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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)

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.

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).

Dr. Elizabeth Kariuki is an accomplished public sector policy and management professional with over twenty-five years of experience providing consulting and business advisory services primarily to public sector organizations in Sub Saharan Africa. She is currently a director at APRIL, and consults for among others the African Development Bank, International Monetary Fund, United States Agency for International Development and World Bank on public financial management, tax policy and administration and public sector management. In addition, between 2013 and 2015, Elizabeth served as a Board Director at The Horn Economic and Social Policy Institute, where she was responsible for providing oversight with respect to the organization's policies, strategies, operations and finances. She is a former partner at PwC where she worked for 23 years.

Dr Gary Milante is Programme Director and Focal Point for the Global Registry of Violent Deaths (GReVD) initiative at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). His research focuses on measuring and monitoring security and socio-economic development through

indicator and metric design, applied econometrics, statistical analysis and modeling. Dr Milante uses systems approaches to make the complex problems associated with sequencing of institutional reforms, development portfolio design, strategic planning and needs assessment accessible to policymakers and practitioners in the field, with a special focus on the needs of fragile and conflict-affected states. He has worked for the World Bank and advised multilateral institutions (OECD, IMF, UN agencies), civil society organizations and the governments of developing and developed countries.

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.

FACILITATORS (in alphabetical order)

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.

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.

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.

