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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.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

H.E. Olusegun Obasanjo served as President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria from 1999 to 2007. He served as the Head of the Federal Military Government of Nigeria and Commander-in-Chief of the Nigerian Armed Forces from 1976 to 1979. He presided over the voluntary transition to civilian democratic rule in 1979. In 2008, he was appointed as a special envoy for Africa by the United Nations and has since overseen democratic elections on behalf of the African Union and ECOWAS.

President Obasanjo is one of the most distinguished elder statesmen of Africa. He brings with him a long-standing commitment to peace on the African continent and an intimate knowledge of Central African politics. He has been involved in a number of international mediation efforts, particularly in Namibia, Angola, South Africa, Mozambique and Burundi. President Obasanjo has consistently supported the deepening and widening of regional cooperation through the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the Co-prosperity Alliance Zone incorporating Benin, Ghana, Nigeria and Togo.

In 2008, the United Nations Secretary- General, Ban Ki-moon, appointed him as his Special Envoy to the Great Lakes region, where he has played an integral part in mediation efforts in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo. He has previously served as chairman of the Group of 77, chairman of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, and chairman of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee.

SPEAKERS (in alphabetical order)

H.E. Kamissa Camara is a senior visiting expert for the Sahel at the U.S. Institute of Peace. She is a sub-Saharan Africa policy analyst and practitioner with 15 years of professional experience. She has served as Mali's minister of foreign affairs, minister of digital economy and planning, and most recently, as chief of staff to the president of Mali. Previous to that, she served as senior foreign policy advisor to the president.

Prior to working with the Malian government, Camara held leadership positions in Washington, D.C. with the International Foundation for Electoral Systems, the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) and Partners Global. At NED, Camara co-founded and co-chaired the Sahel Strategy Forum. She also spearheaded a multi-million-dollar program supporting civil society initiatives in West and Central Africa, with a particular focus on the Sahel. From 2015 until 2018, she was the Sahel and sub-Saharan Africa instructor at the State Department's Foreign Service Institute where she trained U.S. diplomats before their postings in the region. A well-published political commentator and television pundit, Camara has been featured, heard, and seen on CNN, Aljazeera, Voice of America, The Washington Post, France24, and RFI, among others. Camara holds a master's in international economics and development from Université Grenoble Alpes and a bachelor's in international relations from Université de Paris.

Ambassador (ret.) Phillip Carter III is President of the Mead Hill Group, an international executive advisory service for individuals and organizations engaged in the global marketplace of ideas, markets, and opportunities, particularly in the developing world. Prior to that, he was the Senior Foreign Service American diplomat and was United States Ambassador to Ivory Coast from 2010 to 2013. Ambassador Carter holds the diplomatic rank of Minister Counselor. From 2013 - 2015, he was Deputy to the Commander for Civil Military Engagements, United States Africa Command (AFRICOM) in Stuttgart, Germany.

Prior to his appointment as U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Ivory Coast, Phillip Carter served as a Senior Advisor to the Africa Bureau and previously as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary from 2008 to 2010. He also served as the Africa Bureau's Acting Assistant Secretary during the transition between the Bush and Obama Administrations. From 2007 to 2008, Phillip Carter was the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea. Ambassador Carter has also served as the Director for West African Affairs and the Deputy Director in the Office for East African Affairs at the U.S. State Department.

Prior to that assignment, he was the Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) at the U.S. Embassy in Antananarivo, Madagascar and DCM in Libreville, Gabon. Before his arrival in Gabon in 1997, he was an international financial economist in the State Department's Office of Monetary Affairs in the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs. During this period, he dealt with international debt and capital matters and served as the Department's point-person on International Monetary Fund issues with Africa. From 1992-1994, he served as the Economic and Commercial Counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Ambassador Carter received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and History from Drew University in 1980, and a Master of Arts Degree in International and Development Economics from Yale University in 1995.

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.

Lieutenant General Birame Diop is the Military Adviser in the Department of Peace Operations (DPO) at the United Nations. Prior to his appointment, he served as the Chief of Defense Staff of the Senegalese Armed Forces. General Diop also served previously as the National Security Advisor to the President of Senegal and the Chief of Staff and the Deputy Chief of Staff of the Senegalese Air Force. As a pilot in the Senegalese Air Force, he has accumulated a total of 7,000 flying hours. General Diop has studied at the Royal Air Academy of Morocco, the University of Southern California, the Air University of Africa Center for Strategic Studies Alabama, and the College Inter Armées of Paris. General Diop is a scholar and a practitioner who has worked for many years with the Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS), as a facilitator and speaker in a wide range of seminars. He was a fellow at the National Endowment for Democracy and at the Woodrow Wilson Center where he conducted research on Africa's Security Sector Reform. General Diop has published several articles on Strategic Airlift Capacities, Security Sector Reform and Civil Military Relations in Sub-Saharan Africa. He is doctoral student in Diplomacy and International relations at the Center for diplomatic and strategic studies in Dakar/Senegal.

Dr. Mehari Taddele Maru is currently Part-time Professor Migration Policy Centre and Academic Coordinator of the Young African Leaders Programme at the School of Transnational Governance and at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy.

Dr. Mehari is also a Fellow at the United Nations University Institute on Comparative Regional Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS), Bruges, Belgium. A graduate of Harvard and Oxford universities, he holds a PhD in Legal Sciences from JL Giessen University, Germany, an MPA from Harvard, an MSc from the University of Oxford and an LLB from Addis Ababa University. With more than 20 years of management and professional working experience in multilateral bodies, he combines research excellence with a deep knowledge of multilateral systems.

Dr. Mehari is a member of the Technical Committee of the Tana High-Level Security Forum (modelled on, and uniquely related to the Munich Security Forum for Africa), and he worked as Programme Coordinator for the AU Migration Programme and Legal Expert at the African Union Commission (AUC). He served as Programme Head for Conflict Prevention and Risk Analysis at the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) and as Director for University Reform at Addis Ababa University, in addition to serving as a member of the university's Senate and Policy Committee.

He also served as a resource person to the UN Economic Commission for Africa on Transboundary Resources; the IGAD-UN High Level Dialogue; the Tana Security Forum; GIZ; the African Peace Support Trainers Association (APSTA); the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP); the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC); the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida); the Life and Peace Institute (L&PI: Uppsala); the Enough Project (Washington); and the Los Angeles-based relief organisation Not on Our Watch. He was also the Africa expert member for the review of the Africa-EU partnership on Migration, Mobility and Employment as well as Higher Education.

Similarly, he drafted the IGAD State of the Region Report, the IGAD Peace and Security Strategy 2020, and the State of Peace and Security of IGAD Region. He also prepared the Strategy for South Sudan Mediation and the Report of the IGAD Monitoring and Verification Mechanism of South Sudan and facilitated various South Sudan peace negotiations. As migration consultant to IGAD, he designed the IGAD Migration Action Plan (IMAP) and the Migration Priorities programme for East and Southern Africa; and I developed the Action Plan and drafted the IGAD Protocol for Free Movement of Persons while facilitating all negotiations and national consultative meetings on that Protocol.

In recognition of his expertise, he has been invited to make presentations to decision-making and policy organs of the UN, the AU and RECs: specifically, to the Peace and Security Council; the Permanent Representatives' Committee; AU and IGAD ministerial councils and RECs; and the UN Human Rights Council's Intergovernmental Working Groups. His work has been cited in various decisions of the AU Assembly of Heads of State and Government, and at Council of Ministers and ministerial conferences. An author, Dr Mehari is a critic and commentator on various regional and international issues.

Ambassador Fatima Kyari Mohammed is the Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations. In addition to representational functions her mandate includes developing and maintaining constructive and productive institutional relationships between the African Union and United Nations institutions, supporting and coordinating the activities of the African Group at the United Nations as well as ensuring the effective monitoring, implementation, and promotion of African Union Decisions within the African group in multilateral negotiations. Prior to her appointment, she was Senior Advisor to the ECOWAS Commission. Her career spans more than two decades with a focus on peace, security, socio-economic development, regional integration, organizational development, and project management in the public and private sectors. She has studied peace, security, development, and conflict transformation (University of Innsbruck), responsible management and sustainable economic development (United Nations University for Peace, Costa Rica) and Business Communication (European University, Switzerland). She also holds a degree in Environmental Design (ABU, Zaria, Nigeria). She is also an ACSS alumna (2005) and an Eisenhower Fellow (2016).

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.

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. Anouar Boukhars is a professor of counterterrorism and countering violent extremism, Dr. Anouar 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 Akhaweyn University in Ifrane, Morocco; and a B.A. in English literature from Ibn Tofail University in Kenitra, Morocco.

Dr. Catherine Lena Kelly is an associate 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 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.