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BIOGRAPHIES

Panelists

Mr. Abdul-Hakeem Ajijola is Chair, African Union Cyber Security Expert Group, Commissioner for the Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace (#theGCSC), and Chairman, Consultancy Support Services (CS2) Ltd., a Cyber Security, e-Library and Information Communication Technology (ICT) Policy Consultancy Firm, based in Abuja, Nigeria. He is also Chair of the Working Group on Cyber Incident Management and Critical Information Protection of Global Forum on Cyber Expertise, founding member of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation - Computer Emergency Response Team, and member of both the Nigerian Cybercrime Working Group and Group of Experts for the Nigerian Senate Committee on Cybersecurity and ICT. He is ranked #13 in the 2018 IFSEC Global Cybersecurity professionals influencers and thought leaders list. Previously, Mr. Ajijola was a Senior Special Assistant Innovation & Technology to the National Security Adviser to the President of Nigeria. He participated in drafting the 2001 National IT Policy, ICT4D Strategic Action Plan, National ICT in Education Policy & aspects of the Policy on Space Science & Technology, National Standards & Guidelines for e-Library in Nigeria, National Framework on Building Women & Youths KnowledgeBased Nation through IT. He also provides support to the Honourable Minister of Communications on Nigeria ICT Roadmap 2016-2019 and the Nigeria Information and Communications Technology Sector Strategic Plan 2016-2020.

Ms. Nokuthula Olorunju is an Attorney and Researcher based in South Africa. She holds an LLB and LLM with a focus on Cyberlaw/Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Law, and has published on issues of gender equality, human rights, responsible and ethical and responsible Artificial Intelligence, and the judiciary in the Global South. Ms Olorunju is part of the [Global Index on Responsible AI](#) and the [AI4D African Observatory on Responsible AI](#) teams.

Moderator

As Associate Professor at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, **Dr. Nate Allen** oversees academic programming on cyber issues and peace operations. Dr. Allen's expertise includes cyber issues, emerging technology, civil-military relations, and regional security partnerships across Africa.

Previously, Dr. Allen was a policy advisor at the U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP) Task Force on Extremism in Fragile States. He has also worked at the U.S. State Department, House of Representatives, and as a research analyst at NORC at the University of Chicago. Dr. Allen's work has appeared in a wide range of leading policy and peer-reviewed publications, including *Armed Forces and Society*, *The Washington Quarterly*, *Democratization*, *Orbis*, *War on the Rocks*, *The Washington Post*, and *Foreign Affairs*. He has received fellowships from American University, the Robertson Family Foundation, and USIP, where he was a 2016-2017 Peace Scholar. He currently serves as a Research Fellow at South Africa's Stellenbosch University and is a Council on Foreign Relations Term Member.

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. from Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs, and a B.A. from Swarthmore College.