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Leadership

Colonel (Ret.) Daniel Hampton brings more than 25 years of experience developing and implementing U.S. defense policy and strategy in Africa. As Acting Director and professor of practice in security studies, he oversees curriculum and program management in the areas of defense institution building, national security strategy, and civil-military cooperation.

During the course of his military career, Col. Hampton served as the U.S. senior defense official to South Africa and defense attaché to Malawi, Lesotho, Swaziland, and Zimbabwe. Additionally, he was a senior policy adviser to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the Horn of Africa region. Col. Hampton holds an M.A. in African studies from the University of Illinois; an M.A. in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA; and a B.A. in history from Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC

Dr. Catherine Lena Kelly is Interim Academic Dean and Associate Professor of Justice and Rule of Law, and faculty lead for the Africa Center's portfolios on rule of law/security sector governance, as well as countering transnational organized crime. Her work focuses on citizen security, party politics and democratization, the rule of law, and transnational organized crime. She is also a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Prior to joining the Africa Center, Dr. Kelly was an advisor at the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative, where her work took her to Burundi, the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Republic of Congo, and Rwanda. She designed and taught courses on contemporary Africa and democracy as a postdoctoral fellow at Washington University in St. Louis. 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 Fulbright Fellowship, a Mellon/American Council of Learned Societies Public Fellowship, a West Africa Research Association grant, several Harvard University grants, and two U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowship for the Wolof language and eighteen months of doctoral research in Senegal. Her work has been published extensively, both in book form and 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. Joel Amegboh is an Assistant Professor for African Security Studies, responsible for overseeing the Africa Center's academic programming on National Security Strategy Development and Youth, Peace, and Security and integrating these considerations into the Center's research and outreach.

Prior to joining the Africa Center for Security Studies, Dr. Amegboh worked for several agencies and departments under the United Nations. These include the Educational Outreach Division of the Department of Public Information (DPI) and the Mali Integrated Operational Team, located in the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs. His research interests include advocacy for, and paradigm shifts in peacebuilding in Africa, terrorism and counterterrorism efforts, human security, security-development-governance nexus, and the role of youth in peacebuilding and conflict resolution.

Dr. Amegboh holds a Ph.D. in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution at George Mason University, an M.A. in Global Development and Peace Studies, and a B.A. in International Political Economy and Diplomacy from the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut.

Keynote

His Excellency Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo is the 5th President of Ghana's 4th Republic and was sworn into office for a second term on January 7, 2021.

President Akufo-Addo had his primary education at the Government Boys School and later Rowe Road School both in Accra Central. He went on to teach at the Accra Academy before going to the University of Ghana in 1964 to read Economics. After graduating as an economist, he went on to read law in the UK and was called to the English Bar (Middle Temple) in July 1971 and the Ghana Bar in 1975.

In 1975, he returned home to Accra to continue with his legal career. In 1979 co-founded the law firm Akufo-Addo, Prempeh & Co., which has become one of the prominent law firms in Ghana. Akufo-Addo used his law practice to champion the cause of human rights, rule of law, justice, freedom, and democracy. He was well known for giving free legal assistance to the poor and fought for the rights and liberties of the Ghanaian people. Indeed, many of the important constitutional cases of the modern era, which, inter alia, protected the independence of the judiciary, the right of the citizen to demonstrate without police permit, and the right of equal access of all political parties to the State-owned media, were undertaken by him.

President Akufo-Addo has held numerous positions in Ghana. He was a three term Member of Parliament (1997-2008). He also served as Attorney General and Minister for Justice (2001-2003) and as Minister for Foreign Affairs (2003-2007), both under the government of the former President of the Republic of Ghana, HE John Agyekum Kufuor.

As Attorney-General, he was responsible for the repeal of the Criminal Libel Law, which, hitherto, had been used to intimidate the media and criminalise free speech. As Foreign Minister,

he was fully involved in the successful Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) peace efforts in Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ivory Coast, and Guinea Bissau, and was chairman of the ECOWAS Mediation and Security Council in 2003.

President Akufo-Addo was re-elected to lead the NPP into the 2016 general elections. He won the presidential election that year after defeating the incumbent. He was re-elected as President of the Republic of Ghana in the December 7, 2020, election for a second term in office.

The United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), on 3rd July, 2017, named President Akufo-Addo, as the “AU Gender Champion” for 2017, in recognition of his efforts in gender equality at continental level. He was also first appointed by the United Nations Secretary General in 2017 to serve as co-chair of the Secretary-General’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Advocates along with Prime Minister Erna Solberg of Norway until the end of 2018; and was subsequently re-appointed to Co-Chair for an additional two years.

Facilitators

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 cyber issues, emerging technology, civil-military relations, and regional security partnerships across Africa.

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. He is a Term Member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

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 Professor of Counterterrorism and Countering Violent Extremism with the Africa Center for Strategic Studies and 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. 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. Luka Biong Deng Kuol is an independent consultant and an adjunct distinguished professor of African security studies with the Africa Center for Strategic Studies at National Defense University in Washington. His areas of expertise include Development - Security - Governance Nexus, Public Policy Design, Implementation and Evaluation, National Security Strategy Development and Implementation in Africa, Management of Security Resources in Africa, Post-Conflict Transitions, Peacebuilding and State building, Livelihoods, Vulnerability and Food Security and Humanitarian - Development Nexus.

Dr. Kuol is also a Global Fellow at the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), a Fellow at the Rift Valley Institute, and an Associate Professor of Economics (on leave) at the University of Juba in South Sudan. He is a member of the United Nations Security Sector Advisory Council, a member of the African Security Sector Network and a founding member of South Sudan Studies Association. He also sits on the editorial board of the *Disasters Journal*, published by the United Kingdom Overseas Development Institute.

He was the Dean of Faculty and Academic Affairs at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies. In addition, he was the faculty lead of three academic programs: National Security Strategy Development and Implementation in Africa, Managing Security Resources in Africa, and Emerging Security Sector Leaders in Africa. Prior to joining the Africa Center, Dr. Kuol served as the director of the Institute of Peace, Development and Security Studies at the University of Juba in South Sudan. He was also a member of the teaching staff of the Faculty of Economics and Rural Development at the University of Gezira in Sudan. He was a resident fellow at Harvard Kennedy School and a Visiting Fellow at the Institute of Development Studies at University of Sussex in the United Kingdom. He served as a Minister of Presidential Affairs for the Government of Southern Sudan and as a 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 was the founder of the New Sudan Center for Statistics and Evaluation that became the South Sudan Bureau of Statistics.

He has published scholarly articles in a wide array of prestigious international journals and contributed with many peer-reviewed chapters in various books and peer reviewer for more than fifteen renowned peer-reviewed journals. He is the lead author of the National Security Strategy Development in Africa: Toolkit for Drafting and Consultation published by the Africa Center. He is a co-editor of a book entitled "*The Struggle for South Sudan: Challenges of Security and State Formation*", co-editor of a book entitled "*Abyei: Between Two Sudans*" and author of two books entitled "*Confronting Civil War: Vulnerability and Resilience in South Sudan and Sudan*" and "*Why Does Famine Persist in Africa?*".

He received his Bachelor of Science from the Faculty of Economics and Social Studies at the University of Khartoum, Sudan, master's degree in economics and Master of Business Administration from the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, and a Ph.D. from the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) at the University of Sussex in the United Kingdom.

Dr. Martha Mutisi is an academic and a practitioner with more than 15 years of experience working at the intersection between peace, security, conflict resolution, governance, and development. Currently a Senior Programme Officer in the Democracy and Inclusive Governance (DIG) Programme, with the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), her role is to support and undertake evidence-based research and political analysis that helps citizens and public authorities address the sources of violent conflict, insecurity, fragility and poor governance, while acknowledging the imperative for a gender-transformative approach to solutions.

Previously, Mutisi briefly worked with UN Women (Zimbabwe) as a Senior Programme Specialist on Gender, Peace, and Security. Before then, Mutisi was a Senior Researcher and Manager of the Interventions Department at ACCORD, where she coordinated strategic and operational plans of the department, apart from providing substantive and technical inputs. Dr. Mutisi provided oversight towards activities within Peacebuilding, Peacemaking, Peacekeeping and Training Units as well as within ACCORD's Country Programmes. Mutisi has also worked as a Consultant and Advisor, and with many multilateral organizations organisations, including the European Union (EU); United Nations, the African Union (AU); the Southern African Development Community (SADC), the Intergovernmental authority on Development (IGAD), the Common Market for East and Southern Africa (COMESA and the East African Community (EAC); and the East African Standby Force (EASF). Martha's areas of research interests include Mediation Processes; Security Sector Reform; Democratisation and Governance Reform in Transitional justice and Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development.

Dr. Mutisi was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship (2006-2010) and the Josh Weston Fellowship (2008-2010). She graduated with a PhD in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from George Mason University (USA), a Masters in Peace and Governance from Africa University and a Masters in Sociology and Anthropology from the University of Zimbabwe. She co-edited a book titled, "*Deconstructing Women, Peace and Security: A Critical Review of Approaches to Gender and Women's Empowerment*" (HRSC Press, 2016).

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 60 activities as a speaker, facilitator, and author. He also works with UN, AU, ECOWAS, Just Future (Netherlands), Partners Global (USA), Konrad Adenauer Foundation (Germany), Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (Germany). He is a member of the Executive committee of the African Security Sector Network and founding President of the « Fondation pour la Sécurité du Citoyen » of Burkina Faso (FOSEC).

Prior to joining the Africa Center, Dr. Ouédraogo completed a six-month mission with the African Union in 2017 as a security sector reform and governance expert for Madagascar. He is currently Senior Expert consultant for the UN in Mali and also international expert in DRC for the Dutch project "Just Future". 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 32 years of service with the Burkina Faso Army, he retired from active duty in 2012 as a Colonel, having served in positions including Aide de Camp to the Prime Minister, Support Regiment Commanding Officer, Infantry Commando Regiment Commanding Officer and Chief of the Military Intelligence. 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 and a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies from the University of Ibadan in Nigeria.

As senior Portuguese representative, **Captain Joaquim Pacheco dos 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 dos 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 dos 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 dos 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 dos 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 dos 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.

Ms. Oury Traoré, from Mali, is an International Senior Consultant, and an Advisor for the CMI – Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation. Her primary skills areas include: Peacekeeping/Support to ASF/APSA & ESF; Dialogue & Mediation; Gender/Gender Integration; Youth's Engagement; Strategic Advice on SSR Policy & Architecture; Cooperation with Civil Society/CSO; Human Rights/Code of Conduct; Early Warning; Conflict Prevention & Peacebuilding; Post-conflict transitions; Climate Change & Conflict; Transnational Organized Crimes (TOC); Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E); Organizational Development (OD) & Change Management; Coaching & Leadership; Moderation & Facilitation of Workshops & Trainings; Border Management/Border Security; Community Policing; Police Training (Conceptual Preparation).

Ms. Traoré's clients comprise of the African Union (AU), the Economic Communities of West African States (ECOWAS), the European Union (EU), the United Nations (UN), and Peace Support Operations (PSOs) Training Institutions in Africa, the African Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS), the African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD), GIZ (The German Development Cooperation), the Swedish Development Cooperation (Sida), other major Development Partners, International NGOs, African CSOs, etc.

Prior to working as a consultant, Ms. Traoré served, shortly, as the Executive Director of Partners West Africa. She was the Regional Program Manager of the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP - Regional); the Senior Program Officer at the Institute of Human Rights and Development in Africa (IHRDA - Gambia); and the Program Associate for the International Human Rights Law Group (IHRLLG) - (Washington DC). She works mainly in post-conflict countries in Africa and specifically with peace & Security institutions in West Africa. She also worked in the USA, Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Yemen, etc.

Ms. Traoré is currently the Chair of the Board of Directors of Greenpeace Africa (GPaf) and a Trustee of Greenpeace International (GPI). She has an M.A. in Sustainable International Development (SID) from the Heller School of Social Policy at Brandeis University (MA, USA); a second M.A. in Human Rights and Democratization from the European Inter-University (EUIC) based in Venice, Italy; and a B.A. in Sociology from Berea College (KY, USA). She also holds certificates in Integrated Mission Planning Process (IMPP), Gestalt Organizational and Systems Development (OSD) and she is a certified ECOWAS Mediation & Dialogue Trainer. She has a number of publications and is fluent in English and French.

Panelists

Dr. Kwesi Aning is full Professor and Director, Faculty of Academic Affairs and Research (FAAR), Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre and the Claude Ake Professor at the Nordic Africa Institute and Uppsala University. He served as the AU's first expert on counterterrorism from 2005-2007. In 2006 and 2014, he wrote the Independent mid-term in-depth evaluation of the Global Programme on Strengthening the Legal Regime against Terrorism and in 2008 a UN Secretary General's report on the African Union relating to peace and security for the UN Security Council. Until January 2019, he served on the UN Secretary General's Advisory

Group for the Peacebuilding Fund. He specialises in peacekeeping economies, hybrid security/political orders, democratic transitions and governance processes and organised crime. In 2021, served as a senior consultant on the Independent Project Evaluation on Support to the Maldives on Counterterrorism, and has recently been appointed as a UN Expert on evaluating the EU's Counter-terrorism interventions in Sri Lanka. His recent publications include "Changing Conflict Environments and the Future of UN Peacekeeping Operations" in *the German Review on the United Nations*, "Hybrid Security Provision in African Postcolonial Settings: The Case of Burkina Faso and Sierra Leone" in the *International Journal of Security and Development*, and "Neoliberalism and Women's Collective Action in West Africa and the Sahel" in *Review of African Political Economy*.

Ms. Nanténé Coulibaly is the Early Warning Analyst for the ECOWAS Commission in Abuja, Nigeria. In this role, Ms. Coulibaly coordinates projects related to the evaluation of risks and vulnerabilities of ECOWAS member-states including Conflict Risk assessments, studies on Conflict Systems in West Africa, and the establishment of national Early Warning and Response Mechanisms. Since 2015, she has been the Analyst responsible for ECOWAS' "Crime and Criminality" portfolio.

Previously, Ms. Coulibaly was an advocate for the defense and protection of human rights and human rights defenders, working for RADDHO, COSEF, and the self-regulatory body for the media CRED, all in Senegal. She also worked for the German Cooperation for over a decade as a Program Manager for projects on human rights, gender, regional security, and democracy and governance.

Ms. Coulibaly has completed several courses and training programs in many countries, including at the Geneva Center for Security Policy (GCSP) and the Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS). She speaks German, English, and French, and has some rudimentary knowledge in Portuguese. A native of Senegal, Ms. Coulibaly attended Lycée John F. Kennedy in Dakar, and completed her tertiary education at the University Cheikh Anta Diop, where she received her Master's and her DEA (MPhil). She also holds a post-graduate degree in Diplomatic and Strategic Studies from the Centre d'Etudes Diplomatiques et Stratégiques (CEDS).

Nanténé is currently a PhD candidate in International Relations and Diplomacy at CEDS.

Ms. Awa Dabo is a human rights lawyer with extensive experience in crisis recovery, peace building, transitional justice, humanitarian affairs and development. Awa has held several positions within the United Nations including currently as Chief of Country Oversight and Support, UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa. Awa was previously Senior Advisor and Head of the Crisis and Fragility Policy and Engagement team for the Crisis Bureau of UNDP, Country Director for UNDP in Tanzania, and Regional Programme Manager and Team Leader with UNDP's Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery.

Awa has experience both at HQ and at country offices, having worked on and/or in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Europe. Awa has also worked with UNDP's Crisis Response Unit in New York, as Crisis Coordinator for Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean. With UNDP in Geneva, Awa worked as Transitional Governance Specialist and subsequently as

Reintegration Specialist. With UNDP Liberia, Awa was the Chief Technical Specialist and Programme Manager, Human Rights and Protection Programme.

During her professional career, Awa has worked with other UN and non-UN entities including the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the UN Department for Peacekeeping Operations (UN DPKO, now DPO) and the African Society of International and Comparative law - an international law NGO based in London England.

Awa holds an LLM in International Human Rights Law from the University of Nottingham (1996) and a BA in Law, Sociology and Social Anthropology from the University of Keele (1994). Awa is currently Director and Deputy Head of the Peacebuilding Support Office.

Mr. Osei Dickson is an internationally known National Security Lawyer, Author, Cyber Expert and Notary Public. He was educated at University of Ghana, Harvard University and Ghana Law School.

His expertise lies in international law, cyber law and policy, national security law, national security strategy development and governance of extreme risks related to collective security - cyber, maritime, border and internal security. He graduated Uni in 1996 and has 24 years of experience in operational roles implicating corporate law, management and leadership, as well as experience advising top government officials and policymakers. Dickson is a litigation lawyer and one of Africa's leading attorneys in security governance, national security intelligence, cyber, border, maritime, CBRN and nuclear matters. He is a member of the Ghana Bar, the International Bar Association, the World Association for Medical Law, the International Society for Military Law, and the World Institute for Nuclear Security.

He was recipient of the 1st Prize of the Ghana School of Law's 44th Moot Court Competition held at the Supreme Court. In 2016, he won the 4th Joy Fm Debate on security intelligence with Dr. Kwesi Aning. In 2019, his book "Dickson on Principles of Security Law" won the Tarzan Book Prize for Security Law. He has authored 3 books, is an Adjunct Lecturer, Board member of Ghana's Financial Intelligence Center and National Focal Point for the International Criminal Court. Dickson contributes frequently to international programs hosted by UN, AU, WHO, U.S. Gov't, Gov't of Ghana, and EU. He has served as moderator, keynote speaker, team lead, participant, and expert in Kenya, Nigeria, Malawi, Ethiopia, Colombia, Russia, UK, U.S. Germany, Switzerland, UAE, Israel, and China.

General Birame Diop is a Military Adviser in the Department of Peace Operations at the United Nations. He was appointed to this role by United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres announced on 25 May 2021. General Diop has over 30 years of military experience, previously serving as the Chief of Defense Staff of the Senegalese Armed Forces. Prior to this appointment, he served as the National Security Advisor to the President of Senegal. General Diop was also 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 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 Sub-Saharan Africa's Security Sector Reform. General Diop has published several articles on Strategic Airlift Capacities, Security Sector Reform, Civil and Security Sector Relations in Sub-Saharan Africa and National Security and Right to Information (NSRI). He is a doctoral student in Diplomacy and International Relations at the Center for Diplomatic and Strategic Studies in Dakar, Senegal.

General Diop has invented a local approach to border security management, based on the local population. He has also worked with the US Africa Command and ACSS to create a network of African National Security Advisors of all 15-member States of ECOWAS. Additionally, he has facilitated the development of National Security Strategies in Africa through the support of US AFRICOM and the ACSS. He has also worked extensively on the Gender Dimension on Security Reform in Africa. Finally, Gen Diop has done a lot of work in the professionalization of Africa Militaries.

Mr. Mvemba Phezo Dizolele is a senior fellow and director of the Africa Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). He is also a lecturer in African studies at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. Prior to CSIS, he was the Africa senior adviser at the International Republican Institute. Previously, he served as the course coordinator for central and southern Africa at the U.S. Foreign Service Institute. He was also a Peter J. Duignan distinguished visiting fellow and a national fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution. Dizolele has testified for both chambers of the U.S. Congress, as well as at the UN Security Council. He has served as an international election monitor and delegate in several countries, including Nigeria, Ethiopia, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where he was also embedded with UN peacekeepers in Ituri and South Kivu as a reporter. Dizolele's analyses have been published in the *Journal of Democracy*, *New York Times*, *Newsweek International*, *International Herald Tribune*, *Foreign Policy*, *Foreign Affairs*, *New Republic*, *Forbes*, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, and other outlets. A frequent commentator on African affairs, he has been a guest analyst on PBS's NewsHour and Foreign Exchange; NPR's Tell Me More, On Point, and the Diane Rehm Show; BBC's World News Update; and Al Jazeera's The Stream, NewsHour, and Inside Story. Dizolele holds an international MBA and an MPP from the University of Chicago. He is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and is fluent in French, Norwegian, Spanish, Swahili, Kikongo, and Lingala and proficient in Danish and Swedish. He is the author of the forthcoming biography, *Mobutu: The Rise and Fall of the Leopard King* (Random House).

Dr. Adedeji Ebo is currently Chief, Conventional Arms Branch, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (since March 2020). He was until then the pioneer Chief of the Security Sector Reform (SSR) Unit, Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions (OROLSI), Department of Peace Operations, New York, since August 2008, with intermittent assignments as the Director of Political Affairs at the UN Office for West Africa and the Sahel, UNOWAS (2017-2019), UN Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (2015-2016), and the UN Office in Mali (2013). Prior to joining the UN, he was a Senior Fellow and founding Head of the Africa Programme at the Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (DCAF). He was an Associate Professor and the Head of the Department of Political Science and Defence Studies at the Nigerian Defence Academy.

He is an alumnus of the University of Keele, England (BA, International Relations), the London School of Economics and Political Science (MSc, Politics of the World Economy), and Bayero

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Mr. Martin Ewi is Technical Coordinator of the ENACT (Enhancing Africa's Response to Transnational Organized Crime) Project at the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) in Pretoria, South Africa. In this capacity, he conducts research and analysis; coordinates and manages the five regional organised crime observatories in Africa; monitors trends, issues recommendations, and provides training and technical assistance. Previously, he served as a senior researcher at the ISS on terrorism, counterterrorism, radicalization, and violent extremism in Africa.

Prior to joining the ISS in 2010, Martin also served as Political Affairs Officer at the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in The Hague and as the officer in charge of the African Union strategic security unit and counter-terrorism analysis.

Dr. Christopher Fomunyoh is currently senior associate and regional director for Central and West Africa at NDI. He has organized and advised international election observation missions to Benin, Cameroon, Central Africa Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone. He has also designed and supervised country specific democracy support programs with civic organizations, political parties and legislative bodies in Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of Congo, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Guinea Conakry, Liberia, Mali, Madagascar, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, and Togo. In the course of his work, Dr. Fomunyoh interacts regularly with heads of state and government, cabinet ministers, elected officials, and political and civic leaders. He recently designed and helped launch the African Statesmen Initiative (ASI), a program aimed at facilitating political transitions in Africa by encouraging former democratic heads of state to stay engaged in humanitarian issues, conflict mediation, public health, and other key sectors of political, economic and human development on the continent.

As an expert on democratization in Africa, Dr. Fomunyoh makes frequent guest appearances on major radio and television networks including CNN, BBC, NewsHour, National Public Radio, Voice of America, and Radio France Internationale, and provides interviews for major national and international newspapers, including the Los Angeles Times, New York Times, Washington Post, Washington Times, Le Monde and The International Herald Tribune. He has published a number of articles in academic journals on African politics and democratization.

Dr. Fomunyoh has traveled extensively in Africa, Europe and North America, and is bilingual in English and French. He holds a Licence en Droit from Yaoundé University in Cameroon, a master's degree (LL.M.) in international law from Harvard Law School, and a Ph.D. in political science from Boston University. Dr. Fomunyoh is an adjunct faculty at the African Center for Strategic Studies and a former adjunct professor of African politics and government at Georgetown University. He also is the founder of a nonprofit organization interested in supporting democracy and humanitarian causes in Cameroon.

Dr. Gueye Abdou Lat is the Director of the ECOWAS Early Warning Directorate, a position he has held since 2014. Prior to this role, was appointed by ECOWAS in 2004 as the first permanent staff of the Political Affairs, Peace & Security Department (PAPS) to build the early warning

system of ECOWAS and by 2009, the system had been deemed as one of the most advanced on the continent and became a reference for AU and other Regional Economic Communities. Before joining ECOWAS, Abdou Lat for seventeen-years gave expression to his passion for education as a lecturer/consultant of Geography at the University of Ife in Nigeria. Dr. Gueye holds a Master's degree in Geo-Information Science and Technology from the University of Twente, Enschede, The Netherlands and a Doctorate degree in Geographic Information Systems from OAU, Ife, in Nigeria.

At the helm of the ECOWAS Early Warning System, he has ardently advanced his vision of a robust, efficient, and decentralized early warning and response mechanism in the ECOWAS region. Under his leadership, the ECOWAS Regional Early Warning System has defined a bespoke human security approach to Early Warning and Early Response, driven by data, based on identified thematic parameters and focused on effective linkages between early warning and early response for upstream conflict prevention. Abdou Lat has championed many key initiatives of the ECOWAS Early Warning System including the establishment of national early warning and response mechanisms in ECOWAS Member States, the incorporation of GIS and cutting-edge technology in the Early Warning System, Gender integration in Early Warning, the ongoing development of an ECOWAS Regional Risk and Vulnerability Index and the establishment of peace infrastructures across the region.

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She has participated in several initiatives that create a platform for knowledge engagement, research and capacity building for cyber governance, cyber security, and digital rights. She has

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He holds a PhD (with Special Commendation) from the University of Wollongong, Australia. His other academic qualifications include Master of Law, Master of Arts in International Affairs and Bachelor of Law. He has published widely and his book "Maritime Security Cooperation in the Gulf of Guinea: Prospects and Challenges" (2015) is rated as a significant contribution to global knowledge. As a Technical Expert to the UN High Panel on Sustainable Ocean Economy, he recently Co-authored Blue Paper 16, Organized Crime in the Fisheries Sector, which was

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He is the current Chairperson of the Malawi National International Humanitarian Law Committee. He was a Plenipotentiary for the Republic of Malawi in the negotiations on the Cluster Munition Convention and the Arms Trade Treaty, where he significantly contributed to the drafting of some of the key provisions of these legal instruments. Professor Kuwali has published extensively, including several books and dozens of peer-reviewed articles. His most recent publications include the Oxford Bibliography on *The Use of Force for Protection of Human Rights in Africa* and *The Palgrave Handbook on Sustainable Peace and Security in Africa*.

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Among his primary responsibilities are leading the design and development of the Centre's Counter-Terrorism Early Warning System, managing a team of analysts that conduct policy analysis, studies, synthesis, and audits on terrorism in Africa. He previously provided assistance to consultants appointed by the AU to the African Anti-Terrorist Model Law, managed the Focal Point Community Database, and led the Monitoring Process of ratification of the African and Universal Counterterrorism Instruments. Mr. Lallali is also leading a team of experts that evaluate the Counterterrorism capacity of African Union Member States.

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Ms. Chido Cleo Mpemba is the Special Envoy on Youth appointed by the Chairperson of the African Union Commission on the 1st of November 2021, as the youngest diplomat and senior official in the chairperson's cabinet. She is a Pan - African youth advocate on a mission to use her strengths, influence, and voice to lead work that changes the lives of young people in communities. She has worked with various institutions to coordinate activities focused on social equity, peace and security and policy advocacy. She is a Mandela Washington Fellow who was selected under President Obama's Young African Leaders Initiative. She is part of the Global Shapers Community, an initiative of the World Economic Forum and has held leadership roles including being selected as part of the Global Taskforce, representing the Africa region, former Hub Curator and Climate Reality Leader trained by former US Vice President Al Gore. Ms. Mpemba has strong private sector experience, having started her career as a banker at Standard Chartered Bank for seven years. She has also worked with the Zimbabwe Minister of Youth,

Sports, Arts & Culture, and World Olympian Kirsty Coventry. Ms. Mpemba is featured in the book of Top 100 Go Getter Millennials and The Women Excel book of successful Zimbabwean Women. She took part in a high-level leadership training as a visiting fellow at Dartmouth College, Rockefeller Center for Public Policy and Social Sciences. She holds an MBA Degree from Midlands State University and a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Cape Town.

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Monde holds a Ph.D. in International Relations and a B.A. in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics from the University of Oxford, as well as a B.A. in Public Administration and Economics from the University of Zambia. She was a Rhodes Scholar, a Wingate Scholar, and the University of Zambia Valedictory Speaker for her graduation class.

Mr. Victor Ochen is the Founder and Executive Director for African Youth Initiative Network (AYINET). Born in northern Uganda, he spent 21yrs of his childhood as a refugee in the camps, where he survived on one meal-a-day for over 7 years. He grew up amidst violent conflict that displaced over 3 million people, where 60,000+ children were abducted and forcefully recruited as child-soldiers, including his own brother. His organisation has so far provided reconstructive medical repair to over 21,000 war victims of rape, mutilation, gun shots). Challenged by the hardships of war and poverty, while living in the camps at the age of 13 years, Ochen formed a Peace Club and bravely led the anti-child soldiers' recruitment campaign amidst the war in northern Uganda. He grew up to become one of the most important figures in Africa, a key reference when it comes to struggle for human rights and justice, a product of resilience, a personification of struggle. He is a lead example on tolerance and nonviolence activism, who is creatively working to address the root cause of conflict in Africa. Forbes Magazines named Ochen

in 2015 as one of the 10 most powerful men in Africa, while Archbishop Desmond Tutu attested that “my heart swells with joy to see Ochen as one of the new hope for Africa”. He is the first Ugandan and the youngest ever African nominated for Nobel Peace Prize 2015. Ochen is the YGL and has received several awards including Elyse Treaty in 2016; Pan-Commonwealth Youth Workers 2015, Mundo Negro Award 2016; all recognizing his service to poor people and his inspirational leadership for peace in Africa. He is the UN Goodwill Ambassador for Peace and Justice promoting SDG Goal 16. Mr. Ochen is a member of the Global Advisory Group to the UNHCR on Gender, Forced Displacement and Protection.

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'Kemi has over 15 years' experience in justice / security sector and governance issues in Nigeria and West Africa, and NGO management. She is particularly interested in police accountability, citizens engagement with security institutions, evolution of non-state actors and their contributions to improving public safety and security environment, gender and policing, criminal justice system reforms- in particular, judicial reforms and legal defence of indigent persons, mainstreaming women's participation both in security and governance issues and election security management. She's a graduate of the Faculty of Law, University of Lagos, a member of the Nigeria Bar Association, the Africa Security Sector Network and an alumna of the Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS) and the Secretary General of the Nigeria Chapter Alumni Chapter.

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Mr. Omogo has over 20 years' experience in the field of peace and security including as a peace-building practitioner and consultant (training, facilitating community peace dialogues, facilitating peace building and problem-solving workshops, strategic planning, research and analysis, etc.) for various organizations in Kenya and Eastern Africa. He has published chapters on peace and security in edited books. He has participated in professional training, forums and seminars including Africa Center for Strategic Studies *Emerging Security Sector Leaders Seminar* in Washington, DC in October 2017. He has contributed to small arms control processes including as coordinator of Kenya Action Network on Small Arms (KANSA), Board member of Eastern Africa Action Network on Small Arms (EAANSA), member of International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA) Advisory Council as well as a member of a committee that drafted the Kenya National Policy on Peacebuilding and Conflict Management and the Kenya National Action Plan on Small Arms and Light Weapons. He has participated in various national, regional and international small arms control meetings including as part of Kenya Delegation to the United Nations (New York) during the negotiations of UN Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons (UNPOA) and subsequent Arms Trade Treaty.

He holds a Master's degree in International Peace Studies (Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, USA) through Fulbright Scholarship. He also holds a Post-Graduate Diploma in Project Planning and Management from The Catholic University of Eastern Africa (Nairobi, Kenya) and a BA in Philosophy from Urbaniana University (Rome).

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