2004; "Small Arms: A Time Bomb under West Africa's Democratization Process" (Brown Journal on World Affairs, Spring 2002); "Mercenaries: An African Security Dilemma" (Pluto Press, London, 2000); and "Over a Barrel: Light Weapons & Human Rights in the Commonwealth" (CHRI, 2000). Mr. Musah received a Master's Degree in Mass Communication and a Doctorate Degree in International Historical Relations from Lomonosov Moscow State University. He speaks English, French and Russian

Ms. Michelle Ndiaye is the Special Representative and Head of the AU Office in DRC. Prior to that, she was the Director of the Africa Peace and Security Program in collaboration with the African Union Commission at the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS) and the Head of the Tana Forum Secretariat. Ms. Ndiaye has worked on a variety of projects with various local and international organizations and brings on-board a wealth of experience in the field of democratic and local governance, post-conflicts and community recovery, sustainable development and environmental issues, transitional justice, communication and research. She has an extensive political and administrative managerial background and experience in large scale multi-donor program management.

Before joining IPSS, she was the Managing Director of the Mandela Institute for Development Studies (MINDS). Prior to joining MINDS, between 1999 and 2011, she consecutively headed several African and international organizations as Executive Director of Greenpeace Africa, CEO of the African Institute for Corporate Citizenship (AICC), Founder and Manager of Africa Projects for Akena Research and Consulting and Regional Director of the World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters. Ms. Ndiaye started her career in 1995 as program officer at the African Institute for Democracy (IAD), a nongovernmental organization and UNDP project based in Dakar, Senegal that promotes democracy and governance in Africa and particularly in 16 West African Countries.

Ms. Ndiaye graduated in political science (BA) from Quebec University in Montreal, Canada. She holds a master's degree in public law and a post graduate degree in Political Science (DEA) from University Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar, Senegal. She is a Doctoral Candidate at the University Leipzig, Germany.

Professor Medhane Tadesse is a visiting professor at the African Leadership Centre, Kings College London. He is an academic specialist on peace and security issues in Africa who has researched extensively on civil wars, the governance of security, political Islam and interstate conflicts. He was, among others, advisor to the President of Somaliland and the Ethiopian Foreign Minister in the mid-1990s. Medhane played a crucial role in familiarizing peace and security studies particularly the governance of security at both research and policy levels. He drafted and developed the Horn of African Strategy for Security Sector Reform; provided extensive support to the African Union Commission in conceptualizing, drafting and finalizing its policy framework on SSR; and organized and chaired the Development of National Security Policy for the new Republic of South Sudan.

FACILITATORS (in alphabetical order)

Brigadier General (Ret.) Saleh Bala is the Chief Executive Officer of White Ink Consult, a private defence and security research, strategic communications and training consultancy firm based in Abuja, Nigeria and founder of the White Ink Institute for Strategy Education and Research (WISER), Abuja, Nigeria, an institute focusing on capacity building at executive and middle cadre levels on security governance strategy and national security policy. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Literature, from the University of Maiduguri, Nigeria (1982) and a Masters Degree 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). He is a Distinguished Honour Graduate of the US Special Forces Detachment Officers Qualification Course (1991), John F Kennedy, United States Special Warfare Centre, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and an alumnus of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, Sanremo, Italy, International Refugee Law Course (2010) and also a member of the institute's Training Advisory Group. Bala is a resource person for the Africa Centre for Strategic Studies (ACSS), Washington DC. He has been working extensively with the ACSS in the areas of sensitization and capacity development for formulation of National Security Strategies for African nations, as well as for development of National Preventing/Counter Violent Strategies across Africa.

Bala was commissioned into the Nigerian Army on 15 December 1984. He served in various command, staff and training capacities, which included company commander, 72 Parachute Battalion (1987-88), instructor at the Nigerian Army Infantry School, Airborne, Tactics and Special Warfare Wings (1988-93). He 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 II (1995-96) and was the Military Chief of Staff, United Nations Operations in Cote D'Ivoire (2011-2012). His last military assignment was as the Chief of Staff, Nigerian Army Infantry Corps Center (2012-13). He served

in a consultant capacity as the Senior Special Adviser (Policy and Strategy Development) to the Honorable Minister of Interior, Federal Republic of Nigeria from Aug 2015- Dec 2017.

Dr. Fairlie Chappuis is an independent expert in conflict and security with fourteen years' experience in research, policy development, and operations, especially in Africa. She is a rostered expert for the International Security Sector Advisory Team and has completed projects for the European Union, the Danish Refugee Council, the Small Arms Survey, and the NYU Center for International Cooperation, among others. Previously, she worked at DCAF Geneva and the Freie Universität Berlin, and was also a visiting scholar at the Kofi Annan Institute for Conflict Transformation at the University of Liberia, the Stimson Center in Washington DC, and swisspeace in Bern. She holds a Masters from the Geneva Graduate Institute and a doctorate from the Otto Suhr Institute of Political Science at the Freie Universität Berlin.

Dr. Willene A. Johnson serves as a consultant advising institutions, national governments, and international organizations on issues related to finance and development. Her current assignments focus on peacebuilding and strengthening capacity in the security sectors of African countries. To that end, she facilitates workshops for practitioners engaged in strategic planning and budgeting, as well as in peacekeeping and economic reconstruction. Dr. Johnson was previously the U.S. Executive Director at the African Development Bank, a member of the UN Committee for Development Policy, co-chair of the African Regional Committee of the Grameen Foundation and chair of the sub-Saharan Africa Advisory Committee of the U.S. 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. Dr. Johnson served as adjunct faculty at the United States Institute of Peace and Columbia and Cornell Universities and recently served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Tuskegee University. She holds degrees in social studies (Radcliffe College, Harvard University) and African history (St. John's University) as well as a doctorate in development economics (Columbia University).

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

Brig. Gen. (ret.) Joyce Ng'wane Puta is the current Chairman for the Zambia Ex- Servicemen League and a Consultant In Peace and Conflict, HIV/AIDS and Gender related issues. Puta has been facilitator with ACSS since 2006 in many seminars and programs. Puta retired from the Zambian Army after 37 years of service as Brigadier General. In her last posting, she served as Defence attaché to Beijing, China. In addition, she was seconded to the UN and served for a total of 5 years and 9 months in UNMSET East Timor and UNMIL in Liberia as HIV/AIDS Policy Advisor. Puta has also served as HIV/AIDS Coordinator in the Zambia Defence Force as well as Regional HIV/AIDS Coordinator for Eastern and Southern Africa Region for 7 years during the peak of the epidemic. She holds a Masters Degree in Peace and Conflict Studies from Dag Hammarskjöld Institute of Peace and Conflict and the Copperbelt University, a MPH from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, an advanced diploma in Health Systems Management from the Royal College of Nursing London and a diploma in HIV/AIDS Management from San Jose, California. She has also completed the Senior Command Course at Kamwala Staff College in Lusaka.

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 reform and governance. Since 2007, he has worked with the Africa Center on more than 40 activities as a speaker, facilitator, and author. He also works with Partners Global (USA), Konrad Adenauer Foundation (Germany), Friedrich Erbet Stiftung (Germany), DCAF Switzerland). He is a member of the African Security Sector Network and founding President of the Foundation for citizen security in 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. from the Center for Diplomatic and Strategic Studies in Paris, France, on security sector reform and governance in the ECOWAS Region.

Capt. (Navy) Joaquim Pacheco Santos 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 Marines School, 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 from 2005 to 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 Marine Corps Landing Craft Unit from 1999 to 2002

Captain Santos holds a Ph.D. in Management and Organizational Behavior from the Superior Institute of Work and Enterprise Sciences (ISCTE) in Lisbon and a master's degree in organizational behavior from the Superior Institute of Applied Psychology (ISPA) in Lisbon. Captain Santos has been an Invited Lecturer on Leadership, Motivation, and Corporate/Business Ethics at the ISCTE-IUL, University at Lisbon, since 2005. He had published several scientific papers on team leadership development and training.