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## BORDER GOVERNANCE APPROACHES TO COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME

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John combines teaching and research to identify and address capacity gaps among security sector personnel in West Africa. He has been the regional coordinator for small arms control training Programme, training staff of the national commissions for small arms in the 15 ECOWAS member states among many other capacity development projects since 2008.

He relies a lot on the network he has developed in his training coordination role to facilitate his research career on a number African security topics. Key among them, small arms and light weapons control, narcotics and regional security, border security management, terrorism in peacekeeping theaters etc. He also offers research and advisory consultancy services for a number of organizations including the UNDP and ECOWAS.

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### MODERATOR

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