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BIOGRAPHIES

SESSION 1 PANELISTS (In alphabetical order)

Dr. Hassan E. Ahmed is a professor in the Department of Political Science, Faculty of Economic and Social Studies, University of Khartoum. He was the Director of the Higher Academy for Strategic and Security Studies, and was the Dean of the Faculty of Economic and Social Studies, University of Khartoum. He got his PhD from the University of North Texas, Denton, and his Masters from the University of Missouri, Columbia. He worked as a Visiting Professor in Ahmed B. Mohamed Military College, Qatar, and the Graduate School of International Area Studies, Hankuk University, South Korea. His recent publications include: “Military Neo-Professionalism and Arabs’ Uprisings: A Study in Civil-Military Relations in Egypt, Syria, and Yemen”. He is a recipient of the Arab Prize for Humanities and Social Sciences 2014, presented by the Arab Centre for Research & Policy Studies Doha, Qatar.

Dr. Adnen Manser served as Spokesperson to Tunisian President Moncef Marzouki from 2012-2014, the pivotal early period of Tunisia’s democratic transition. He also served as the Director of Dr. Marzouki’s 2014 presidential campaign. A professor of modern history at the University in Sousse, he specializes in the history of institutions and political thought. He also served as the University’s Vice Dean. He was also a researcher at the Institut Supérieur d’histoire du movement national and a member of the Higher Political Reform Commission. He is the founder and director of the Center for Strategic Studies on the Maghreb. He holds a PhD in history from the University in Sousse.

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General Imad-Eldin Mustafa Adawi was born in Sudan, Alhesyhisa, Sudan in 1956. He graduated from Sudan’s Military College in 1978. He has also completed courses in Signal, Communications, IT and Electronics Warfare both in Sudan, Egypt, and the U.S.A. General Imad has also obtained a Communications Engineering Diploma, in addition to a Master of Military Sciences from Albakr University- Iraq. He has received the following awards: Fellowship of Nimairi Academy, Higher College of War, Sudan; Fellowship of Syrian Higher
Military Academy, Defence College; Senior African Leaders Diploma from Nasir Academy, Egypt. During his long military career, General Imad has held the following positions: Signal Battalions Commander at various military areas, Staff Officer at the Chief of Staff Office, Head of Operations Department, Upper-Nile Military Area, Commander of Infantry Brigade (25), Almuglad, Head of Operations Department, Almuglad and West-Neuir Military Area, Guiding Instructor at Nimiri Higher Military Academy, Commander of SAF Division-6, Alfashir, Commander of The Western Military Area, Darfur, Director for General Directorate of Communications and Information Systems, Director of Nimiri Higher Military Academy, Land Forces Deputy Chief of Staff for Administration, Member at the different Peace Talks Delegations, Chief of the Joint Operations Corporation, and SAF Chief of the Joint Staff.

Dr. Tamer Abdel Elkreem is Deputy Director of Peace Research Institute, University of Khartoum where he is also a lecturer in the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology. Dr. Elkreem is the Program Co-ordinator for project of Assisting Regional Universities in Sudan. He also serves as Academic Secretary of Nubian Study Centre. He received his PhD in Anthropology from the University of Bayreuth, Germany, an MPhil in Anthropology of Development from Bergen University, Norway, and a BSc in Sociology and Social Anthropology from the University of Khartoum, Sudan.

Mervat Hamadelneil Osman participated in the negotiation between FFC and TMC in 2019 during the Sudanese revolution, she has graduated from University of Khartoum, Faculty of Mathematical Sciences, and is currently completing her post-graduate studies in gender, migration, and multi-culturalism at Ahfad University for Women-Sudan. She has attended many national and international training workshops, meetings, and conferences in multi-disciplines, such as youth leadership, non-violent change, political participation, and gender and peace. She has more than 15 years’ experience in the establishment of different civil societies and community-based organizations. Moreover, she has worked on the enhancement of civil societies in terms of capacity building of staff and M&E of some projects. She has a solid background in policymaking and practical knowledge in working with cultural and social differences. She is a professional in establishing human rights networks and operates especially in conflict and post-conflict areas.

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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.

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.

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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.

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**Maj. Gen. (Retired) Mubarak Babiker** is currently an Advisor to the Minister of Defense of Sudan. Prior to that, he was serving as Director General of International Relations at the Ministry of Defense of the Sudan from 2012 – 2016. Babiker also served as Chief of Representatives (GoS) with AMIS-CFC in Darfur from 2006 – 2007. He has participated in notable engagements to include the UN-AU-GoS Tripartite Mechanism on UNAMID from 2008-2016, and the Technical Subcommittee on Defense Matters with Ethiopia, 2009-2016. Babiker has also completed an AU African Mission in Sudan (AMIS), CFC, in AL-Fashir, Darfur, April 2006 - December 2007, where he served as the Senior Government of Sudan Representative. Afterwards, he completed the AU, “Operation Restore Democracy” in - Comoros - February to April 2008. Babiker received his Bachelor’s in Management Studies, and his Post Graduate Diploma in Security Sector Management from Cranfield University, UK.

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**Omayma Quatbi** is an independent pan-Africa peace and security expert. She holds a BSC (honours) in sociology and social anthropology from the university of Khartoum and Masters
degree in peace and development studies from the University of Juba. For many years she led Oxfam’s Pan Africa campaign on arms control titled: ‘Beyond Ratifications: Save Lives, Control Arms’. Omayma led many projects on security sector reform and governance. As a campaigner, she extensively lobbied the African Union’s Peace and Security Council on issues pertaining to arms control in Africa.