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BIOGRAPHIES

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.

Colonel (ret.) Daniel Hampton is the Deputy Director of the Africa Center for Strategic Studies. He brings more than 25 years of experience developing and implementing U.S. defense policy and strategy in Africa. As professor of practice in security studies, he oversees curriculum development and program management in the areas of institutional capacity building and civil-military cooperation.

During the course of a 30-year military career, Colonel (retired) Hampton held several postings on the African continent to include the United States Senior Defense Official to the Republic of South Africa and U.S. Defense Attaché to the countries of Eswatini, Malawi, Lesotho, and Zimbabwe. He also served as a policy adviser to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the Horn of Africa region. As part of the NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan, Colonel Hampton commanded the Regional Support Command-South responsible for the institutional training, equipping, and resourcing of all Afghan Army and Afghan Police forces in southern Afghanistan.

Colonel (retired) Hampton is a graduate of the United States Army Command and Staff College, the Zimbabwe Staff College, and the Defense Language Institute (French). He holds a

Masters in African Studies from the University of Illinois, a Masters in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, and a B.A. in History from Wake Forest University.

Dr. Assis Malaquias is the Academic Dean of the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, overseeing curriculum and program development. 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. Daisy Muibu is an Assistant Professor of Security Studies at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies. Her work is focused on counterterrorism, countering violent extremism, and security sector governance in conflict-affected states. She is responsible for leading the counterterrorism and countering violent extremism portfolio as well as the countering transnational organized crime portfolio at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies.

Prior to joining the Africa Center, Dr. Muibu was a Research Fellow at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, and an Assistant Professor at the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Alabama. Her work on foreign fighter influence on armed groups and security sector reform in conflict-affected locales involved fieldwork in Somalia and Kenya where she conducted community surveys and interviews. Her work has been published in academic journals including *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict*, *South African Journal of International Affairs*, *The Journal of the Middle East and Africa*, *Conflict, Security and Development*, *Journal of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism*, and the *Combating Terrorism Center*. Dr. Muibu has also been the recipient of various research grants including: the National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education (NCITE); the United Nations' Initiative on Peace and Reconciliation in Somalia; the Association for the Study of The Middle East and Africa; and the University of Alabama.

Dr. Muibu holds a Ph.D. in Justice, Law and Criminology from the American University in Washington D.C. (2020), an MA in Intelligence and International Security from King's College, London (2015), and a BA in International Relations from the United States International University - Africa (2014).

Facilitators

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. She is faculty lead for the rule of law and security sector governance portfolio, as well as the countering transnational organized crime portfolio.

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.

Dr. Kelly holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in government from Harvard University, a Graduate Certificate in international politics from the Université Libre de Bruxelles, and a B.A. summa cum laude from Washington University in St. Louis. She is a Council on Foreign Relations Term Member.

Dr. Ifesinachi Okafor-Yarwood is a lecturer in Sustainable Development at the School of Geography and Sustainable Development at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. Her work aims to advance a transdisciplinary understanding of oceans' sustainability, governance, and security. With extensive experience in field research involving strategic maritime stakeholders and West and Central African communities, Dr Okafor-Yarwood has contributed to high-level reports and consulted for national, regional, and global entities. She has published extensively on the blue economy, fisheries governance, maritime security, and maritime boundary delineation.

As a 2023 PEW Marine Fellow, Dr. Okafor-Yarwood is exploring the integration of historical ecological knowledge with scientific knowledge for equitable fisheries livelihoods in West Africa. She holds a PhD in Leadership, Security, and Development, an M.A. in Conflict, Security, and Development from King's College London, UK, a B.A. in International Relations, Peace and Conflict Studies, and a preparatory Diploma in Law from London Metropolitan University, London, UK.

Dr. Nate Allen is as Associate Professor at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies and 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.

Dr. Martha Mutisi is an academic-practitioner with more than 15 years of experience focusing on various issues at the critical intersection between peace, security, governance, conflict management, political affairs, early warning, gender, youth empowerment and development issues. Currently, she serves as a Senior Program Specialist with the International Development Research Centre (IDRC)'s Democratic and Inclusive Governance (DIG) Program Area in the Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office (ESARO). Her role includes overseeing research projects focused on promoting civic engagement and democratic accountability. She is also leads the women, peace and security and youth peace and security portfolios.

Before joining IDRC, Dr. Mutisi worked with UN Women (Zimbabwe Country Office) as a Program Specialist on Gender, Peace and Security, in addition to working as a Senior Researcher & Manager of Interventions Department with the African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD).

A recipient of several fellowships including the Fulbright scholarship; the Harry Garry Frank Guggenheim Fellowship and Josh Weston Fellowship, Dr. Mutisi's research, policy, programming, and training interests also focus on conflict analysis, early warning, peace processes, peace agreements, mediation and negotiation, elections, governance, and democratization.

Dr. Mutisi has worked extensively with the African Union, Regional Economic Communities/ Regional Mechanism (RECs/ RMs) such as the Southern African Development Community (SADC), the Common Market for East and Southern Africa (COMESA), the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD), the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), the East African Community (EAC), and the Common Market for East and Southern Africa (COMESA) Dr. Mutisi has extensive knowledge of the African peace and security architecture (APSA), the African governance architecture (AGA).

In addition, Mutisi undertakes training for multidimensional and integrated UN, AU and SADC PSO Missions. She has served as a Resource Person/ Facilitator at the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS), based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; the International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC) based in Nairobi, Kenya; the SADC Regional Peacekeeping Training Centre (SADC RPTC), based in Harare, Zimbabwe and the Eastern Africa Standby Force (EASF), among others.

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 Strategic Studies, Dr. Amegboh worked for several United Nations agencies and departments, including 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. At the Africa Center, his research focuses on peacebuilding paradigms in Africa, the role of youth in peacebuilding and conflict resolution, human security, the security-development-governance nexus.

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. He is a Council on Foreign Relations Term Member.

Dr. Anouar Boukhars is a professor of counterterrorism and countering violent extremism at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies. He works closely with African government and nongovernmental security sector leaders on developing and implementing activities and programs relating to counterterrorism and countering violent extremism. His research focuses on the dynamics of radicalization and violent extremism in Africa.

Prior to joining the Africa Center, Dr. Boukhars was a nonresident fellow in the Middle East Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and an associate professor of international relations at McDaniel College. He has served on several advisory boards and committees on the Sahel and North Africa, including at the African Peacebuilding Network at the Social Science Research Council. From August 2015 to July 2017, Dr. Boukhars served at the Institute for Peace and Security Studies in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, as lead facilitator of its flagship program, the Executive Masters in Managing Peace and Security in Africa. His research has been published in numerous leading policy publications and academic journals. He routinely conducts fieldwork in Africa and consults frequently for the African Union, World Bank, United Nations, U.S. State Department, and European governments.

Dr. Boukhars holds a Ph.D. in international studies from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia; an M.A. in applied humanities from Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco; and a B.A. in English literature from Ibn Tofail University in Kenitra, Morocco.

Captain Paulo Afonso is the Senior Portuguese Representative at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies.

Captain Afonso joined the Portuguese Navy in 1987 and finished the Naval Course at the Portuguese Naval Academy in 1992. He was the Executive Officer of the Patrol Boat “Rovuma” (1992-1994); Navigation Officer of the Portuguese Replenishment Ship “Berrio” (1994-1998) and the Portuguese Frigate “Vasco da Gama” (1998-2001), where he was part of the International Force for East Timor (INTERFET) (1999-2000). He was Leadership Professor at the Portuguese Naval School (2001-2006), at the Portuguese Military University (2006-2010), and at the Portuguese Marine School (2010-2012). He worked as a Deputy Harbormaster of Leixoes Harbor (2012-2015).

Captain Afonso has participated in several Military Cooperation with Africa Nations: Technical Advisor at the Portuguese Maritime Project at the Angola Navy Academy (2016-2018); Technical Advisor at the Portuguese Military Project at the Mozambique Military Academy (2020). Between

June 2020 and February 2021, he was a Portuguese Navy Staff Officer. Between February 2021 and August 2022, he was technical director of the General Directorate of Maritime Authority.

Captain Afonso has a master's degree in Organizational Behavior from Applied Psychology Institute, Lisboa. He has concluded the Naval War College Course, Instituto Superior Naval de Guerra.

Panelists

Ambassador (Dr.) Monica Juma is the National Security Advisor to the President of the Republic of Kenya.

Before her appointment as National Security Advisor, Amb. (Dr.) Juma served as Cabinet Secretary in five strategic Ministries of the Republic of Kenya, namely the Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Foreign affairs, and as Acting Ministry in the docket of Petroleum and Mining. She also served as Principal Secretary in the security triad: Defense, Interior and Foreign Affairs.

Amb. (Dr.) Juma came to the top Executive of Government from serving as Ambassador Extra-Ordinary and Plenipotentiary of Kenya to Ethiopia and Djibouti, and Permanent Representative of Kenya to the African Union, the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and United Nations Commission for Africa (UNECA). Among the key efforts during this time was the engagement of Kenya as a key Troop Contributing country to the African Mission in Somalia (AMISOM).

She joined government with a depth of experience in research and policy analysis accumulated from working for various continental and international think tanks, including the International Peace Academy, SaferAfrica, and the African Institute of South Africa. She also served in the United Nation's Secretary General's (UNSG) High Level Panel on Resourcing African Union led, UNSC mandated peacekeeping missions (otherwise known as the Prodi Report 2008), and consulted for many UN Agencies, the African Union and its agencies, in particular NEPAD on matters of security, peace, governance and development.

Amb. (Dr.) Juma is the patron of the Athena Mentorship program which augments the professional competency of women and men in critical strategic leadership positions across all the areas of her expertise.

Amb. (Dr.) Juma has strong academic credentials, having served as a lecturer in the Department of Government and Public Administration and as Research Director at the Centre for Refugee Studies, both at Moi University, Eldoret. She began her work experience as a Management Analyst in the Department of Personnel Management in the Office of the President, where she focused on organizational development within the public service.

Amb. (Dr.) Monica Juma is well published in security and peace studies. She has a Bachelor of Arts Degree and Master of Arts Degree in Government and Public Administration from the University of Nairobi; a Certificate of Refugee Studies and a Doctor of Philosophy in Politics from the University of Oxford.

General Birame Diop was recently appointed Chief of Staff of the Senegalese Air Force. Previously he served as Military Advisor in the Department of Peace Operations at the United Nations, appointed to this role by United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres announced on 25 May 2021. General Diop has over 30 years of military experience, previously serving as the Chief of Defense Staff of the Senegalese Armed Forces. Prior to this appointment, he served as the National Security Advisor to the President of Senegal. General Diop was also the Chief of Staff and the Deputy Chief of Staff of the Senegalese Air Force. As a pilot in the Senegalese Air Force, he has accumulated a total of 7,000 flying hours.

General Diop has studied at the Royal Air Academy of Morocco, the University of Southern California, the Air University of Alabama and the College Inter Armées of Paris. General Diop is a scholar and a practitioner who has worked for many years with the Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS), as a facilitator and speaker in a wide range of seminars. He was a fellow at the National Endowment for Democracy and at the Woodrow Wilson Center where he conducted research on Sub-Saharan Africa's Security Sector Reform. General Diop has published several articles on Strategic Airlift Capacities, Security Sector Reform, Civil and Security Sector Relations in Sub-Saharan Africa and National Security and Right to Information (NSRI). He is a doctoral student in Diplomacy and International Relations at the Center for Diplomatic and Strategic Studies in Dakar, Senegal.

General Diop has invented a local approach to border security management, based on the local population. He has also worked with the US Africa Command and ACSS to create a network of African National Security Advisors of all 15-member States of ECOWAS. Additionally, he has facilitated the development of National Security Strategies in Africa through the support of US AFRICOM and the ACSS. He has also worked extensively on the Gender Dimension on Security Reform in Africa. Finally, Gen Diop has done a lot of work in the professionalization of Africa Militaries.

Her Excellency Fatima K. Mohammed is the Head of Mission of the AU to the UN. Her mandate is to represent the AU at the UN as well as develop and maintain constructive and productive relationship between the AU and Member States in New York. Prior to her appointment, she was Senior Special Advisor to the ECOWAS Commission. Her career spans over 2 decades with a focus on peace, security, socio-economic development, regional integration, organizational development, and project management, both in the public and private sectors. Her academic background is in Peace, Security, Development and Conflict Transformation (University of Innsbruck), Responsible Management and Sustainable Economic Development (UN University for Peace, Costa Rica), and Business Communication (European University, Switzerland). She also has a BA in Environmental Design (ABU, Zaria, Nigeria). She is also the Founder of the LikeMinds Project, a non-profit, Organization working with vulnerable communities in Nigeria. She is an Eisenhower Fellow and was further honored with the ExxonMobil. Distinguished Fellow Award in 2017.

Mr. Carlos Monteiro Reis is Head of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) Program Office in Rabat. UNOCT provides leadership, coordination, and capacity-building to member states in line with the mandates given by the United Nations General Assembly and the Security Council to prevent and counter terrorism and violent extremism across the globe.

After completing college and post-college studies in Lisbon from 1996 to 2002 in the Law School at Lisbon's University and at the Portuguese Judiciary Center of Studies, Mr. Reis served as a Judicial Magistrate from 2002-2008. From 2008 to 2011, he held special duty commissions, serving as Director of the Government Legal Center and as the Secretary General of the Cape Verdean Government. He subsequently served as the National Director of the Judicial Police from 2011-2015, and as National Security Adviser from 2015-2021.

Among his other relevant activities and achievements, he co-founded and served as Vice-president of Cape Verde's Magistrates Association from 2006 until 2008. He was also a founding member of White Ribbon Cape Verde, a male-engaged NGO dedicated to fighting Gender-Based Violence. He worked as an instructor for correctional services and social reintegration. He played a role in formulating and enacting the Digital Government Legislative Process, a computer platform that enhances electronic workflow, and co-authored the Gender-Based Violence Act Project. Additionally, he co-authored the annotated version of GBV, published by ICIEG / UN WOMEN. He has also participated in conferences and lectures at several international conferences on topics including Rule of Law, Drug Trafficking and Organized Crime, and Maritime Security, by invitation of UNODC, IDEC, ACSS, and FBINAA.

Ambassador Major General Mpho Mophuting joined the Botswana Defense Force as an officer cadet in 1988 and commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1989. He spent the early part of his career as an instructor at the Military College. He served the Botswana Defense Force continuously for 35 years at command, staff, and instructor levels until being promoted to the rank of Major General in 2016 before his re-deployment to the office of Resident Ambassador in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the 1st September 2023.

Mpho Mophuting since commissioning as a second lieutenant in 1989 has as well served the BDF in various capacities as a liaison officer, chief delegate, and delegate in various assignments inside and outside Botswana. Amongst the various assignments he has held are; Vice President of the International Military Sports Council (CISM) Commission for Sport for 8 years, Permanent Executive Secretary of the East and Southern Africa Liaison Office of CISM for 3 years and a board member of the Africa Center for Strategic Studies (Botswana Chapter), Adjunct Lecturer at the United States National Defense University (ACSS), just to mention but a few. Mpho Mophuting was nominated by His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Botswana, Dr. Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi to set up and head the COVID-19 National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) in March 2020 in response to the ongoing scourge of COVID-19. He served as the NEOC Coordinator for one year and left when he was appointed Deputy Commander in February 2021.

He has done all his professional military education programs in line with his infantry Military Occupation Specialization (MOS). Amongst some courses he attended in and outside Botswana include; Infantry Officers' Senior Instructors' Course (conducted by British Military Advisory Team (BMAT), Platoon Commanders Course (conducted by BMAT), Advanced Military Freefall Course (conducted by Chute Systems & Special Forces), Company Commanders Course (FTE), Battalion and Brigade Commanders' Course (Nanjing Army Command College-CHINA), Senior Command and Staff Course (Tanzania), UN Senior Mission Leaders' Course (Kenya),

Strategic Leadership Courses and many others. He is a graduate of the US National Defense University, Washington, D.C.

Mpho Mophuting holds the distinguished awards of; Duty Code Order (DCO), Pearl Jubilee Medal (PJM), Distinguished Service Medal (DSM), CISM Officer Medal (COM) and the Order of the Knight of CISM (CKM). He is also the first World Recipient of the General Carlton W. Fulford Award from the US National Defense University- (Africa Centre for Strategic Studies) in August 2006. He holds a Bachelor of Arts, a Master of Arts, a Master of Science and a Master of Business Administration.

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.

COL Sean McClure is a U.S. Army Special Forces officer and Sub-Saharan Africa Foreign Area Officer. Prior to becoming a Foreign Area Officer, he served in a variety of command and staff positions in special operations units, with multiple deployments in Kosovo and Iraq. As a Foreign Area Officer, he has served as the Africa Team Chief for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency's International Counterproliferation Program, the Chief of the Offices of Security Cooperation in both South Sudan and Nigeria for the U.S. Africa Command, and as Deputy Middle East Division Chief of the Missile Defense Agency. His most recent assignment was as the Director, Military Assistance Group - Somalia.

He holds an M.S. in International Relations from Troy University, an M.S. in Defense Analysis from the Naval Postgraduate School, and a Masters of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College.

He is currently assigned as the Senior Military Advisor at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, where he is the faculty lead for the military professionalism portfolio and supports the counterterrorism portfolio.

Dr. Paul D. Williams is a Professor in the Elliott School of International Affairs at the George Washington University, and Director of the MA program in Security Policy Studies. Prior to moving to the Elliott School in 2006, Dr. Williams was a faculty member at the University of Birmingham and the University of Warwick in the UK. As well as working as a consultant and subject matter expert for a variety of governments, international organizations, and firms, Dr. Williams served as a Non-Resident Senior Adviser at the International Peace Institute (2011-19) where he managed the "Providing for Peacekeeping Project." During 2014-15, he was a Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, and from 2011-2014 he served as Visiting Professor at the Institute for Peace and Security Studies at Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia. He has also been a visiting scholar at Georgetown University and the University of Queensland. His research focuses on the politics and effectiveness of contemporary peace operations, the dynamics of warfare in Africa, and emerging security threats.

Dr. Clionadh Raleigh is a Professor of Political Geography and Conflict at the University of Sussex. She previously served as a Lecturer in the Department of Political Science at Trinity College, Dublin and an external researcher at the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO). She is a political geographer, and her work is focused mainly on conflict, governance, and the social consequences of climate change in sub-Saharan Africa. Dr. Raleigh directs the Armed Conflict Location and Event Data (ACLED) project, which tracks local conflict events in fifty countries. Her current work concerns conflict patterns, government intervention, and drought patterns in the Sahel belt, and appears in journals such as Political Geography. Dr. Raleigh earned her PhD in Geography from the University of Colorado at Boulder. Raleigh founded ACLED in 2005 as part of her PhD work, and it is now an independent NGO with 200 staff collecting and analyzing information on political violence and demonstrations across the globe.

Mr. Martin Ewi is the Technical/ROCO Coordinator for the ENACT Project at the Institute for Security Studies (ISS), where he previously served as a senior researcher on counter-terrorism and violent extremism, and project leader for ISS counter-terrorism capacity-building project for

West Africa and the Sahel. He has also served as Political Affairs Officer at the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, based in The Hague. Before joining the OPCW, Mr. Ewi was in charge of the African Union Commission's counter-terrorism program and arms control and disarmament affairs in Addis Ababa.

Mr. Ewi is a top policy expert with an extensive experience on research and drafting legal documents on security and strategic issues on Africa, spanning a period of over twenty years. During this period, he has held various managerial and progressive technical positions as an expert, and held various consultancies with both continental and international organizations. He has traveled extensively on the continent and has experience in working with African governments and pan-African organizations at the bilateral and multilateral levels.

His main areas of expertise are counter-terrorism and violent extremism, transnational organized crime, disarmament and arms control including small arms and light weapons and weapons of mass destruction, human and drug trafficking, anti-personnel landmines, and common and collective security issues in Africa. He was the first African Union counterterrorism expert, who established and operationalized the AU counter-terrorism and Peace and Security Architecture.

Mr. Ewi holds a MA degree in International Peace Studies from the University of Notre Dame, at Southbend, Indiana, United States of America. He also holds a BA (with Distinction) in Peace Studies and International Politics from Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, United States of America. His research works have appeared in peer reviewed journals and book chapters.

Dr. Nnenna Ifeanyi-Ajufo is a Professor of Law and Technology at the Leeds Law School, Leeds Beckett University, United Kingdom. She is also a Technology and Human Rights Fellow at the Carr Centre for Human Rights Policy, Harvard University and an Associate Fellow of the Africa Program at Chatham House, United Kingdom. Her teaching and research interests focus primarily on the intersection of law and technology, especially cybersecurity, governance of digital technologies, digital rights, and the rule of law in cyberspace. She is the Chair of the Cybercrime Working Group of the Global Forum on Cyber Expertise (GFCE). She is also the Vice-Chairperson of the African Union Cyber Security Experts Group (AUCSEG) and has been actively involved in advising the African Union Commission (AUC) and African Member States on existing international, regional, and national legal frameworks related to cybersecurity, as well as promoting cybersecurity in the region. She also serves as an African Union delegate to the United Nations 'Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes'.

Nnenna is internationally recognized for her expertise in areas related to law and technology. She was a member of the International Law Association Steering Committee on Digital Challenges for International Law which delivered a White Paper on Digital Challenges for International Law. She has served on the editorial or advisory boards of various organizations and academic journals. In 2020, she was named amongst 50 Individuals leading Legal Innovation in Africa, at the Africa Legal Innovation Awards.

Lieutenant General (ret.) Clement Namangale is a diplomat and a former Malawi Defense Force Deputy Commander who retired at a senior rank of Lieutenant General in 2020. He is currently the Deputy Permanent Representative at the Malawi Permanent Mission to the United Nations, NY since February 2021. His routine representational duties of diplomacy involves dealing with

a wide range of complex issues of politics, international security, humanitarian and economic challenges from an even broader perspective.

Namangale's military career spans over thirty years. Notably, he was among the group of experts who drafted and produced policy documents and roadmaps for the establishment of SADC Stand-by Force and simultaneously represented the region at the AU for the establishment and operationalization of the African Standby Force created as a response tool of the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA). At the national level, he was the vice chair of the group of experts of inter-agency Task Force which drafted the National Security Policy, the first of its kind which was launched in 2018. Namangale was also part of regional fact-finding missions which provided critical analysis and evaluated onsite conflict management mechanisms and initiatives in such countries as Columbia, the DRC and Somalia.

He has participated in several ACCS programs in Malawi, Portugal, Botswana and the USA and was also a Senior Lecturer at Mzuzu University in Malawi. He is a holder of three master's degrees from different universities: Master of Science Degree in Global Security obtained from Cranfield University in the UK; Master of Science Degree in Strategic Management from the University of Derby- UK and a Master of Arts Degree in International Studies from the University of Nairobi, Kenya among other qualifications.

Ambassador Abdel-Fatau Musah, PhD, joined the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) from the United Nations, where he served as the Director of the West African Division of the Departments of Political & Peacebuilding Affairs and Peace Operations at United Nations.

COL (ret.) Dr. Emile Ouedraogo is a Retired army Colonel, former Minister of Security, former Parliamentarian at national and regional level (ECOWAS). Currently he is an Adjunct Professor of Practice at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS), Washington DC/USA, specialized in issues related to National Security Strategy Development, Security Sector Reform and Governance and Military Professionalism. Since 2007, he has worked with ACSS on more than 80 activities as a participant, facilitator, moderator, speaker and author.

He also works as an independent consultant with the project Just Future in DRC (Netherland), UN (MINUSMA), AU, Partners Global (USA), Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS, Germany), Friedrich Erbet Stiftung (FES, Germany), DCAF (Democratic Control of Armed Forces/ Switzerland) and the ECOWAS commission.

He is a member of the Executive Committee of the African Security Sector Network (ASSN), and founding President of the "Fondation pour la Sécurité du Citoyen" (FOSEC), a citizen centric security approach civil society organization based in Burkina Faso.

During his three years' time in office (2008-2011), as minister of security of Burkina Faso, he designed and operationalized the concept of community policing as an approach in tackling security issues at the community level.

He earned a Ph.D. with honors from the Center for Diplomatic and Strategic Studies in Paris, France, on security sector reform and governance in the ECOWAS Region, and a master degree in strategic studies from the university of Ibadan in Nigeria.

Brigadier General Joyce Sitienei is currently the Director of the International Peace Support Training Centre. She is an education officer in the Kenya Defence Forces. She holds a bachelor's

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Brig Joyce Sitienei has held several appointments since joining military service, key being Unit Education Officer in the Women Service Corps and the 15 Kenya Rifles, Instructor and Head of Distance Learning at the Defense Forces School of Higher Education; SO2 Lessons Learnt, Head of Curriculum design, Head of Applied Research and Col Plans and Programmes at the IPSTC. She has extensive experience in training in instructional methodology and adult education techniques. She also has wide knowledge and practice in curriculum design.

In 2001 she worked in Rwanda as part of the Kenya Military Assistance Training Team (KMATT) and in 2002-2003 in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as a Military Observer. Her decorations include Moran of the Order of the Burning Spear (MBS), United Nations and other Constitutional medals earned in service of the country.

Brigadier General James Mwalongo is the current Chief of Audit & Inspection Services Department in Zambia Air Force. He is also a pilot in the Zambia Air Force and current Chief of Audit and Inspections Department of the Zambia Air Force. He additionally chairs Zambia's national security sector strategy development.

Prior to the current appointment, Brig Gen Mwalongo served in various Command and Staff appointments. He served as Air Assistant (Principal Staff Officer) to two Zambia Air Force Deputy Commanders & Chiefs of Air Staff and served as Air Assistant to the Air Force Commander. These key staff appointments and other appointments in the Operations Department where he was Vice Chief of Operations and Acting Chief of Operations have contributed immensely to the General's understanding of Public Expenditure Management in the Zambia Air Force, in particular, and the Defense Force, in general.

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. Willene A. Johnson is an independent consultant focusing on issues related to economic and financial development. Her recent work supports the field of peacebuilding where economic policies are designed to promote social cohesion and security. To that end, she conducted workshops on peacekeeping and economic reconstruction at the United States Institute of Peace and currently facilitates programs with practitioners engaged in developing national security strategies and budgets with the Africa Center for Strategic Studies. Her current research focuses on the economic and security challenges associated with climate change and the governance reforms required for effective adaptation.

Dr. Johnson has worked with the major institutions focusing on development in African countries, serving as 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. Committed to the transformative power of education, Dr. Johnson served as adjunct faculty at the Bank Street College of Education and Columbia and Cornell Universities and as a trustee of Tuskegee University. Dr. Johnson has been President of the National Economic Association and was recently elected a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. She earned a doctorate in economics from Columbia University.

Brigadier General (ret.) Elijah Mwanyika served with the Kenya Defense Forces for more than 37 years during which he has held, Command, Staff and training appointments both at the local and international levels. He is dedicated and resourceful conflict analyst, defense, security and peace support operations expert with a wealth of experience working in conflict zones and international multi-cultural settings. Currently, Mwanyika is a technical advisor to the Facilitator of the East African Community Nairobi led process for the restoration of peace and stability in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.

Mwanyika has served with the United Nations both in the Field and at the Headquarters in New York. Specifically, he has served as a Peacekeeping Affairs Officer at Department of Peace Operations (New York), Chief Military Personnel Officer (CMPO) in United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), Chief Operations Officer (COO) and Deputy Contingent Commander of the Kenyan Contingent in the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), Military Observer and DDR Officer in the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL) and Kenya Contingent member with the United Nations Protection Force in the former Yugoslavia (UNPROFOR).

He has been, Director, Centre for Security and Strategic Studies, National Defence University-Kenya (NDU-K), the Head of Defence Equipment and Weapon Platforms Procurement (Chief of Systems) at the Kenya Defence HQs, Deputy Commandant Joint Services Command and Staff College, Commander Rapid Deployment Capability, Commandant Humanitarian Peace Support School (HPSS), Senior Directing Staff at the Joint Warfare Centre and at the International Peace Support Centre.

In 2014, while serving as a Peacekeeping Affairs officer at the UN Department of Peace Operations, supported the IGAD mediation team in Addis Ababa following the outbreak of armed conflict South Sudan. He also Conducted After Action Review (AAR) to assess the functioning of Crisis Management processes and procedures of United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) in Syria after the containment and detention peacekeepers.

Mwanyika is a graduate of National Defense College Kenya, Joint Services Command and Staff College, United Kingdom and the Joint Services Command and Staff College Kenya. He holds a PhD in Peace and Conflict Studies from Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST), Kenya, Master of Arts Degree in Defense Studies, Kings College, University of London, Master of Arts in Sustainable Peace in the Contemporary World, University for Peace in Costa Rica, Post Graduate Diploma in Strategic Management, Diploma in Strategic Studies, Diploma in International Studies and Executive Diploma in Strategic Management. He also holds

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Ms. Dana L. Banks serves as a senior advisor to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Africa Business Center, where she continues her role in supporting the U.S. business community in realizing the \$15 billion of commitments made during President Biden's 2022 U.S. Africa Leaders Summit. She was recently nominated to be United States Director of the African Development Bank for a term of five years.

With over 24 years of diplomatic service, Banks most recently served at the National Security Council as President Biden's special assistant to and special adviser for the 2022 U.S. Africa Leaders Summit and senior director for Africa where she advised, coordinated, and led U.S.-Africa policy for the Biden-Harris administration from 2021 to 2023.

Prior to her appointment to the National Security Council, Banks was deputy director of the Foreign Service Institute's Leadership and Management School's Division of Executive Development. From 2017 to 2020, she served as deputy political counselor at the U.S. Embassy in South Africa, deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy in Togo, and public affairs officer at the U.S. Embassy in Tanzania.

In Washington, Banks was acting deputy director for Secretary Hilary Clinton's Executive Secretariat, a senior watch officer in the State Department's Operations Center, special assistant to Assistant Secretary for Africa Jendayi Frazer, and a desk officer for Ghana, Benin, Togo, and Burkina Faso. Her other assignments included positions as the human rights officer at the U.S. Embassy in Haiti and a consular and public diplomacy officer at the U.S. Embassy in Thailand.

Banks is a life member on the Council on Foreign Relations and the recipient of numerous State Department Superior and Meritorious Honor awards. She is also a 2004 alumna of the Institute for Career Advancement and a Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellow.

A native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Banks graduated from Spelman College with a bachelor's degree in political science and from Syracuse University's Maxwell School with a master's in international relations.

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Dr. Muyangwa most recently worked as the Director of the Africa Program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, where she led programs and research designed to analyze and offer practical, actionable options for addressing some of Africa's most critical, current, and over-the-horizon issues; foster policy-focused dialogue about and options for stronger and mutually-beneficial U.S.-Africa relations; and challenge the dominant narrative about Africa by enhancing knowledge and understanding about the continent in the United States.

Prior to the Wilson Center, Dr. Muyangwa served as Academic Dean at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies at the National Defense University from 2002 to 2013. In this capacity, she oversaw all curriculum and programs, including in the areas of Security Studies, Counter-terrorism and Transnational Threats, Civil-Military Relations, Defense Economics and Resource

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She also previously served on the Board of Trustees at Freedom House, Board of Directors at the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, International Advisory Council of Afrobarometer, and Advisory Council of the Ibrahim Index of African Governance, a project of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation.

Dr. Muyangwa holds a Ph.D. in International Relations and a B.A. in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics from the University of Oxford, as well as a B.A. in Public Administration and Economics from the University of Zambia. She was a Rhodes Scholar, a Wingate Scholar, and the University of Zambia graduation speaker for her class.

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From 2018-2020, she was the Director of the Office of Central African Affairs (AF/C). She previously served as Principal Officer and Consul General at the U.S. Consulate-General in Auckland, New Zealand and Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. Amb. Higgins has also served in the U.S. Embassies in Indonesia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Australia, and Cameroon, and has worked in the State Department's Operations Center, as Acting Public Affairs Advisor in the East Asian and Pacific Affairs Bureau, and as the Thailand Desk Officer.

Amb. Higgins joined the Foreign Service in 1998 and is married to a Diplomatic Security Special Agent. She speaks Indonesian and French, attended Johns Hopkins University, and received an M.A. from the Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS).

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Earlier in her career, Ms. Farrell conducted original social science research in support of multiple Combatant Commands and trained civil affairs teams deploying in the Horn of Africa.

Ms. Farrell has a Master of Arts in Security Studies from Georgetown University and Bachelor of Arts degrees from Northwestern University in African Studies and Anthropology.