



# AFRICA CENTER FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES

## Arms Trafficking and Border Governance Responses to Countering it

### Panelist Biographies:

**Dr. Mutoy Mubiala** was born in 1959 in Tango, Democratic Republic of Congo and has obtained a law degree from the University of Kinshasa (1984), a post-graduate diploma from the University of Kinshasa (1991), and a master's degree from the University of Kinshasa (1991). He also holds a law degree from the University of Kinshasa (1984), a post-graduate diploma (1990), and a (1990) and a doctorate in international law from the University of Geneva (1994), at the Graduate Institute of International Studies (GIIS). After having worked as an assistant in international law and law of international organizations successively at the University of Kinshasa (1986-1988) and at the IUHEI (1992-1994), he joined the United Nations, first as a Research Associate at the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), from 1993 to 1994, and then as a staff member of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, since September 1994.

In the latter capacity, Dr. Mubiala has held various positions of responsibility and has contributed, in particular, to the establishment of the United Nations Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central and Democracy in Central Africa, based in Yaoundé, of which he was the first manager, from March 2001 to March 2002. Throughout his career, Dr. Mubiala has contributed to several training programs in international law, including the joint UN/UNITAR training program in UN/UNITAR Training Program in International Law (The Hague, 1994), the OIF/UNITAR the OIF/UNITAR/ENA/IRIC International Civil Service Training Program (1998-2003), as well as the human rights training programs of the International Institute for Institute for Human Rights (Strasbourg), since 2000, and the Ecole Nationale d'Administration (Paris), since 2010. Dr. Mubiala has published 5 books and over 160 articles on various aspects of international law.

**Captain (Navy) Dean Gillespie (Ret)** is a former South African senior naval officer with 36 years of law, conflict resolution, mediation, military operational, peacekeeping, and arms control experience.

He has 25 years of service in the South African Department of Defense, where he served in the Marines, then at various naval bases and on ships as an intelligence officer, transferring to the Judge Advocate General where he represented the Department of Defense, progressing to being appointed by the Minister of Defense as Military Judge in 1997. In 1999, he was transferred to Chief Joint Operations and spent his remaining years of Service working at the national strategic level, providing strategic support to military operations, land, sea and air as a senior advisor in international law (treaties, embargoes, environmental law, law of armed conflict), law reform, (legislative and constitutional), humanitarian law, disciplinary action, and transitional law. During this time, he was deployed to support the United Nations as a senior staff officer in Burundi (ONUB) and in DR Congo (MUNUC).

In 2012 Dean took early retirement from the Navy and joined the United Nations as a professional Senior Judicial Advisor, Chief of Section for United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) working in the Rule of Law and Security Institutions Support Office, overseeing the Military

Justice Advisory Section, Security Sector Reform (demobilization of armed groups, registration of weapons, and legislation). In 2018 the United Nations Secretary General appointed him as an Arms Expert on the Panel of Experts.

Dean has developed extensive networks, experience and knowledge in arms trafficking and border governance in Southern Africa, East Africa, Central Africa, and North Africa. In the middle of 2020 and as a result of COVID, Dean left the United Nations and returned home to be with his family. Currently he is consulting for Non-Governmental Organizations and Governments on a range of issues relating to Rule of Law, Security, Arms, Drugs and Human Trafficking, combating extremism, and supporting initiatives for democratic elections in Africa.

He holds a BA LLB degree in Law, is an Advocate of Law and has been awarded the Protea Gold (PG) and the Protea Bronze (PG) medals for exceptional leadership, meritorious service and devotion to duty by the President of the Republic of South Africa.

Captain Gillespie is founder of Krino International Consultancy Group (PTY) LTD (KICG).