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Col (ret.) Abdoul Ndiaye is the former Director of Information and Relations of the Armies of Senegal. Having entered military service in 1986, Colonel Ndiaye held several positions in the Senegalese army, including operational artillery functions (Head of Corps of the Artillery Battalion); functions in the General Staff (Deputy Coordination Defense-General Studies to the Chief of the General Staff of the President of the Republic, Permanent Secretary of the National Commission for Border Management, Permanent Secretary of the National Committee in Charge of the Management of Refugees, Returnees, and Displaced Persons); and functions in service management (Head of the Media Strategy Division). Colonel Ndiaye is a graduate of several civil and military institutions around the world including Senegal, Mali, Ghana, France, and Italy.

Dr Wafula Okumu is the founding Director of The Border Institute, and honorary fellow at the Centre of African Studies at the University of Edinburgh. He has served in various positions in international organizations and taught at several universities in the United States, Canada, and Japan. His research work and publications have been on a variety of topics ranging from borders to democracy, human rights, terrorism, peace, international institutions, and humanitarian assistance in Africa. His publications include *Militias Rebels and Islamist Militants: Human insecurity and state crisis in Africa* (co-edited with Augustine Ikelegbe), *Understanding Terrorism in Africa* series (co-edited with Anneli Botha), *Democratic Transitions in East Africa* (co-edited with Paul Kaiser), *African Union: Challenges of Globalization, Security and Governance* (co-authored with Samuel Makinda), *African Union: Addressing the Challenges of Peace, Security and Governance* (co-authored with Samuel Makinda and David Mickler), *The African Union at 20: African Perspectives on Progress, Challenges and Prospects* (co-edited with Andrews Atta-Asamoah), "Resources and Border Disputes in Eastern Africa" in *Journal of Eastern African Studies*; "Purposes and Functions of International Boundaries: With Specific Reference to Africa" in *AU Practical Handbook on Delimitation and Demarcation of Boundaries*, and "Border Security in Africa," *Concordis Briefing Paper*.

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Dr. Catherine Lena Kelly is Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Professor of Justice and Rule of Law at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies. Her work focuses on party politics and democratization, rule of law and security sector governance, and transnational organized crime.

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Previously, Dr. Kelly was an Advisor in the Research, Evaluation, and Learning Division at the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative, where her work on judicial training and grassroots legal empowerment took her to Burundi, CAR, DRC, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Republic of Congo, and Rwanda to work with a range of national and local judicial officials, paralegals, and civil society. Fluent in French, Dr. Kelly has also designed and taught courses on contemporary Africa as a Postdoctoral Fellow at Washington University in St. Louis, and on West Africa and Area Studies at the U.S. State Department's Foreign Service Institute. Dr. Kelly has earned fellowships from Fulbright, American Council of Learned Societies, West Africa Research Association, Harvard University, and the U.S. government's Foreign Language and Area Studies program for the Wolof language. Her book, *Party Proliferation and Political Contestation in Africa: Senegal in Comparative Perspective* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2020), is based on 18 months of research in Senegal. Her work has been published in *African Security*, *Journal of Democracy*, *Comparative Politics*, *The Washington Post*, *Democracy in Africa*, numerous edited volumes, and American Bar Association white papers.

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