

WEST AFRICA PEACE AND SECURITY NETWORK (WAPSN) ANNUAL  
WORKSHOP 29-30th JUNE 2017  
PORTLAND BUILDING (Room 1.67), UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH.

## TACKLING SECURITY CHALLENGES IN WEST AFRICA

### 29th June

*12:00-12:45 – Lunch and Welcome*

12:45 - 13:00 – Opening Remarks: Professor Tony Chafer

**13:00 - 14:15 PANEL ONE** – Donor Responses to Insecurity in West Africa  
Convenor: Dr Melita Lazell - University of Portsmouth.

**1) Dr. Linda Darkwa**, University of Ghana:  
'Donor responses as vectors of security'

**2) Aoife McCullough**, Research Fellow, Overseas Development Institute.  
'The risk of identifying those 'at risk': donor responses to radicalisation in Niger'

14:15 - 15:00 Senegalese Perspectives on West African Security: A Discussion with the  
Senegalese Ambassador to the UK.

- Discussion with **H.E. Prof. Cheikh Ahmadou Dieng**, Ambassador of Senegal in London and **Mr Aliou Diallo** First Counsellor, Embassy of Senegal in the UK.

*15:00-15:30 – Tea and Coffee*

**15:30 - 17:00 PANEL TWO** – From Religious Cult to International Jihad: The Rise of Boko Haram.  
Convenor: Busra Nisa Sarac - University of Portsmouth

**1) Elizabeth Pearson**, Associate Fellow, Royal United Services Institute (RUSI):  
'ISIS, Boko Haram and gender relating to FST in the two groups'

**2) Dr. Caroline Varin**, Lecturer, University of Regent's London:  
'Boko Haram and the War on Terror'

**3) Dr. Philip Attuquayefio**, University of Ghana  
'Mercenaries Not Extremists: Public Perception of Motivation for Violent Extremism and its Implications for Countering Violent Extremism in West Africa'

17:00-17:10 Comfort break

**17:10 - 18:25 PANEL THREE** - Maritime Security and Blue Economy: Towards converging agendas for West Africa?  
Convenor: Sophie Quintin Adali - University of Portsmouth

**1) Discussant/Chair : Dr Eliza Lopez Lucia, Universite Libre de Bruxelles**

**2) Dr. Pierre Failler**, University of Portsmouth, Business School.  
'Gulf of Guinea fisheries and food security'

**3) Dr Kamal Deen-Ali** (Captain, Ghana Navy), Executive Director of the Centre for Maritime Law and Security Africa (CEMLAWS).  
'Maritime Security in the Gulf of Guinea: land-sea nexus'

*19:30 - Speakers Dinner (Koh Thai Tapas)*

## **DAY TWO - PHD WORKSHOP - Jihadism and Boko Haram**

9:15 - 10:30 – PhD Workshop Session One

**1) Michael Nwankpa** - University of Roehampton  
'Assessing the local and international dimensions of Boko Haram's Jihad'

**2) Confidence Uwazuruik** - University of Bournemouth  
'Reporting Boko Haram in Nigeria: journalistic practices and challenges'

*10:30 – 11 Tea and Coffee*

11:00 - 12:15 – PhD Workshop Session Two

**3) Fernan Osorno**, University of Bristol  
'Radicalisation and the troubles of youth'

**4) Busra Nisa Sarac**, University of Portsmouth  
'Analysing female jihadism: Assessing differing representations of women's' roles and motivations in jihadist violence'

*12:15 - 13:00 – Snack Lunch*

13:00 - OPTIONAL TOUR OF PORTSMOUTH HISTORIC DOCKYARD AND VISIT TO HMS VICTORY