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## **Taking Stock of African Peace Operations: Regional Responses to Unconstitutional Changes of Government**

### **Panelist Biographies:**

**Mr. Claude Kondor** is a peace, security, and international development professional with expertise in conflict prevention, post-conflict reconstruction, and development in West Africa. Additionally, he has over fifteen years of practical experience working with a wide range of international, state, civil society, and non-governmental stakeholders at the local and international level. Mr. Kondor has extensive work and travel experience of sub-Saharan Africa. He possesses excellent cultural understanding and communication skills, strong research and program development and management capabilities, and sound social, political and conflict analysis skills. He is Sierra Leonean by nationality and is happily married with four children. He speaks Mende, Creole, and English fluently, and has a working knowledge of French.

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