

2nd Annual Symposium, 28-29 April 2016
West Africa Peace and Security Network (WAPSN)

Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC)
Accra, Ghana
Theme: Peace Support Operations (Draft Programme)

Thursday 28 April

8:50 – Welcome Address, Major-General Obed Akwa, KAIPTC Commandant

9:00 – **Opening Talk** Quels futurs pour le contre-terrorisme, le maintien de la paix et la gouvernance sécuritaire en Afrique de l'Ouest? [Which Futures for Counter-terrorism, Peacekeeping, and Security Governance in West Africa?], **Bruno Charbonneau, Directeur Centre FrancoPaix sur la résolution des conflits et missions de paix, professeur agrégé de science, Université Laurentienne, Canada.**

9:20-11:15 | Panel 1 – Peace Support Operations in West Africa

- Adiat Abiodun. Civil-Military Relations in Peace Support Operations (PSOs) in West Africa: Issues and Challenges
- Kai Striebinger. Resolving Constitutional Crises in West Africa Forum Shopping between UN, ECOWAS, and AU
- Kalilou Sidibe. La pratique des opérations de maintien de la paix de la CEDEAO : une renouvelée de la paix et de la sécurité
- Babatunde Felix Obamamoye. Unknown Combatants: The Challenges of Civilian Dimension of Peace Support Operations in Nigeria [Counter-terrorism]
- Daniel Essien. Transfiguring Conflict and Violence through Peace Support Operations: Emerging challenges in fighting for peace in West Africa

11:15-11:45 | Coffee Break

11:45-13:15 | Panel 2 – Peace Operations in Mali

- Torque Mude. An analysis of the challenges and prospects of peace support operations to achieve human security: The case of ECOWAS in Mali
- Tony Chafer, France in Mali: myths and realities
- Bruno Charbonneau, Après le Mali: la militarisation de l'Afrique de l'Ouest après Serval | After Mali: The Militarization of West Africa after Serval

13:15-14:30 – Lunch break

14:30-15:30 | Keynote Address – United Nations Peace Operations: Reworking the UN's Response to Crises. **Professor Henrietta J. A. N. Mensa-Bonsu, Director of Legon Centre for International Affairs and Diplomacy and Full Professor of Law at the Faculty of Law in the University of Ghana, Legon**

15:30-16:00 | Coffee Break

16:00-17:00 | Round Table on the KAIPTC Annual Review of PSOs in Africa

Friday 29 April

9:00-10:30 | Panel 3 – Justice, Gender, Reconciliation

- Terry M. Mays. Impartiality of Peace Support Operations: The Extension of UNMIL's Mandate to Include Security of the Special Court for Sierra Leone and the UNMIL Transfer of Charles Taylor from Liberia
- Dr Georgina Holmes. 'Increasing participation of female military personnel in peace support operations: Lessons learnt from Rwanda'
- Bley Hyacinthe. Les déterminants de la réconciliation pour la restauration d'une paix en Côte-d'ivoire

10:30-11:00 | Coffee Break

11:00-12:00 Keynote Address – Enhancing the effectiveness of peace support operations in the twenty-first century: The role of training **Dr Linda Darkwa, Senior Research Fellow, Legon Centre for International Affairs and Diplomacy (LECIAD), University of Ghana.**

12:00-13:30 – Lunch break

13:30-15:30 | Panel 4 – Who Produces Security in West Africa?

- Elisa Lopez Lucia & Félix Grenier. An expert community in construction: Challenges in the production of security knowledge for West Africa
- Edward Akuffo. The question of Political Agency and the Governance of Terrorism in West Africa.
- Aboubacar MAIGA. La thèse de la paix démocratique à l'épreuve de la gestion des crises politico-militaires ouest-africaines
- Joshua Libben. Why do they Send Peacekeepers?: Comparing Rationales of Peacekeeping Troop Contributing Countries in UNMIL
- Ed Stoddard. How not to counter a Jihad: Avoiding the Mistakes of Western Counter Insurgency in the Sahel

15:30-16:00 | Coffee Break

16:00-17:30 | Round Table on the Evaluation of Peacekeeping Training in West Africa

17:30-18:30 | Futures of the Network, Professors Tony Chafer & Bruno Charbonneau