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PANELISTS

Ms. Chido Cleo Mpemba was appointed by the Chairperson of the African Union Commission as the Youngest Diplomat in the 55 Member States as the African Union Special Envoy on youth. She was a former participant in the Africa Center for strategic Studies' Emerging security Sector Leaders (ESSL) at the National Defense University, U.S. Department of Defense. She currently serves as board member and Trustee to the Old Mutual Youth Fund, and as a member of Global Leader Council (GLC) of GenU, and a Leadership Council Member of AFRICA Reach. Her past experiences include being a Mandela Washington Fellow of the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI), Former Advisor to Minister of Youth, sports & Arts for Zimbabwe, a former Global Shapers Curator for the World Economic Forum, and experience as a Global Award winning banker and private sector risk professional at Standard Chartered Bank.

Ms. Mpemba holds an MBA Degree from Midlands State University and a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Cape Town. As a former visiting fellow at Dartmouth College, she also took part in a high-level leadership training at the Rockefeller Center for Public Policy and Social Sciences.

Dr. Olawale ('Wale) Ismail has over 18 years' experience of carrying out research on security, peace and development issues globally and in Africa in particular. He has a track record in

undertaking research and publications, and policy engagement on youth, peace, and security issues. He holds a PhD in Peace Studies from the University of Bradford and an MPhil in International Relations from the University of Cambridge, and he is currently a Senior Lecturer at the African Leadership Centre, King's College London. He has executed bespoke consultancies services to reputable development cooperation agencies and inter-governmental bodies including the Department for International Development (DFID), Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union, African Union, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), Southern African Development Community (SADC), etc.

Ms. Muneinazvo Kujeke joined the Institute for Security Studies in 2016 and is currently a Research Officer with the Peace Operations and Peacebuilding Programme. Her area of focus is African youth in governance, peace and security processes. Muneinazvo has previously worked for the African Union Commission. She holds a Master's degree in peace and governance.

MODERATOR

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, 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, national security strategy development, 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.