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Leadership

Ms. Amanda Dory is the Director of the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, located at the National Defense University in Washington, DC. Prior to this appointment, she held the position of Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs. Ms. Dory is a career member of the Senior Executive Service.

Ms. Dory has served in multiple leadership roles in the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Policy, including Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, and acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Plans and Posture. She also served on the National War College faculty and as associate dean for outreach.

She is an alumna of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and received a master's degree with concentrations in international economics and African studies from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

As Academic Dean, **Dr. Assis Malaquias** oversees curriculum and program development at the Africa Center. This includes lines of effort in Advancing Military Professionalism; Countering Transnational Organized Crime; Countering Violent Extremism and Countering Terrorism; Cyber Domain Awareness, Cybersecurity, and Information/Disinformation; Maritime Safety and Security; National Security Strategy Development; Peace Support Operations and Crisis Response; and Rule of Law and Security Sector Governance.

Prior to joining the Africa Center, Dr. Malaquias served as Professor and Chair in the Department of Global Studies and Maritime Affairs at the California State University Maritime Academy. Dr. Malaquias' previous positions include: Professor and Chair of Defense Economics and Resource Management at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies; Associate Dean of International and Intercultural Studies and Professor of Government at St. Lawrence University; Extraordinary Associate Professor of Political Studies at the University of Western Cape in South Africa; and a Visiting Professor at Stellenbosch University in South Africa.

Dr. Malaquias holds an M.A. in economics and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Dalhousie University, Canada.

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, Dr. 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, terrorism and counterterrorism efforts, 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 in Connecticut.

Facilitators

Brigadier General (Ret.) Saleh Bala is the Chief Executive Officer of White Ink Consult, a private defence and security research, strategic communications and training consultancy firm based in Abuja, Nigeria and founder of the White Ink Institute for Strategy Education and Research (WISER), Abuja, Nigeria, an institute focusing on capacity building at executive and middle cadre levels on security governance strategy and national security policy. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Literature, from the University of Maiduguri, Nigeria (1982) and a Masters Degree in International Peace Studies, from the University for Peace, San Jose, Costa Rica (2006) and another Masters in National Security Strategy, from the National Defence University, National War College, Washington DC (2009). He is a Distinguished Honour Graduate of the US Special Forces Detachment Officers Qualification Course (1991), John F Kennedy, United States Special Warfare Centre, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and an alumnus of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, Sanremo, Italy, International Refugee Law Course (2010) and also a member of the institute's Training Advisory Group. Bala is a resource person for the Africa Centre for Strategic Studies (ACSS), Washington DC. He has been working extensively with the ACSS in the areas of sensitization and capacity development for formulation of National Security Strategies for African nations, as well as for development of National Preventing/Counter Violent Strategies across Africa.

Bala was commissioned into the Nigerian Army on 15 December 1984. He served in various command, staff and training capacities, which included company commander, 72 Parachute Battalion (1987-88), instructor at the Nigerian Army Infantry School, Airborne, Tactics and Special Warfare Wings (1988-93). He also served as an instructor at the Nigerian Defence Academy (1993-95), as well as a Directing Staff at the Nigerian Armed Forces Command and Staff College (2002-2004) and the National Defence College (2009-2011). Bala had peacekeeping experience as a UN Military Observer at the United Nations Verification Mission in Angola II (1995-96) and was the Military Chief of Staff, United Nations Operations in Cote D'Ivoire (2011-2012). His last military assignment was as the Chief of Staff, Nigerian Army Infantry Corps Center (2012-13). He served

in a consultant capacity as the Senior Special Adviser (Policy and Strategy Development) to the Honorable Minister of Interior, Federal Republic of Nigeria from Aug 2015- Dec 2017.

Dr. Fairlie Chappuis is an independent specialist in conflict, security and peacebuilding with seventeen years' experience working on post-conflict and transitional security and justice issues. Her expertise focusses on democratic security governance and security sector reform, including processes for democratic oversight and accountability of security and justice institutions, national security policy and strategy development, inclusive security and justice, gender, and human rights. She has published widely on these topics in both policy and academic fora.

Dr. Chappuis serves as a member of the United Nations Security Sector Reform Advisory Group, a rostered expert for the International Security Sector Advisory Team (ISSAT-DCAF) and a member of the Swiss Expert Pool for Civilian Peacebuilding. Previously, she held positions as Senior Advisor for the Pathfinders Initiative for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies at New York University's Center for International Cooperation, Programme Manager at the Policy and Research Division of DCAF: the Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance, and Research Associate at the Collaborative Research Centre SFB 700: Governance in Areas of Limited Statehood, at the Freie Universität Berlin.

Dr. Chappuis is Adjunct Faculty with the Africa Center for Strategic Studies at the National Defense University in Washington D.C. and an Associated Researcher with the Peacebuilding Analysis & Impact Program at swisspeace at the University of Basel, Switzerland. She has been an affiliated researcher at the University of Oslo, as well as a visiting scholar at the Kofi Annan Institute for Conflict Transformation at the University of Liberia and the Stimson Center in Washington D.C. She holds graduate degrees from the University of Auckland (New Zealand), and the Geneva Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Switzerland), as well as a doctorate from the Otto Suhr Institute of Political Science, Freie Universität Berlin (Germany).

Dr. Willene A. Johnson serves as a consultant advising institutions, national governments, and international organizations on issues related to finance and development. Her current assignments focus on peacebuilding and strengthening capacity in the security sectors of African countries. To that end, she facilitates workshops for practitioners engaged in strategic planning and budgeting, as well as in peacekeeping and economic reconstruction. Dr. Johnson was previously the U.S. Executive Director at the African Development Bank, a member of the UN Committee for Development Policy, co-chair of the African Regional Committee of the Grameen Foundation and chair of the sub-Saharan Africa Advisory Committee of the U.S. Export-Import Bank. Dr. Johnson's work on Africa benefits from her global experience with economics and finance, gained from twenty years in the Federal Reserve System, where her assignments included research and operational responsibilities in foreign exchange and international financial markets. Dr. Johnson served as adjunct faculty at the United States Institute of Peace and Columbia and Cornell Universities and recently served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Tuskegee University. She holds degrees in social studies (Radcliffe College, Harvard University) and African history (St. John's University) as well as a doctorate in development economics (Columbia University). In recognition of her expertise in governance and public administration, Dr. Johnson was recently elected as a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration.

Dr. Catherine Lena Kelly is Associate Academic Dean and Associate Professor of Justice and Rule of Law, and faculty lead for the Africa Center's portfolios on rule of law/security sector governance, as well as countering transnational organized crime. Her work focuses on citizen security, party politics and democratization, the rule of law, and transnational organized crime. She is also a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations and author of *Party Proliferation and Political Contestation; Senegal in Comparative Perspective* (Palgrave MacMillan 2020)

Prior to joining the Africa Center, Dr. Kelly was an advisor at the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative, where her work took her to Burundi, the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Republic of Congo, and Rwanda. She designed and taught courses on contemporary Africa and democracy as a postdoctoral fellow at Washington University in St. Louis. At the State Department's Foreign Service Institute, Dr. Kelly taught the West Africa course and co-taught the governance and religion modules in the Area Studies course. She has been awarded numerous fellowships and grants, including a Fulbright Fellowship, a Mellon/American Council of Learned Societies Public Fellowship, a West Africa Research Association grant, several Harvard University grants, and two U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowship for the Wolof language and eighteen months of doctoral research in Senegal. Her work has been published extensively, both in book form and in policy and academic journals.

Dr. Kelly holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in government from Harvard University, a Graduate Certificate in international politics (Europe, conflict resolution, and peacebuilding) from the Université Libre de Bruxelles, and a B.A. summa cum laude from Washington University in St. Louis.

Dr. Luka Biong Deng Kuol is a distinguished adjunct professor at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS), National Defense University, Washington, a senior research consultant with the Sudd Institute, a leading national think tank in South Sudan. He is an adjunct professor at Institute of Peace, Development, and Security Studies, University of Juba, South Sudan, a fellow at the Rift Valley Institute, a non-resident senior adviser for the Horn of Africa with the United States Institute of Peace (USIP), Washington. He is affiliated with various institutions and organizations including a member of the African Security Sector Network (ASSN), Ghana, a member of ENACT Transnational Organized Crime Project Expert Advisory Board, Institute for Security Studies (ISS), South Africa, a member of the Global Expert Group on Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding, the Bundeskanzler-Helmut-Schmidt-Stiftung (BKHS) and Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Germany and a member of the Global Expert Group on Security Priorities and Public Spending, United Nations Institute of Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), New York, USA. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the UK-based Windle Trust International, UK. He also sits on the editorial board of the renowned peer-reviewed *Disasters Journal*, Overseas Development Institute (ODI), UK.

He was professor of security studies and the dean of faculty and academic affairs at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, National Defense University, Washington. Prior to joining the Africa Center, Dr. Kuol served as the director of the then Center for Peace and Development Studies at the University of Juba, South Sudan. He was also a member of the teaching staff of the Faculty of Economics and Rural Development at the University of Gezira, Sudan. He was a resident fellow at Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at Harvard Kennedy School, USA, a visiting fellow at the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) at University of Sussex, UK and a former Global Fellow

at Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), Norway. He served as a Minister of Presidential Affairs for the then Government of Southern Sudan and as a National Minister of Cabinet Affairs in Sudan. He also worked as a senior economist for the World Bank in the then Southern Sudan. He was the founder of the New Sudan Center for Statistics and Evaluation that is now the South Sudan National Bureau of Statistics.

He has published scholarly articles in a wide array of prestigious international journals and contributed with many peer-reviewed chapters in various books and peer reviewer for more than fifteen renowned peer-reviewed journals. He is a co-editor of a book entitled "*The Struggle for South Sudan: Challenges of Security and State Formation*". He received his Bachelor of Science (Honors) from Faculty of Economics and Social Studies at the University of Khartoum, Sudan, Master's Degree in Economics and Master of Business Administration from the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, and a Doctor of Philosophy (DPhil) from the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) at the University of Sussex, UK.

Dr. Gary Milante is Program Director and Focal Point for the Global Registry of Violent Deaths (GReVD) initiative. His research focuses on measuring and monitoring security and socioeconomic development through indicator and metric design, applied econometrics, statistical analysis and modeling. Dr Milante uses systems approaches to make the complex problems associated with sequencing of institutional reforms, development portfolio design, strategic planning and needs assessment accessible to policymakers and practitioners in the field, with a special focus on the needs of fragile and conflict-affected states. He has worked for the World Bank and advised multilateral institutions (OECD, IMF, UN agencies), civil society organizations and the governments of developing and developed countries.

Dr. Émile Ouédraogo is an adjunct professor of practice at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, specializing in issues related to national security strategy development and security sector reform and governance. Since 2007, he has worked with the Africa Center on more than 60 activities as a speaker, facilitator, and author. He also works with UN, AU, ECOWAS, Just Future (Netherlands), Partners Global (USA), Konrad Adenauer Foundation (Germany), Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (Germany). He is a member of the Executive committee of the African Security Sector Network and founding President of the « Fondation pour la Sécurité du Citoyen » of Burkina Faso (FOSEC).

Prior to joining the Africa Center, Dr. Ouédraogo completed a six-month mission with the African Union in 2017 as a security sector reform and governance expert for Madagascar. He is currently Senior Expert consultant for the UN in Mali and also international expert in DRC for the Dutch project "Just Future". As Minister of Security of Burkina Faso from 2008 to 2011, he initiated and developed a Homeland Security Strategy and operationalized the concept of community policing and community participation in the management of security issues.

After 32 years of service with the Burkina Faso Army, he retired from active duty in 2012 as a Colonel, having served in positions including Aide de Camp to the Prime Minister, Support Regiment Commanding Officer, Infantry Commando Regiment Commanding Officer and Chief of the Military Intelligence. Dr. Ouédraogo was a parliamentarian in the National Assembly of Burkina Faso and the ECOWAS Parliament, where he sat on the Political Affairs, Peace, Defense,

and Security Committees. In this capacity, he carried out informative and investigative missions in most of ECOWAS' 15 countries.

He earned a Ph.D. from the Center for Diplomatic and Strategic Studies in Paris, France, on security sector reform and governance in the ECOWAS Region and a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies from the University of Ibadan in Nigeria.

Panelists

Colonel (ret.) Jérôme Bouadi has been a Technical Advisor for Defense on the National Security Council of Côte d'Ivoire since 2016, and serves as a Lecturer at the War College of Côte d'Ivoire. His previous roles in the Ivorian army include Director of the Military career transition support office, Comptroller for the Administrative and Financial Oversight agency within the Ministry of Defense, and Director for the Office of the Commissioner of the Armed Forces (DIRCA). In addition to his many professional certificates from military institutions in France and Côte d'Ivoire, Colonel Bouadi also holds a Doctorate in Cultural peace studies and the prevention, management, and resolution of conflicts from the UNESCO School for the Culture of Peace at the Félix Houphouët-Boigny University in Abidjan.

Dr. Raymond Gilpin is Chief Economist and Head of the Strategy, Analysis and Research Team at the Regional Bureau for Africa, United Nations Development Program in New York. In this capacity he provides leadership on all matters related to economic analysis, strategy, and research in UNDP's Africa bureau, and manages the bureau's network of economists. Prior to joining UNDP he was the academic dean at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies in Washington DC and economics director at the United States Institute of Peace, where he also chaired the taskforce on business and peace and managed the web-based International Network for Economics and Conflict. He has also worked at the African Development Bank and the World Bank. Dr Gilpin was inducted into the Martin Luther King Collegium of Scholars at the historic Morehouse College in Atlanta in 2015 in recognition of his work on economics and peace. He holds a doctorate from Cambridge University in the UK.

Dr. Gueye Abdou Lat has held the position of Director Early Warning since 2014. Prior to this role, he was recruited as the first permanent staff of the Political Affairs, Peace & Security Department (PAPS) of ECOWAS to build the regional early warning system and by 2009, the system had been deemed as the most advanced on the continent and became a reference for AU and other Regional Economic Communities. Before joining ECOWAS, Dr. Gueye, for seventeen-years, gave expression to his passion for education as a consultant/ lecturer of Geography at RECTAS and OAU, Ile-Ife in Nigeria.

At the helm of the ECOWAS Early Warning System, Dr. Gueye ardently advanced his vision of a robust, efficient and decentralized early warning mechanism in the ECOWAS region. Under his leadership, the ECOWAS Regional Early Warning System defined a bespoke human security approach to Early Warning and Early Response, driven by data, based on identified thematic parameters and focused on effective linkages between early warning and early response for upstream conflict prevention. As the Director, he championed many key initiatives including the establishment of national early warning and response mechanisms in ECOWAS Member States,

the conduct of systematic structural assessments in all ECOWAS Member States, Gender integration in Early Warning, the development of an ECOWAS Human Security Index and the envisaged establishment of peace infrastructures across the region.

Additionally, Dr. Gueye conceptualized and led the conduct of Country Risk and Vulnerability Assessments (CRVA) in Member States. These CRVA's will be updated periodically and will serve to institute systematic structural assessments as a key tool for monitoring Human Security. Commendably, the CRVA documentary won the silver medal at the global Telly awards putting the ECOWAS Commission ahead of 93% of the competition entrants including Google, ESPN, Univision, and Boston Globe.

Dr. Gueye holds a Master's degree in Geo-Information Science and Technology from the University of Twente, Enschede, The Netherlands and a Doctorate degree in Geographic Information Systems from OAU, Ife, in Nigeria.

In July 2023, Dr. Gueye retired from the regional institution and currently runs a consultancy firm (PEACE-CONSULT), which supports Governments and international organizations in research and implementation of projects on the continent in the fields of peace, security, and governance.

Dr. Nan Tian is a Senior Researcher and Acting Programme Director for the Military Expenditure and Arms Production Programme at SIPRI. He joined SIPRI in October 2016 and has been responsible for monitoring and managing the SIPRI Military Expenditure Database. His research work at SIPRI includes issues related to the trends of global military expenditure, the demand and consequences of military spending and the transparency and budgeting on military-related matters. Nan's work also involves assessing and analysing trends in the global arms industry. His other research interests include the causes and impact of civil conflict and the inter-links between conflict and military spending. His doctoral thesis is titled 'Military Spending, Conflict and Development' and explores the relationship between military spending, civil conflict and economic development.

Dr Lori-Anne Thérroux-Bénoni is Director of the ISS Regional Office for West Africa, the Sahel and the Lake Chad Basin. She leads a team of researchers based in Dakar, Bamako, Abidjan, Abuja and N'Djamena. The Office works on key policy issues in the region such as violent extremism and terrorism, political instability, local conflicts, peace operations and political processes. Prior to joining the ISS in 2012, she worked as a researcher with the Network on Peace Operations at the University of Montreal, Canada, Radio-Canada, and the Carter Center in Côte d'Ivoire. Lori-Anne has a PhD in anthropology from the University of Toronto, Canada. She conducts research and analyses conflicts, insecurity, and violence from an anthropological perspective to inform current policy discussions and processes at national, regional, and global levels.